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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.



Y3 trip the Chessington World of Adventures

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Chessington and took part in their "Bones Alive" workshop. The workshop gives pupils the opportunity to discuss different animal bones and the jobs that they do. Pupils had

the opportunity to handle real antlers and think about their uses.

Pupils also explored the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.



The children all had the opportunity to ride on the off road safari trail. The ride is located in the theme-park section called [Zufari](#), a 22-acre site landscaped to look like an African reserve, it is home to animals such as [giraffes](#), [white rhinos](#), [ostriches](#), [blesbok](#), [nile lechwe](#) and more.



FUNDRAISING

We have had several fundraising events to raise money for the school including a drawing competition and a story writing competition. The children very much enjoyed being creative and the stories were very imaginative. Please look out for emails and posters about future fundraising.



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. Children in the winning house will be able to come in wearing the colour of 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.

BOOKING AN ABSENCE



If you wish to submit an absence for authorisation, please come to the office to collect a form. Once filled in please hand in to the office where it will be passed to the headteacher for approval. Any unauthorised absences that are taken may result in a fixed penalty fine.

Please note that letters will no longer be accepted.

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.



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 the 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 they will be sent home.

CARS

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a few near misses involving cars and people. If you are driving up Whitelea Road we respectfully ask you to drive at or below 20 mph and to slow down as you approach the entrance to the school. Thank you.

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.



Contact details



It is very important that we have your up to date contact details. We have a lot of inactive numbers/email addresses 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 will you also ensure that if you have changed your telephone number you let us know straight away in case of emergency.

If your child needs emergency treatment or is unwell and we cannot get hold of you (no working number), please note that the school will need to contact social care.

SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 15 th November	Individual Photos Parent Consultations 3:15pm - 7:15pm
Thursday 16 th November	Individual Photos Parent Consultations 3:15 - 4:15pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Non uniform day - Sweet donations
Thursday 30 th November	Choir to Wickbourne Centre for Lights On
Wednesday 6 th December	Pupil Christmas Dinner at lunchtime Christmas Fayre - 3pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Choir singing at Tesco
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery - Y2 - panto visit in school Year 3 - 6 visit to Alexandra Theatre for "Aladdin" pantomime.
Saturday 16 th December	Choir at Arundel Cathedral
Tuesday 19 th December	Choir singing at Morrisons
Wednesday 20 th December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Thursday 21 st December - Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Thursday 4 th January	First Day back to school - Spring Term

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