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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working very hard and really throwing themselves into all their learning.

### Reception

In Early Years our summer topic is 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'. We had a 'Pirate Dress Up Day'. We made treasure maps, swords, pictures and paintings. We have also been lucky enough to have a visit from Max's Grandad and his friends who brought in lots of model boats. They were amazing!



### Year 1/ 2

Years 1/2 have been busy looking at traditional tales to start our topic of Towers, Turrets and Tiara's. They have been freeze framing parts of the stories as well as retelling them for their friends.

We have been 'dressing as the part' for our new topic. Some of us have become knights, kings and queens. We have used these photographs to add to our own background scenes, which will become our topic book front covers.





We have also started to create some art inspired by Paul Klee's picture *The Castle and Sun*. Our mixed media pictures include painting, wax crayons and mosaic.

We are very much looking forward to our trip next week to Arundel Castle and are busy preparing questions to ask on the day.

### Year 3/ 4

We have had a wonderful, exciting start to the Summer Term. Our new topic is called 'Tropical Travels' and we are going to learn all about life in South and Central America. Last week, we created a 'Rainforest in a Bottle' and soon we will be making a 'Worthing Beach in a Bottle' in order to do a comparison. A big thank you to 'Edgar's Cool water' who generously donated recycled water containers for this project.

For our stunning start, we visited Worthing beach and explored our coastal habitat. We searched for fish, shells and other creatures in the rock pools at low-tide. We created field sketches of the landscape and talked about the human and physical features we could see.



## Year 5

Hello and welcome to the year 5 news.

So far this term, we started off by making a Frankenstein monster model and we worked in our groups of three to make different body parts like heads, legs, torsos, feet, hands and arms.

When we had finished we had seven different monsters and they looked great! After that we went on a fantastic school trip!

We went to the Primary Space Conference taking part in space activities such as maths, science, technology and engineering at Worthing College. Lastly we have started to learn how to play cornets! It is very hard to play cornets; you have to buzz in it not blow into it. We have our own special mouthpiece that we put in an envelope so we have our own!

By Harry E and Abigail M



## Violin lessons

West Sussex music service offer Violin lessons on Friday mornings and there are spaces available! If your child is interested in learning to play the violin please speak to the office and they will provide you with further information.



## Friends of Whytemead

Well done to all the children who had great fun raising money for the school in the sponsored Bunny Bounce. Thank you to the Friends for organising the event, which raised £500 for the school. We will be using this, along with other money raised by the Friends to purchase a brand new set of I pads for the children of Whytemead. Thank you for all your support of the fundraising carried out by the Friends.

I would also like to thank Sainsburys for donating the Red Nose day water bottles and the deeley bopper prizes for this event.

If you think you might be able help in any capacity; the Summer Fair is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. You can contact them through their Facebook page or via email: [WhytemeadPTA@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## Worthing Children's Parade

This year's Worthing Children's parade is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. As usual we will be very busy in the coming weeks making our 'Big make,' props and costumes. This year's theme is the wonderful books by Julia Donaldson and Whytemead Primary have chosen 'The Highway Rat.' We have started making the Highway Rat's horse for our big make and the children will be dressed as Highway Rats with masks, cloaks, hats and swords! If any parents and carers would like to be involved in the creation of these, we will be working on these every Thursday afternoons from 1.45-3.00 so please come along or drop in if you would like to be involved! Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## Sports News.

Our Year 1/ 2 team who played three matches at Orchards Junior School on Thursday. They won two; 7-0 and 3-0 and drew the other match 0-0 but then finally succumbed to West Park in the quarter finals with a 2-0 loss. Congratulations to Taylor W and Luke W for their phenomenal hat tricks. Fantastic effort from the whole team, well done.

Last week our Year 3 team played three matches. They lost two games by narrow margins and finished with a 5-3 victory in an exciting final match against The Vale with Charlie O scoring a magnificent hat trick. Well done boys and thanks for all your hard work.

## Parents & Carers Forum

The next meeting of the Parent and Carers Forum will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, straight after school. If you able to come along, please come to the office on the day.

## 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.

## Diary dates

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Yr3 Football League (selected pupils only)	Worthing Leisure Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Film Night	Details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for next year's reception parents	6pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Fair!	

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.