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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

Y4 TRIP TO BRIGHTON MUSEUM

On Wednesday 26th of September, Year 4 travelled to Brighton by coach for our trip to Brighton Museum and Art Gallery.

The children were exquisitely behaved and a great time had by all. Year 4 were able to broaden their Ancient Egyptian knowledge and even took part in a mummification workshop. It was gruesome!

We also looked at beautiful art and sculptures around the world.

The children all enjoyed dressing up as various fashionistas and a career on the catwalk may be a possibility for some! We thank you for your donations to the trip as if those who can pay don't we will not be able to take part in future trips.



YEAR 5 LIFE EXHIBITION

At 9.30am Year 5 on Wednesday 3rd October Year 5 went to Littlehampton Church, where they learnt about Jesus and words he said and the things he did. We learnt how he sacrificed himself for us and how we remember Jesus. Year 5 also got to take a quiz after and eat biscuits and fruit. They ended back at school at 11.30am. We had a brilliant time.

By Summer Golley, Beech Class

YEAR LIFE EXHIBITION

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on, interactive experience, which consisted short, concise workshops. The children used tablets to answer questions and to make their own choices about the information they were given. During refreshments the children participated in a quiz to show their understanding.

JUST DIFFERENT YEAR 1

On Monday, Year 1 had the pleasure of inviting Alison from Just Different into our classrooms. Alison talked to the children about how she copes with life without hands. She encouraged the children to practise picking things up and writing with their toes. The children asked some brilliant questions and were very respectful towards our guest. We were pleased to raise enough money for the visit to go ahead and hope that Just Different will return to our school again in the future.

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience with many of them gaining in confidence, ensuring they're safe and well prepared to take their bikes on the road. Cycling is great exercise and a healthy, fun and sociable pastime that they can now enjoy.

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/fowhitemeadows/> and click 'support us'.

HALF TERM REMINDER

Reminder that half term is from the Monday 22nd-Friday 26th October. The children will return to school on Monday 29th 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).

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 2018</u>	Half term: Monday 22nd October - Friday 26 th October inclusive Inset Days: Monday 3rd September, Friday 23rd November
<u>SPRING TERM 2019</u>	Term commences on Thursday 3 rd January and ends on Friday 5 th April Half term: Monday 18 th February - Friday 22 nd February inclusive Inset Day: Friday 15 th February
<u>SUMMER TERM 2019</u>	Term commences for pupils on Tuesday 23 rd April and ends Tuesday 23rd July Half term: Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May inclusive May Bank Holiday - Monday 6 th May Inset Days: Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July

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