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Whytemead News

May 2018

Year group notices:

EYFS

28th June trip to Littlehampton beach

Y1/2

14th June -Y2 Legacy Games

Yrs. 3/4/5/6

20th June- KS2 Legacy Games (selected pupils only)

Y3/4

3rd and 4th July Y4 residential –Lodge Hill.

Y5/6

18th-22nd June- Bikeability Y6

9th-13th July Y6 residential- Wild Child

Worthing Children's Parade- Saturday 16th June

As you may have noticed, we are busy getting ready for this year's Worthing Children's parade, which we have been told is now the third biggest children's parade in Europe! The theme of the parade this year, which will be taking place on the morning of Saturday 16th June, is Harry Potter and our big make is going to be Harry's close companion Hedwig the owl. The children attending the parade will be dressed as Owls with the usual array of props. If you are available to help with the making of the big make and props, we would love to see you anytime on Thursday afternoons, either before you pick up your children or after the end of the school day. Please let your child's teacher know if, and when you are available to help.

Can you help? We need a baby carrier backpack (with frame) so we can carry Hedwig in the parade. If you have an unwanted one (may not be able to return), please could you bring it to the office. Thank you.

Summer Fair

The summer fair is on Friday 22nd June 3.30pm- 5.30pm

If you able to help, please contact the PTA. The number of stalls we can have depends on the number of volunteers we have to run them. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.

Leading up to Summer Fair there will be three non- uniform Fridays.

Non- uniform Fridays

Friday 8th June- Hamper items

Friday 15th June- bottles/ jars/ sweets

22nd June- Homemade Cakes (nut free only)

Sports day

This year we will be holding sports day earlier in the term than previously. This year Sports day will be held **Monday 25th June**. Further information to follow nearer the time.

Keeping children safe online.

Lots of children are talking about playing Fortnite at the moment. Please see link below which is a useful guide for parents about the game.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fornite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

OFSTED.

All the staff wanted to say thank you for the messages of support that were collated and presented to us in a book. It was a very kind gesture and meant a lot to all of us. We will work very hard to continue improving but we will not change the things that parents love about the school and remain focused on ensuring your children enjoy their learning at Whytemead.

One of the areas identified in our recent Ofsted report was the issue of improving attendance. I thought it would be useful for you to see what attendance percentage means in terms of school days lost per year.

98% = 4 days	95% = 10 days	90% = 19 days	80% = 38 days
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Curently the school's average attendance stands at 95.11%. Expected attendance is 96%.

At the end of each half term, letters will go out to all parents and carers of children whose attendance is below 95% for that half term.

If a child's attendance is very poor you will be invited to meet and discuss how we can work together to improve attendance.

Any children with 100% attendance for the half term will receive a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw to have the chance to win a £10 amazon gift voucher.

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.

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 *

Summer 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



Mr G. Ward

Head teacher