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Welcome back from Half Term. We hope you all had a happy and relaxing break.

Staffing News

Welcome back Mrs Timba! Mrs Timba has returned from maternity leave to the Nursery and has had a really enjoyable week getting to know the children. You may already be aware that Mrs Coombes will be returning in September as Mrs Timba has decided to spend more time with her son, Joseph.

Toilets

We hope that everyone is delighted with the new toilet block. We are very pleased with the design and the children are enjoying the new space. Although we have a few finishing touches, the block will be officially opened in a few weeks time.

Reception Class Assemblies – Date Reminder for your diaries

Red	Friday, 18 th June 9.10 am
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West Wittering

Year 2 had two excellent trips to West Wittering this week. They loved splashing and paddling in the sea and experienced a stunning dune walk down at East Head, collecting shells, crabs and even the odd fossil! Many thanks to staff and parent/carer helpers who worked so hard to make this wonderful experience possible. Year 2 will now use this as the basis for their creative and writing work in the coming week.

Walk to School Week- next week

We are looking forward to our Annual walk to School Week next week. We welcome Debra the Zebra to Assembly on Monday morning to talk to children about the benefits of walking to school. You will also receive details about encouraging your child to walk to school every day next week. Remember if you have to drive, try and park a little further away and 'park and stride'. Once again, we will all be partaking in this year's BRAKE walking bus next Wednesday (16th June). Brake is a charity that supports victims and their families of road traffic accidents. Every year they ask thousands of school children to all walk at once on the same day to beat their previous numbers in the Guinness Book of Records for the world's longest walking bus!

Homework Club

Our KS1 homework club is up and running. Remember this is a drop in session for advice and support with home learning, open to all KS1 parents. It is held on Wednesday afternoons in Lime Class (from 3.40pm). The school has written to all parents of KS1 children who do not regularly complete homework to invite them in particular to the sessions – this means we have written to nearly 25% of KS1 parents/carers. Remember we expect all children to do some home learning and we are very happy to support parents/ carers in providing this.

Skipathon Week 7th June

Once again, we have supported the British Heart Foundation with a fantastic Skipathon. Every child has taken part enthusiastically and we are looking forward to collecting sponsorship money next week.

Wake Up, Shake Up and Punctuality

Now our toilet block is nearly complete we are looking forward to having a less congested start to the school day and hopefully this means that everyone can arrive on time for school everyday. Miss Purser will be resuming punctuality checks very soon and to help your child come eagerly and quickly to school we are going to offer an aerobics warm up to the day on Fridays. Mrs DeLange (formerly Miss Chapman of Yellow Class) will be running a Wake Up, Shake Up session for children, staff and parents/carers in the playground at 8.45am on Friday mornings. This will be in the main playground to some fun music and everyone is welcome to join in and start their day off with a bit of physical exercise! Our first Wake Up, Shake Up session began this morning and was a great success.

Junior News

Swimming Gala The Year 3 and 4 swimming Gala went off without a hitch despite having a packed race schedule (and a fire drill!) and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. The children entered into the spirit of the event and showed great teamwork, especially in the raft race where even Mr Wretham joined in jumping in the water to give some extra manpower! Red team won the Year 3 and 4 event but, taking the Y5/6 results into account, the overall winners of the Interhouse competition were Green team. The points will be added to the team's scores. The awarding of the Inter House cup is fast approaching and the children are working hard to earn team points for their team – it all adds up!

Summer Fair

Don't forget, it's the Summer Fair this Saturday!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mufti day today.

Please all do our 'sunshine dances!' Don't forget that Strand Infant Choir will be singing at 12.00 on the field.

Grovestock Saturday 19th June

We are looking forward to showing our support for next Saturday's local event in Grove Park. We will be taking our KS1 choir to perform with other school choirs from 5.30 pm in St Paul's Church, Grove Park.

Second Hand Uniform

Donations of good quality uniform and clothing are accepted all year round. Please leave your donations with the school office. There will be a second hand clothes sale on the first Friday back after half term. We have a good selection of summer dresses so please take a look before you purchase elsewhere.

Summer Weather

Now that there is the possibility of the weather getting warmer could you please make sure that your child comes to school with a labeled sun hat and suncream. Please do not let your child come to school in open toe sandals. Can we also remind you that jewellery is not allowed in school.

Tesco/Sainsburys Vouchers

If you have been collecting the Tesco or Sainsburys vouchers can you please bring them into school as soon as possible.

**** STAR AWARDS ****

Purple: Ramla, Kirstie, Tom **Yellow:** Abdibasis, Flora, Ella **Blue:** Diondre, Hasan, Sadaf
All of **Lime, Pink** and **Turquoise Classes** for their fabulous behaviour at West Wittering

School begins at 8.55 am
Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!