

Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Tuesday 15th December 2020



Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy time running up to Christmas preparing for our virtual concerts, which so many of you have joined. We are uploading videos of the concerts onto the class blogs and will text you to let you know when they are up. Reception classes had a really fun Pyjama Day linked into their key text, Polly Jean Pyjama Queen. Year 1 enjoyed making hats and packed lunches to travel to the moon! Year 2 have been busy designing and making biscuit boxes to hold the biscuits that they made. Hopefully, parents and carers managed to taste their child's finished product. I am sure they were delicious! Thank you for supporting our Christmas raffle. Prizes were drawn by Ms Sampson and winners have been notified. I hope that you enjoy the festive season with your family. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you back for the start of the new term on Tuesday 5th January.

Keeping us all safe

We have been working hard since the start of term to have systems in place to keep all of our school community safe. Please ensure you continue to wear a face covering when you are on the school premises. If anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus, the whole household must self-isolate for 10 days or until the person with symptoms has tested negative. We have had a few instances when children have still come to school whilst a family member is being tested. This puts the whole school community at risk. Remember if you are travelling abroad in the holidays to a country which is not exempt, then your family needs to quarantine for 10 days on your return.

Scooter and bikes

It is great that so many children come to school on their scooter or bike. However, please ensure that your child dismounts their scooter or bike at the gate and pushes it round to the racks and at home time pushes their scooter or bike to the main gate before getting on it. There have been several near misses whereby children have almost collided into other children and adults. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Reception applications

REMINDER- The closing date for applications for reception intake September 2021 is **Friday 15th January**. You must apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Year 2 application for year 3 place for September 2021

REMINDER- The closing date for applications for year 3 closes on **Friday 15th January**. If you have not completed your online application yet, then please do so at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Nursery applications for September 2021 intake

If you or anyone you know would like a morning nursery place for September 2021, please contact our school office.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens at 8:45am for reception, year one and two to allow children to filter in from this time. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and must be brought to the office where the lateness can be noted. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. If your child is late, please bring them to the school office to be signed in. If anyone different is going to collect your child, please let us know. We will not let a child leave school with an adult we do not know. If your child is absent from school, please inform the office as soon as possible by phone or email to whinadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org. Where possible, we ask that you make medical appointments for your child outside of the school day. It is important for children to maximise their time in school so that they have the best outcomes. Please note that if a child is absent due to vomiting, then they cannot return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

Contact details

If you have changed your contact details, please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have a school parent texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile phone details.

You can keep up to date with news and up and coming events by keeping an eye on our website
www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Some key dates next year

Monday 4th January: INSET day (school closed for children)

Tuesday 5th January: Children return to school

Friday 15th February: Half term break