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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all our new families and pupils who have joined White Meadows recently. We are pleased to hear you are settling in well.

Welcome to our new office staff Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Barnes who started within the last couple of weeks.

We would also like to welcome our new KS1 teachers Miss Pearce, Miss Merritt and Mrs Lovely who will be starting with their new classes in September.

Congratulations to Mrs Newell who has now completed her teaching degree and will be starting in September as a new teacher.

LEAVERS

We would like to extend a warm goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success at their new schools.

We also have several members of staff who will be leaving for pastures new. The staff who are leaving are Miss Howard, Miss Smart, Mr Lamb, Mrs Hough and Miss Twine. We wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Richards in our office is retiring this year after 27 years service. We will very much miss her as she has been a valued and cherished member of our team. We wish her all the best and hope her retirement is both relaxing and enjoyable.

CRICKET FESTIVAL - THURSDAY 22ND JUNE

An amazing day was had by all who attended the cricket festival at Middleton cricket ground, despite the heavy thundery shower. The children were soon outside practising different techniques and skills associated with cricket, being instructed by some of the professional cricket players from Middleton, sports leaders from Angmering and The Littlehampton Academy. After lunch in the sun, the children were able to play mini matches.

It was a real pleasure to take the children and observe them developing their independence by mixing with other children from other schools, interacting with the different leaders and having a great time.

Many congratulations to all of the team. A special mention Ja who received a medal for most improved player, and

Razz who clearly demonstrated his understanding to adapt his technique and skills when playing against other players.

Thanks to Ms Perry who assisted on the day.



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BUILD A DEN DAY - FRIDAY 16TH JUNE



Every child was involved in Build a Den Day, which raised just under £400 on Friday. Supporting the charity's national campaign was part of our work towards our level one Rights Respecting Schools Award

We talked about different homes in different places. The children had to think about what makes a home and learned that not all homes need a sofa or a PlayStation. It has been a real community effort, with parents and businesses bringing in different things for the children to use to build shelters. They were able to build them how they wanted to, working in small groups, and at the end of the day, the children sat in their dens for story-time and the parents came in to see the dens.

The children were asked to take in silver coins and were taken into a special room to view a map of the world before throwing their money into a tent. The children learned that £250 could provide a family of five with life-saving winter essentials and £66 could buy ten Tarpaulin sheets to help provide emergency shelter. Thank you to all who donated and took part.

SCIENCE WEEK 19TH - 23RD JUNE

Our Science Week was launched in dramatic fashion with a visit from Fizz Pop Science, who brought a hovercraft along with them, dragging one lucky individual across the floor!

Across the school, children investigated nature, making full use of the beautiful Enchanted Garden, whilst back in the classroom there was the sound of spaghetti towers falling, exploding film canisters and the pop of bubbles as they floated above the children's heads.



For the remainder of the week, our school was full of boats and planes. The children took part in a flight investigation, which culminated in our Friday assembly, with all manner of flying contraptions gliding

through the air.

The school had a buzz of excitement and some children were awarded science certificates as a result of their enthusiasm and hard work.

Thanks to all the staff, who put so much hard work into the planning and preparation of the week, enabling it to be a great success for all the children.

SUMMER FAYRE

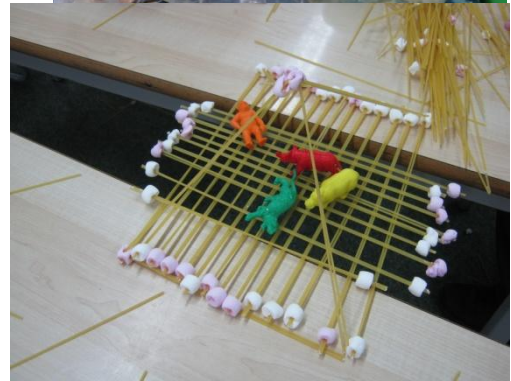
Thank you to all who attended our summer fayre. We managed to mostly dodge the weather and we raised over £1,200. These valuable funds will go towards facilities and materials for the children here. Thank you to all who made donations to the fayre. The children very much enjoyed coming into school in non uniform.

TRANSITION DAYS

The transition days went ahead on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July. All the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new pupils in September.

NURSERY PLACES

We still have spaces left in September in our nursery for both 15 and 30 hour weeks. Our nursery has wonderful facilities including a large outside play area for creative/messy play and free reign. We also organise trips - our most recent being to Gaston Farm to see the lambing and the chicks. We also had the opportunity of hatching chicks within the classroom and children got to observe, learn and draw pictures of them. If you are considering a nursery place and would like to visit please contact our school office to arrange a visit. **To start in September children have to have had their 3rd birthday by the 31st August 2017.**



NIGHT TO REMEMBER - MIDNIGHT WALK 24TH JUNE



Several members of staff formed a team "White Meadows Wanderers" and walked through the night along with thousands of other ladies to raise money for St Barnabas Hospice. Collectively as a team we raised £1,199.77 so far. However there is still time to sponsor us! Please see the link below and donate whatever you can.



<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/whitemeadowswanderers2017>

The money raised will go towards funding the Hospice at Home service, which provides care for patients in their own homes across Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield.

Read more at: <http://www.littlehamptongazette.co.uk/news/pictures-night-to-remember-1-8026635>

Thank you.

Polite Reminders

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2017</u>	Term commences for pupils on Tuesday 5 th September and ends on Wednesday 20 th December Half term: Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October inclusive Inset Days: Monday 4th September, Friday 15th September
<u>SPRING TERM 2018</u>	Term commences on Thursday 4 th January and ends on Thursday 29 th March Half term: Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February inclusive Inset Day: Monday 19th February
<u>SUMMER TERM 2018</u>	Term commences for pupils on Tuesday 17 th April and ends for pupils on Friday 20 th July Half term: Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June inclusive May Bank Holiday - Monday 7 th May Inset Days: Monday 16th April, Friday 29th June, Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a doctors/hospital/opticians appointment please bring in the letter/appointment card to the school office so that this can be authorised.

Please remember if you have a different home time arrangement for your child either speak to the teacher in the morning (KS1) or send in a note with your child (KS2).

It is not always possible to get a message to your child while they are in school.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child will be absent from school, it is important that parents/carers telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 9am. Unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised and may result in a fixed penalty fine.

If your child is late, they must be signed in at the office by an adult.

SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Afternoon - new parents meeting/ children to new classes.
Thursday 6 th July	Transition Afternoon - children to new classes
Monday 10 th July - Friday 14 th July	New Reception children individual transition meetings with parents
Tuesday 11 th July	Acorn 1 sports day Year 5 trip to Drusillas
Thursday 13 th July	Acorn 2 sports day Year 4 to the Beach
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports Day R/KS1 and 2 Year 6 after school pool party.
Wednesday 19 th July	Acorn 1 and 2 to the Beach
Thursday 20 th July	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo Year 6 leavers performance to parents Year 2 to Water Lane Park
Friday 21 st July	Reception to the Beach
Tuesday 25 th July	Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th September	Autumn Term commences

Contact details

It is very important that we have your up to date contact details. We have a lot of inactive numbers on our database. All letters are sent by e-mail, please check that you are receiving these and advise the school office if there are any problems. Please could you also ensure that if you have changed your telephone number you let us know straight away in case of emergency.

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