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Dear Parents and Carers,

There lots of exciting things happening at Whytemead in the weeks to come and thank you in advance for all the support you give to the school.

The Bird box is back!

We are really pleased to announce that the Bird box is live again! Thank you to the Friends for funding it this year. Keep your eyes peeled for any activity in the box. It was fantastic to watch all the events unfold in the nest last year. Fingers crossed we will be as lucky this year! To watch the live stream of the nest box please visit <http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/whytemead-primary-school/>



Friday 24 March

Red Nose day is next Friday! The school council have thought about how we can join in and have come up with the idea that everyone should wear their pjamas to school and/or have crazy hair! The choice is up to you. We will be collecting all donations on the gate in the morning.

Whytemead wins!

Huge congratulations to all our sporting stars that have been so fantastic in all our sporting competitions this year. Whytemead has been awarded a trophy for our 'Commitment to PE, school sport and Healthy and Active Lifestyle'. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Firth; who has championed PE for the children of Whytemead. This is very well deserved and we are very proud of you all.



Time to Dance

A group of children from Year1 and Year2 will be performing at The Pavilion Theatre as part of 'Time to Dance 2017'. The show is on the evening of 23rd March and involves dance groups from a variety of local schools. They have been rehearsing hard and are looking forward to their big night. Tickets are available from the Pavilion box office.

Video Games: advice for parents.

I have become aware that some of our children are playing or watching video games that are targeted at much older children and talking about this with their friends. The ratings and online information services like **AskAboutGames.com** are there to give advice on how to talk to your children about what they are playing, what content is suitable for them and what is not. Thank you for your support with this issue.

Parent and Carers Forum

The Whytemead Parents and Carers Forum meet again this Friday 17th March straight after school. Meet at the office. Children welcome. Mr Ward and Mrs Mavin will attend to discuss the matters that you want to talk about. If you can't make it but would like the forum to discuss something for you, please email Whytemeadforum@gmail.com or leave a note at the office for the attention of the forum.

Friends of Whytemead

Don't forget our Easter Bunny Sponsored Bounce! The children will have the use of a bouncy castle throughout the day of Thursday 6th April. They will be asked to do as many bounces as possible within 1 minute. Their class totals will then be collected and the class who does the most bounces wins. The winning class will receive a special Easter present from The Friends, as a thank you for their hard work. Sponsorship can be 5p per bounce or £1 in total. Every single penny we raise will be put back into the school and help towards some much needed resources. Please support your child and our wonderful school at this fun event.

The Summer Fair will be held on Friday 23rd June. It was a fabulous event last year, with loads of fun had by all! The Fair raised £2300 for the school, which was amazing! If you think you might be able help in any capacity please let the Friends know. You can contact them through their Facebook page or via email: WhytemeadPTA@gmail.com, you can also speak to the office staff or post your details in the PTA post box outside the office. **If you can help, please let us know; without your help we may have to cut the number of stalls and activities on offer.**

Every little bit helps, so even pledging half an hour's help to the Friends will make a difference!

Allergies- A reminder

We have some children who have a severe nut allergy.

To reduce the risk to these children we would like to remind parents to avoid products containing nuts in lunchboxes if your child is bringing a packed lunch.

INSET DAYS 2017-18

For your information the school will be closed for INSET days on the following dates next academic year: 2017-18.

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Diary dates

<u>Friday 17th March</u>	<u>Parents Forum Meeting</u>	<u>3.15pm</u>
<u>Thursday 23rd</u>	<u>Time to Dance Performance</u>	<u>Pavilion Theatre</u>
<u>Monday 27th</u>	<u>Class Photos</u>	<u>In school time</u>
<u>Friday 31st</u>	<u>Rocksteady Concert</u>	<u>Details to follow</u>
<u>Thursday 6th April</u>	<u>PTA Bunny Bounce</u>	<u>In School time</u>
<u>Friday 7th</u>	<u>Break up for Easter</u>	
<u>Monday 24th April</u>	<u>Summer Term begins</u>	

Best wishes



Gavin Ward
Head teacher

Got something to say?

If you any comment to make about the school information, decisions, events, questions- anything at all; you can write these down and leave in a sealed envelope with the office staff. This can be anonymous, although I can only respond to you if your name is included.

