



# Whitehorse Manor Junior School

## Newsletter 12th March 2021



**W**elcome back! It has been fantastic to have the children at school and they have settled back into 'real life' learning very well. I'd like to thank you for all the hard work that you did with them at home - attendance at online lessons was excellent and we all appreciate the effort that this took. The most important part of their return to school has been settling back into routines and socialising with their friends again - remembering how to play, how to communicate with each other and how to get into gear mentally for learning. We continue to focus on 'resilience' as a learning power and our children demonstrate their resilience each and every day. Ms Tye will share some of the lovely learning they have been doing this week in a website story later today. Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



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 the vision of a world free of poverty. We are asking children to **donate £1** and come dressed in as much red clothing as possible (anything with red on) and/or to wear any Red Nose Day merchandise that you have at home. We are not selling noses this year - they are available in supermarkets and children are, of course, welcome to wear these too. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their red/comic relief finery!

**Keeping us all safe:** At the end of the school day the period between 3.15pm and 3.30pm is the most crowded, with some parents still coming in, whilst others are leaving - **if you are exiting at this time please use the lower path from the canopy area** - there are stairs down from the canopy or the slope for prams. Using the bottom path to exit will help to maintain safe distances and prevent congestion on the top path when people try to enter and exit at the same time. **Please wear a face covering when on the school premises.** If anyone in your household has symptoms or tests positive the whole household must self-isolate for 10 days - please don't send your child into school if they are feeling unwell as this puts the whole school community at risk.

**Contact details:** If you have changed your contact details, including email address, 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.

**Mid-morning snacks:** Please send your child in with a **fruit snack** for mid-morning break. The government doesn't provide free fruit in Key Stage 2, but children are welcome and encouraged to bring in something to eat - fresh or dried fruit, but no nuts please. We also sell apples for 20p most mornings. It can be a long time between breakfast and lunch.



**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)**

Ms. N Achenbach - **Head of School**

Some key dates coming up

Thursday 1st April: Last day of term

Monday 19th April: Children return for summer term

WB 26th April: Parents' Evening (remote - information to follow)

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday