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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and 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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We wish to say a massive thank you to all who donated towards our Christmas Fayre. We were very lucky to have Father Christmas visit, he thought our children were very well behaved. All your contributions helped raise a very successful amount which we are still counting. Monies raised will go towards funding some exciting school resources.

ST BARNABAS "WEAR IT FESTIVE"

The children did a great job wearing festive attire for the day, we raised £277.32 for St Barnabas which is a charity very close to our hearts. Thank you very much.



CHOIR SINGING OVER CHRISTMAS

The children in the school Choir performed at Tesco's, Morrison's, St Marys Church, Oakland Grange and Arundel Cathedral in December. They were a credit to the school and are now looking forward to their performance at the O2 Arena in February.

EASY FUNDRAISING

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to support Friends of White Meadows - Littlehampton?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us - you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowhitmeadows/> and click 'support us'.

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).

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.

CIGARETTE LITTERING

Please could we remind you to be courteous and respectful to our neighbours on Whitelea Road and not stub out cigarettes on their walls or speak to them disrespectfully.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

Spring term: Thursday 4th January - Friday 5th April

INSET days: Friday 15th February

Half-term: Monday 18th February-Friday 22nd February

Summer term: Tuesday 23rd April-Friday 19th July

Half-term: Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May

INSET days: Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July

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