

# Whitehorse Manor Infant School

## Newsletter Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



### Dear parents and carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome back all our children and families to school. Thank you for all your hard work and support during remote learning. We appreciate that it has been hard for families to juggle remote learning and work, especially in households with more than one child at home. All the school community rose to the challenge and quickly learned new IT skills. Staff worked tirelessly to ensure that no time was lost during remote learning and made the lessons engaging and accessible. Families became very adept at uploading work to the class blogs and sharing their children's learning. We averaged 95% attendance at our Google Meets, which was absolutely brilliant! Thank you to staff and families that enabled this to happen. The children have been brilliant and settled back into school routines very quickly. Much of this first week back has focused on children getting back into the routine of school and enjoying socialising with their friends again. They have missed these interactions so much!

### Keeping us all safe

We have been working hard since the start of the academic year 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. Before Christmas, we had a few instances when children still came to school whilst a family member was being tested. This puts the whole school community at risk.

### 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.

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking part in Red Nose Day; raising money for Comic Relief, a UK charity with a vision of a world free of poverty. On this day please wear something red, or something with red in it and donate £1 to this very worthwhile charity. Official Red Nose Day merchandise that you can buy can also be worn if you want to. Please note that we will **not** be selling Red Noses at school this year. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their red/comic relief clothing to raise lots of money.



### Spare Uniform

If you have any clean spare uniform, particularly trousers, in good condition that your child has grown out of, please donate them to school.

### 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 to be signed in. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. 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](mailto: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](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

### Some key dates

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Last day of term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Children return to school

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Parent Consultation Meetings (by phone)

Thank you for your continued support

Sharon Russell (Head of School)