



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Friday 6th September 2024



Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope that you have had a refreshing summer break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such positive attitudes and to welcome our new year three. Team Leaders will shortly send out letters with a curriculum overview and specific dates and we will let you know about school wide events on the website and via 'Studybugs' messaging. I'm looking forward to a positive autumn term and a productive year ahead.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES: The Mayor of London is continuing to provide a free school lunch for all primary age pupils in London this academic year. Please take up this offer! It will save you time, stress and money. The school dinners provided by Harrisons are very good - many members of staff eat the school dinners which wasn't always the case. A menu is available on the school website and you can arrange a meeting with Chef Morad in the school kitchen (via the office) if you have any nutrition or allergy queries.

School uniform: The children have returned to school looking super smart. One of the success stories of recent years has been pupils coming to school already wearing their PE Kits on their PE day. This cut down on all the disruption and, for older pupils, sometimes embarrassment, of getting changed in the classroom. So that this can continue, can I remind you that we have a school specific PE kit which is part of our school uniform - children should not come into school wearing other sports clothing and we monitor this kit in just the same way as we monitor uniform. The school PE kit consists of: Any plain white T-shirt, any plain black bottoms (shorts or jogging bottoms depending on weather), any trainers or black plimsolls and the normal school sweatshirt or jumper. Items are generic and can be bought from any shop to keep the cost low. Coats are worn as needs be on PE days. When pupils have fitness sessions as part of Enrichment afternoons, children can wear trainers to school and do not need to wear full PE kit. We expect the children to be smart in their uniform because all the best secondary schools have similar rules and we want the best for our children. Can I also remind you that plain black trainers with no other coloured stripes or branding are acceptable as school shoes - I urge you to buy one pair of plain black trainers that your child can wear for school and for PE and save yourself money. We still have so many items of lost uniform turning up. Please label clothing, particularly jumpers and coats. Any labelled item can be retrieved from lost property - all unlabelled clothing is redistributed in the school.

Up-coming charity events: We are asking for new items to be donated for our Macmillan raffle, for example: boxes of chocolates, toiletry sets, candles, unopened toys etc. and will be hosting our Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September. We will ask for cake donations and send details closer to the time. We will also be supporting 'Jeans for Genes' on Friday 20nd September and children are invited to bring in £1 as a donation to the charity and to wear denim (jeans, skirts, jackets etc.) We will collect non-perishable foods for Harvest on Friday 11th October, but will send out a reminder closer to the time.

Playtime snacks: Children can bring in fresh or dried fruit as a playtime snack and apples are available for 20p every day. Please send them in with a fruit snack as it's a long time until lunch.

Fri 20th Sept	Jeans for Genes (wear something denim for charity)
Tues 25th Sept	Multiplication Times Table Check meeting for Yr4 parents 3.30pm
Fri 27 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning in Junior Hall from 9am
Mon 7 th & Wed 9 th October	Parents' Evening
Thurs 10 th October	5T Percheron Harvest Assembly 11am
WB 14 th Oct	BH and Diversity Week
Weds 16 th Oct	Year 6 Secondary School Application Workshop (times tbc)
Fri 18 th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card (wear something red to support)
Fri 18 th Oct	Half Term break
Weds 30 th Oct	Return to school

