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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back and Happy New year from everyone at Whytemead.

Friends of Whytemead

The children would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Whytemead for the gifts that they bought for each class at the end of last year. Each class from Year 1 to Year 5 received a brand new Lenovo tablet. The Friends also bought the children in Apple and Pear some new outside toys, which are on order and due soon. Keep an eye out for upcoming events on the Friends of Whytemead Facebook page and information letters.



Parents & Carers Forum

Do you have ideas or suggestions for school projects or ways to improve the children's learning experience or wellbeing?

Would you like to share your views on how things are working now or about the school's plans for the future?

The school invites you to bring your ideas and creativity to the Parents & Carers Forum, where representatives from each class will meet regularly with staff to put your thoughts into action!

Interested?

Visit www.whytemead.w-sussex.sch.uk to find out more and email whytemeadforum@gmail.com if you would like to be involved.

First meeting: Friday 20 January 2017 at 3.20pm in the music room. Please come to the school office to sign in.

Twitter

Whytemead is now on Twitter! Please follow the link on our website to our new twitter feed. We will use this to keep you updated with information about the school and links to other useful websites. We hope you find it another useful communication tool. Please visit the website or search for us on twitter @whytemead.



eSchools App



Please remember to download the free eSchools app! The app is run by the same company as our website and will allow you to receive notifications and messages at no cost to the school. The eSchools app is available for iPhones and Android devices and can be downloaded from either the App Store or Google Play. If you need help please contact Mrs Carter in the school office.

Book Donations

If you have any unwanted children's books that you think our children would love and would like to donate to the school, please could you drop them in at the office. Mrs Smyth will then add them to our book stock for children to read. All donations will be gratefully received.

PE kit- A reminder.

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with the correct kit ready to take part in PE sessions.

This should include:

A house coloured PE shirt, black shorts, black or grey tracksuit bottoms, socks. A school hoodie can also be worn but only for PE lessons, all to be kept in a PE bag.

Children should bring trainers and a spare pair of socks for PE. School shoes are not acceptable for P.E; they do not have the correct grip and may cause injury to your child or to others. All kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE. Earrings should be either removed or taped over on PE lesson days.

New Parent Governor

I would like to welcome Esther Fair as our new Parent Governor. I am sure she will be an excellent parent representative on our Governing body. The Governors and I look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Building work

The roof work is proceeding well. The local authority has now given the go ahead to renew the entire roof, which is fantastic news. It means that in a few weeks the scaffolding will move to the front of the school. As with the current work, it should not have any major implications for the day to day running of the school.

Diary dates

Friday 27 th Feb	Year 1/2 Stunning Start, visit by Mini beasts!	In school time
Friday 3 rd Feb	PTA quiz night! Entry forms available at office	7pm school hall
Monday 20 th Feb	Half Term	
Monday 27 th Feb	Back to school	

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.