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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made a great start to 2017 and have been working really hard.

### Reception

In Early years we have been making the most of our 'Forest School' and our children in Apple and Pear class get the opportunity to go on Tuesday mornings

We have made pulley systems, dens, sawn wood and made swings out of sticks and rope.



If you have any spare wellies which you could donate to Early years we would be very grateful particularly sizes 10,11,12 and 13! If you have any spare rope to donate we would also be very grateful!

We would like to invite parents and Grandparents of our children in Early Years to join us on Tuesday mornings. Next Tuesday 14.2.17 we will be going at 10:30-11:30 if you are available, please let Miss Fogerty or Mrs Lyons know.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Broadwater Library for allowing us to use this space as it really is an asset to the children and their chance to explore the outdoors and have FUN!

## Year 1/ 2



Welcome to the world of mini beasts. We had a great stunning start this term. A big thank you to Mrs Bagley, who brought in an array of mini beasts from millipedes to toads for the children to see. They had a great time looking and learning about them. They have designed and are now in the process of making their own mini beast. The children are now writing their own mini beast story after reading the story 'Tadpoles Promise'.



## Year 3/ 4

We are really enjoying our new topic 'Romans on the Rampage'. We were visited by a fierce lady with fiery red hair who told us her name was Boudica. She taught us how to fight and defend against the Romans. We learnt battle formation such as the 'tortoise' and the 'wedge'. We have been learning about what life was like in Britain during the Roman occupation. We have been writing an IN FOCUS REPORT on the Roman army persuading people to join.



## Year 5

Our spring topic is called Born Survivor. For our stunning start, Year 5 children and teachers had a special survival day, in which lots of entertaining activities were played such as: orienteering, fire building and constructing a shelter out of ivy before a hurricane advanced. This term, we have also been learning about the audacious Philippe Petit (a French funambulist), who walked the gigantic void between the Twin Towers on a tightrope in 1974. Astonishingly, he survived to tell the story! Reporting as if working on location, we have all been writing interesting newspaper reports.



*Do you know how to filter murky water?*

*We do! All you need is: sand, gravel, a coffee filter and a plastic bottle. If you're interested in knowing how, why not ask a year 5 child for further information?*

### ***Sporting News***

*On January 24<sup>th</sup> we started our swimming lessons which everyone was thrilled about.*

*Great news! Whytemead football squad made it to the quarter finals despite being defeated by Downsbrook. Ikrash will be making his debut as a new player in the team.*

*Written by Hashim and Michael*

### **Eco News: BLUE TITS WILL BE BACK!**

*By popular demand, our bird box will be making a comeback and will once again be streamed live for the world to see!*

*Special thanks to the friends of Whytemead for making this happen it wouldn't be possible without you. Fingers crossed we get a nesting couple in the spring! Watch this space.*

*From Mrs Reilly and the eco-team*

### **Sports News.**

*It has been a busy term for the footballers. Year 4 and 5 played against Downsbrook and although they lost; were commended on their improvement and determination by the Downsbrook staff. They now face Orchards B team in the quarter final of the Shield.*

*Our Year 4 team has had two weeks of matches with mixed results. The highlight was a very exciting 5-5 draw against the Vale. All the boys supported each other amazingly and put in 100% effort. We are looking forward to next week's matches.*

*Good luck to the Year 3 gymnastics team who will be representing the school in a competition on Monday. They will be proudly wearing our new gym competition kit, kindly bought for the school by The Friends of Whytemead.*

*Thanks again Friends of Whytemead*

## Headlice

We have had a number of cases of Head lice reported to us. Please remember to check your child for head lice regularly and treat any cases. Below is some advice on how to prevent head lice.

### How to prevent head lice

Repeat, repeat, repeat. Always follow up any treatment method as directed by the instructions on the product you're using. Even with treatments that are claimed to kill head lice after one application, the Department of Health suggests checking for lice again after three to five days, and again 10 to 12 days after using the treatment. This is because not all the eggs may be killed by the first application. If you choose the conditioner-and-nit-comb method, repeat this at regular intervals until all the nits and lice have gone. Regularly combing through your child's hair and checking will help prevent a re-infestation.

Read more: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

## Travel plan

### **Whytemead Needs You!**

Would you like to help Whytemead promote safe and sustainable travel to and from school?

As part of our transition into a full primary school, we have signed up to the Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme – Modeshift STARS.

In order to achieve accreditation for Whytemead, we need to set up a “working group”, comprising of pupils, parents, staff and governors who will champion safe, healthy and sustainable modes of travel through a variety of simple initiatives which can be easily implemented.

This working group would only need to meet once each half-term (probably for +/- 30 minutes after school – date to be confirmed) to discuss the school's current travel plan and action any travel and transport initiatives.

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors will be recruited from our current Year 5 children, but parent volunteers with children of all ages are encouraged to get involved in making our community a safer and greener place to live and learn in!

If you would be interested in becoming part of our working group, please contact Mrs Andrew via the school office at [office@whytemead.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@whytemead.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Further details about Modeshift STARS can be found at <https://www.modeshiftstars.org>

Many thanks for your support!

Mrs. Andrew

## Parents & Carers Forum

On 20<sup>th</sup> January we held our first Parent Forum meeting, which was very successful. The Forum group notes are available on the school website. One of the initiatives the Forum has started is the development of the garden area at the front of the school (in front of Mrs Firth's room). If you are interested in becoming involved in any way with this project please meet at the school office after school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The next Parent Forum meeting will be after half term (date TBC). Please feel free to come along and chat about the next steps (children welcome)

## Diary dates

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| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> February              | Yr 3 Gym competition (selected pupils only)   | Durrington High 3.45pm         |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February          | Yr 4 Football League (selected pupils only)   | Worthing Leisure Centre 3.30pm |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> | Half Term                                     |                                |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> February             | Yr 4 Football League finals (selected pupils) | Worthing Leisure Centre 3.30pm |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March             | World Book Day                                | Details to follow              |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March              | Reports out                                   |                                |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March             | Parents Evening                               | 3.30-5pm                       |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March            | Parents Evening                               | 3.30-7pm                       |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March              | Class photographs                             | All morning                    |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April             | PTA Bunny bounce                              | Details to follow              |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April               | Break up for Easter Holidays                  |                                |

### 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.

