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

Baby News

Mrs Edmunds gave birth to a little baby girl just before Christmas and mother and baby Imogen are both doing very well. Mr Pascoe became a father of little baby Felicity at the end of last term. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating both members of staff at this happy time.

Enable me

On Tuesday the 'Enable me' charity came to work with our Key stage 2 children. The aim of the day was to raise awareness about living with disabilities. The children spoke to adults living with disability and participated in wheel chair racing and Boccia. The children had a great day and 'Enable me' told me how brilliant the children were at asking really thoughtful questions. The children were asked to talk about what they had learned when they got home. So hopefully they have told you all about it!



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 6 received a brand new Lenovo tablet. The Friends also bought the children in Apple and Pear some new toys and games as well as a new train set play table. Keep an eye out for upcoming events on the Friends of Whytemead Facebook page and information letters.

Parents & Carers Forum

The next Forum meeting will be on Monday 26th February after school. Further details to follow nearer the time.

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/ joggers, 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.

Sports news

It has been a busy year already for Whytemead in terms of sports and competitions. Last term kicked off with the Y5 Penalty Shoot Out competition – a very soggy event indeed! Thank you to the boys and parents who braved the rain to be there. In November some of our children competed in the annual Worthing schools' cross-country competition – a real challenge which took lots of determination! Well done to all children (and parents) who took part. We also took part in a Y1/2 multiskills event, as well as a small schools Y5/6 indoor athletics competition. Both were lots of fun and our children did very well. The Y1/2 gymnastics competition was a great success, with both girls and boys performing their routines beautifully – well done! A special mention should go to our Y3/4 boys, who played in the small schools' competition against teams consisting of boys a lot older and bigger than them – your teamwork and determination was fabulous – well done! So far, 2018 has brought us the start of league football fixtures for the same team (playing in their own year group this time!) with which they have made a great start, winning both games played so far. Still to come this half term (8th Feb) we have the Y3 gymnastics competition, and are in need of another 3 boys to make a full team, so if you are interested please let Mrs Andrew know as soon as possible! Well done to all children involved in these and upcoming competitions, and a huge thankyou to parents for making it possible for your children to participate!

Snow

If we have severe snow; the decision may be made to close the school. I must stress that school closure is an absolute last resort; however, it may be necessary to ensure the safety of pupils and parents travelling to and from school and ensuring we have sufficient staff at school for your child to learn safely. If we do need to close the school due to snow, you will receive a text alert from the school. We will also post news on the school website and please listen to 'Splash FM' or 'BBC Radio Sussex'. A list of school closures is also posted on the WSCC website.



Diary dates

Mon 12th –Fri 16th February	Half term	
Monday 19th February	Inset day	
Monday 26th February	Parents forum Meeting	Details to follow
Friday 9th March	Yrs 5/6 Trip	South downs Planetarium
	Reports out to parents	

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.