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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 hope you have a happy time at White Meadows

SQUIRREL WEEK

Reception have enjoyed squirrel week, and have been helping to collect acorns for Scamper the Squirrel who lost his!



Y5 TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD



Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Portsmouth dockyard and visited the Mary Rose exhibition. They learned about the ship and viewed artefacts in the museum. All children were very well behaved and a credit to the school.



SPORTS EVENTS

This term has seen a number of events take place. Year 3/4 girls football, followed by KS2 cross country. All children behaved beautifully making White Meadows very proud. We still have Tag Rugby and a netball tournament to come!

Y4 TRIP TO BRIGHTON MUSEUM



Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous day at Brighton Museum last Wednesday. They explored Egyptian artefacts, worked through interactive displays and pulled the brains through noses in the mummification workshop! A fun day was had by all.



HALF TERM REMINDER

Reminder that half term is from the 23rd - 27th October. The children will return to school on Monday 30th October.

HOUSES AWARD

At the end of each term we will be announcing who has won the house award. Throughout each term, children are rewarded with points for various activities and their behaviour. These points go towards their house. The houses are as follows; Slindon (Blue), Eartham (Green), Highdown (Red) and Tortington (Yellow).

Polite Reminders

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.

SICKNESS POLICY

There have been occasions recently where parents have brought their children into school too soon after diarrhoea/vomiting. We have a strict policy in place which stipulates 48 hours after last onset of symptoms. This avoids spreading the virus through the class.

Could we please ask that parents do not bring their child in within this time as you will be asked to take them home.

RISK ASSESSMENT

If your child has been injured, such as a fracture or a broken bone and will be attending school, please book an appointment with the school office to complete a risk assessment.



UNIFORM AMNESTY

Please can we ask that you check all the uniform and make sure you have your child's uniform. If you find you have anyone else's uniform please give to the class teacher.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

<u>AUTUMN TERM</u> <u>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</u> <u>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</u> <u>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

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.

SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 18 th October	Year 3 trip to Chessington World of Adventures Year 1 - Fantastic Finish - 2:45pm
Friday 20 th October	Winning House colour Non uniform day
Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd October	Premier Sport Club 9:30am - 3pm SEE REDUCED COSTS ON THE WEBSITE
Monday 30 th October	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 2 nd November	Flu vaccinations YR,Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4
Tuesday 7 th November	Open Day
Wednesday 15 th November	Individual Photos
Thursday 16 th November	Individual Photos
Wednesday 22 nd November	Non uniform day - Sweet donations

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