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Dear Parents/Carers,

**MESSAGE FROM MRS MISSELBROOK**

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this academic year. This 'Back to School' season has certainly been different to our usual September, but we are so proud of how well the children have settled into the new routines of school life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your positivity and support this month - it has been a challenge to reopen the school in a way which is as safe as possible, while retaining the sense of normality we know so many of our children need.

As you may be aware, I am expecting another 'mini Misselbrook' and will be going on maternity leave in early November. In my absence, Mrs Gould, our Executive Headteacher, will be based at White Meadows to hold the fort until I return in May 2021.



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION MAKE A CRACKING START TO THE YEAR ...

Wow, almost three weeks back in school, Nursery and Reception children have really made all the staff very proud. The enthusiasm and excitement by all the children in the classrooms has radiated through the corridor. When you walk to see the children, the energy and buzz puts a smile on our faces. The children have shown resilience and enjoyment, two of our school values, in all aspects of their learning. We look forward to seeing them progress and flourish throughout the year.

## EGYPTIAN DAY YEAR 4

For our Egyptian day, the children wore Egyptian make-up and jewellery. We made neck collars using watercolours and paper plates. Using hieroglyphics, we created our own Egyptian name labels to decorate our classroom. As well as this, we made pyramids and paper mummies using cutting and folding skills. Finally, we mummified an apple using salt! The children looked amazing and learned a lot about the story of Howard Carter and Tutankhamun. All of this will help us in the weeks ahead as we learn more about our topic and use our knowledge in our literacy lessons. A huge thank you to all who supported us with the Egyptian look and who contributed to the day. We hope to have more enrichment days in the future.

## 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.

## 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 email 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.**

### 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.



## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

<u>AUTUMN TERM</u> <u>2020</u>	Term commences for pupils on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September and ends on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Half term: Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive <b>Inset Days: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<u>SPRING TERM</u> <u>2021</u>	Term commences on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January and ends on Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Half term: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive <b>Inset Day: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<u>SUMMER TERM</u> <u>2021</u>	Term commences for pupils on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April and ends Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July Half term: Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June inclusive May Bank Holiday - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Inset Days: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>

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