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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.

We would also like to welcome our new Year 1 and Reception 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 is teaching in Rowan Class.

We are thrilled to welcome her back to White Meadows.

ALLOTMENT AND GARDENS

WINNERS!

Congratulations to our gardening club who won first place in the garden and allotment awards. Well done to everyone for all your hard work.

Also we received awards for our vegetables. We scooped third prize for our sweetcorn and potato growing. We also received a highly commended award for our apple growing.

This is a fantastic achievement and one we as a school are very proud of.



GOLDEN MILE

Friday 8th September we had a visit from Premier Sport. They conducted assemblies on the golden mile giving out information and doing taster sessions. Golden Mile is the easiest & most effective Health & Fitness activity for school children in the UK, encouraging pupils to walk, jog or run 50 miles during the school year. There are some predictions which suggest half of children will be obese or overweight by 2020. Taking place within the safety of the school gates, Golden Mile operates all year round so it is not a 'one-off' scheme which is forgotten about as soon as it finishes. Suitable for children of all abilities, the secure website records the progress of each child, so children can demonstrate progress through charts week on week or year on year.

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

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.

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.



Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd September	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 4 th October	Year 4 to Brighton Museum
Friday 6 th October	Year 3 RSPB Visit
Wednesday 11 th October	Non uniform day - donations for the Christmas fayre) Bottle donations
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 25 rd October - Friday 29 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 25 th October	Premier Sport Club 9:30am - 3pm
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
Wednesday 22 nd November	Non uniform day - Sweet donations

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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