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Whytemead News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is approaching very quickly and I just wanted to say a big thank you on behalf of the children of Whytemead, for all your help and support throughout this year. The teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure that your children enjoy their learning and make great progress. We all wish you a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back here recharged and ready for the year ahead!

Worthing Children's Parade- Saturday 16th June



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to join in the parade and to the parents who helped to make Hedwig the owl. Hedwig looked amazing and he will be flying down our corridor very soon!



Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Summer Fair this year.

The Fair raised £1,800. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. Huge thanks to the PTA and all the helpers who made this event possible. The Fair could not happen without your help and support.

Summer Disco- Friday 13th July

The Disco tickets are now available. If you would like tickets, please complete the slip that came out with the letter last week and post it in the PTA letterbox in reception.

Year group info for the rest of term.

Reception

Monday 16th July- (am) Reception children will be walking to the park and enjoy an ice cream from the Ice cream van – details to follow.

Year1/2

Tuesday 17th July- Trip to the beach (am) - details to follow.

Transfer day

Friday 6th July will be transfer day for all the children, apart from Y6, who will have visited their new school on Wednesday 4th July. During the afternoon on Friday, the children will spend time with their new teacher. They will bring home information about their new class and new teacher on this day.

The last day of term is Friday 20th July.

Adventurous Learning Week W/B 9th July

During the week beginning 9th July, the children will be enjoying 'Adventurous Learning' week. There will be many exciting things planned and the children have been involved in planning the week. The plans are ongoing and the children have been very adventurous and creative with their ideas so far!

Tuesday 10th July – Wheels day- Children can bring in anything with wheels. Last year this included remote controlled cars, bikes, scooters, roller skates and toys cars. (Safety gear will be need to be provided, if the children bring in bikes, skateboards or roller skates)

Thursday 12th July- Hobbies day- Back by popular demand! This is a chance for the children to bring their hobby into school and talk about it with their friends. They can bring in equipment/ uniform/ kit linked to their hobby and must be ready to explain what their hobby involves. During the day, children will have opportunities to find out all about the hobbies brought in by their friends.

Please be aware that anything your child brings in for these days will be completely at your own risk, so please do not send not anything of too high a value as the school will not be held responsible for any damage.

Further details about the week will follow.

Attendance

Well done to the 172 children who had 100% attendance for the first half of this term. A child in Year4 was the lucky winner of the £10 amazon voucher.

We will be doing the same thing this half term.

The expectation for children's attendance is 96%. Currently our average attendance is 95%. You will be able to see what your child's attendance is for this year in the reports coming out at the end of term.

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.

Keeping children safe online.

We have been made aware that there have been a number of issues regarding children misusing the 'Music.ly' app. This is an app for children over the age of 13. This means that children below this age should not access it. The link below has advice for parents on how to manage your children's access to social media. I would urge you to read this, as it will help you to keep your children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/>

Dates for 2018-19

Autumn term

Autumn term begins Tuesday 4th September 2018

Half term 22nd-26th October 2018

Last day of autumn term Wednesday 19th December 2018

Spring term

Spring term begins Thursday 3rd January 2019

Half term 18th-22nd February 2019

Last day of spring term Friday 5th April 2019

Summer term *

Spring term begins Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Half term 27th- 31st May 2019

***Y6 SATS week is week beginning Monday 13th May 2019**

Last day of summer term Friday 19th July

The INSET days for next year are below.

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Best Wishes

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Mr G. Ward

Head teacher