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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.

Year 2 Great Fire of London

As part of our Great Fire of London topic, Year 2 had a visit from the Fire Service. They spoke about how we can prevent a fire from starting and what to do in the event of a fire. We also had some time to talk about how the fire spread in 1666 and how it was finally put out.

Athletics Tournament

On Wednesday 30th January a group of White Meadows children took part in an Inter-Schools indoor athletics tournament held at The Angmering School. During the event the children took part in a series of different events including running, jumping, throwing and hurdles, enjoying the opportunity to take part in a range of new activities.

At the end of the event medals were awarded to the teams who finished with the highest amount of points and we are delighted to share with you that our White Meadows team achieved second place overall out of the eight schools who participated in the event.

Young Voices



On Tuesday 29th January 2019, children from choir joined 7000 other children at the O2 Arena, London. They sang their hearts out to a sold-out audience and were joined by stars such as Tony Hadley, Sharlene Hector and



Beau Dermott. This was such an amazing opportunity and the children involved were a credit to our school. I'd like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to choir rehearsals this year, learning all the words and dance moves and for representing our school so well. I'm looking forward to next year already!



Mrs Porter

The school would like to thank Mrs Porter for her hard work and dedication to choir.



The Connor Saunders Foundation

On Tuesday we were lucky to have The Connor Saunders Foundation come in to see our Year 5 and 6 children.

They held an assembly followed by a first aid workshop.

In the assembly the children learnt about Connor and his story. It is so sad that a 19 year old boy lost his life at the hands of a 14 year old boy with one fatal punch.

The message we aim to get across to our children is that we need to use our hands for kindness and not to cause pain or harm, something we as a school will always try to instil in our young people in their time at White Meadows.

The Connor Saunders Foundation donated a defibrillator to White Meadows which we very much appreciate and were so happy to accept. As a thank you we held a non-uniform day to raise funds to donate to The Connor Saunders Foundation. This was hugely successful and we raised £509.62, so thank you very much.

Snow Day

It was an exciting day at White Meadows. Snow day! It was Friday 1st of February. Snowmen were here and there and snow ball fights were happening everywhere. It was a fantastic morning as we were allowed onto the field first thing before the snow melted.

No one could wait to go out for lunch to play in the snow, but unfortunately it had all melted by then. Every class was thrilled that it snowed as this doesn't happen very often in Littlehampton! Even the Astroturf was covered but not as much as the field.

By Rachael and David, Beech Class

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'.

House Awards

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

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

Bank Holidays: Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May

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