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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 6 Bushcraft Residential-West Dean Forest**

In June, we took a group of fifty-two year six children on an adventurous residential to Bushcraft. The children were able to experience a whole host of outdoor activities including; fire lighting, cooking, first aid and building temporary shelters. A highlight for many of the children was to watch the preparing of salmon to be cooked by campfire. Although the weather could have been kinder to us on the first day, the children were all very positive with their participation of activities throughout. A big thank you goes to the staff that were able to support this trip.



### **Year 2 Highdown Gardens**

Year 2 spent a lovely day at Highdown Gardens. They developed their map making skills by drawing a birds eye view of the beautiful chalk garden and took part in nature walks creating tally charts on what they could see and hear. When the rain came, they had prepared an experiment to test whether wax crayon, felt tip pen or pencil crayon would last longer. The wax crayon won!

### **Year 6 Local Residential**

Some of Year 6 had great time during the local residential, especially when Ryan Greaves from the Sussex Wildlife Trust came in to school. He provided workshops for the children to do about shelter building, fire lighting, whittling and natural printing. A good time was had by all and we all learnt a lot.

### **Gymnastics Tournament**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, some children went to another school to do some gymnastics. My favourite thing was the bars, I did a routine on the bars. The things there were bars, floor mats, volts and beams.

We also saw Kelly Slimm, she is an Olympic Gymnast.

*By Chloe Feasey, Hawthorn Class*

### **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.

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