



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 25th February 2022



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope that you had a good half term break and managed to stay safe from the storms. We are updating the Trust's Risk Assessment in line with the government's 'Living with Covid' plan. It is now guidance and a moral duty, rather than a legal duty, for people with symptoms of Covid-19 to take a test and then isolate. In order to keep the school open, we ask that parents take a cautious approach, test children when they have symptoms of Covid 19 and do not send children into school if they have a respiratory infection. If a child is unwell whilst at school, we will continue to call home and ask that they be collected. Further Information on the government's advice can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Parental Questionnaire: The Pegasus parental questionnaire is now open, can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J69LYLJ> and is easy to access on smart phones and other devices. We will also have iPads available at the Parents' Evenings in the week beginning 14th March for you to complete the questionnaire on if you have no access. We look forward to your feedback.

Keeping the Connection: Our first 'Keeping the Connection' coffee morning went ahead on Thursday 24th February, despite the horrendous rain, and two brave souls made it in to chat with Ms Sunday and Mrs Caesar. The next coffee morning will be held on 17th March from 9-10am. It offers an opportunity for parents to meet up, make connections and let us know what we can do for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance and punctuality: Mrs Wesley, our Educational Welfare Officer, has been working with families to improve attendance and punctuality. Just a reminder that the doors to the school open at 8.45am and this is when pupils should aim to be in school. Children who regularly get in later than this, even at 9.00 when the register is taken, miss 'early work' which adds up to five hours of extra learning a month. It makes sense for children to be in by 8.45am.

Site safety at the end of the day: The office staff have strict instruction not to open the front office doors when the children are exiting through the back doors at 3.15pm. Using the office area as a 'cut through' at the end of the day makes the site unsafe as this area is very busy. At the end of the day, the side gates are open and the back entrance to the office is open from the playground if you need to access the office to speak to office staff. Please help us to keep our school a safe and pleasant learning environment.

BOOK WEEK and RED NOSE DAY: Next week is Book Week. Ms Tye has a range of activities planned for the children which will end with 'dress as your favourite book character' on Friday 4th March. Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March. We are inviting children to bring in £1 and to wear any RND merchandise that they may have, or anything red, to help raise money for this charity.

Some key dates:

Monday 14th March and Wednesday 16th March: Parents' Evening

Friday 8th April: Last day of spring term

Monday 25th April: Children return to school

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Have a lovely weekend