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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME

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

ALEXANDER THEATRE DANCE HOUSE

White Meadows Dance Club led by Miss McFarlane did the school proud with their wonderful performance at The Alexander Theatre in Bognor on Tuesday 30th January.

It was an opportunity for the children to perform and for them to experience the workings of a professional theatre. The evening celebrated the hard work, commitment and skills of the children.

It was an experience for the children to share their dance with an audience as well as other schools.

Well done Miss McFarlane and Dance Club!!



YEAR 1 / 2 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Several of our pupils took part in a local gymnastics competition. Eight schools and twenty one teams participated in this year's Y1/2 gymnastics competition.

Results for both the boys and girls competitions this year were very close and several recounts took place before announcing the winners of the girls and boys individual competitions. White Meadows boys team took home gold for the first time in LASP history for our school coming 1st and the girls team came 6th in a very strong field of 21 teams.

We are exceptionally proud of our gymnasts.

YEAR 6 VISIT FROM THE FIRE SERVICE

Year 6 children were treated with a visit from The Littlehampton Fire Service. They took part in a group talk and question session. The children especially enjoyed trying on the uniform and seeing the fire engine. It was a delightful respite from the Year 6 study timetable.



BEST WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Each week in assembly the children find out which class has won the award for best attendance that week. We thought it would be nice to share with you who has won so far this year...

Friday 12th January...was... Rowan class with 99.33%.

Friday 19th January...was...Elder 99.40%.

Friday 25th January...was...Ash Class 100%.

Please look out for changes to our attendance policy and procedures coming soon.

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 (Nursery, Reception and 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.

REQUEST OF ABSENCE IN SCHOOL TIME

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 Head of School or Executive 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 you will be required to collect them.

UNIFORM AMNESTY

Please can we ask that you check all the uniform and make sure you have your child's items of clothing. If you find you have another child'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.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

INSET days: Monday 19th February

Half-term: Monday 12th February-Friday 16th February

Summer term: Monday 16th April-Tuesday 24th July

Half-term: Tuesday 28th May- Friday 31st June

INSET days: Monday 16th April, Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July

SPRING TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please note that these events could change, you will be alerted by email and weekly newsletters.

Tuesday 6 th February	Young Voices 02 Arena
Thursday 8 th February	Yr 2 'Fabulous Finish' 2.40pm
Friday 9 th February	Winning House Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th	Half-term
Monday 19 th February	Inset Day
Monday 5 th March	Year 5 Trip to Chichester Planetarium
Friday 23 rd March	Reception Trip to Gaston Farm
Tuesday 27 th March	Nursery Trip to Gaston Farm
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Tuesday 3 rd April-Friday 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 th April	Inset day

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