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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and sensible during this period of uncertain wintry weather: who would have believed it was the first day of Spring, meteorologically, on Thursday! This week has been another busy one, with World Book Day on Thursday, and some super learning going on in all the classes, culminating in Chestnut Class's assembly today and with a fire drill on a chilly lunchtime (the children were very good – quickly lined up and checked, as usual) mid-week.



The big news was the weather, however, and we have braved the snow to function as normal all week, with an early closure today due to the deteriorating forecast and continued amber warnings. Our communications have worked well and we are grateful to you all for making good decisions dependent upon your own local situations: we are aware that some estates, driveways and side roads have been more treacherous than many main roads.

There are some super photos of our snowy day today: we have had lots of fun in the classrooms as well as at playtimes in the snow. We also had hot chocolate and toast to help us to warm up after playtime! Chestnut Class assembly was super: informative, fun, well-presented, well-organised and high-quality. We learnt how to multiply fractions and use hyphenated compound adjectives! Well done for being flexible enough to do such a grand job, despite the depleted numbers.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have placed an advertisement on 'West Sussex Works' for a part time KS2 Teaching Assistant/Mid-Day Meals Assistant. If you would like further information contact the school office or you can visit <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk>.

WORLD BOOK DAY Please check that you all have your £1 token, which can be exchanged for a special WBD book, or put towards the purchase of another new book. See next week's newsletter for exciting information about reading and spelling in school and at home.

March

The week ahead.....

Saturday 3rd: Cormorant Swimming Gala - selected pupils - see letter for details

Monday 5th: Maths Enrichment at Chichester Cathedral - selected pupils

Zoolab visiting Apple Class

Huff & Puff Talk at 2.30pm - Apple Class parents/carers - please do come along if you can

Bikeability - Year 6 NB: BIKES SHOULD BE TAKEN STRAIGHT TO SINGLETON SCHOOL IN THE MORNING PLEASE

Clubs: Think Tank- Mrs Prudence (Y4,5,6) French- Mrs Crombie (Y3,4,5,6) Craft- Mrs Garfield (Y1,2,3)

Tuesday 6th: Bikeability - Year 6

Clubs: Gym - Miss Hall (Yr 2,3,4) Swimming - Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (selected pupils) Art - Mrs Moss (selected pupils)

Wednesday 7th: Bikeability - Year 6

Maple Class Assembly, 8.45am

ESSA Swim Gala - selected pupils

Clubs: Change for Life - AAA Coaching (Y2,3,4,5,6,) Cookery - Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall (Y3, 4, 5, 6)

Thursday 8th: Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut

Bikeability - Year 6

Bronze Ambassadors at Westgate - Selected Year 5

Clubs: Lego - Mrs Pearmine (Yr 3,4,5,6) Fun Fit (Yr2,3,4,5)

Friday 9th: Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

Clubs: Tag Rugby - AAA Coaching (Yr 4,5,6) Multisports - AAA Coaching (Yr 1,2,3) Strings - Miss Urquart (selected pupils)



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Huff and Puff - Parent Introduction, Monday 5th March at 2.30.

Apple class have the exciting opportunity to take part in Everyone Active's Huff and Puff programme to encourage some form of activity every day; this culminates in a big festival along side other local schools taking part.

On Monday 5th March we will have a representative coming into school to talk to parents of Apple class children to explain about the programme and how we can take part. This is following on from our Alive and Kicking week and we would like to have as many parents as possible to attend.

The actual festival will take place at Westgate Leisure Centre on Tuesday 17th April, 1.30-3.30, when children will invited to bring a grown up with them for the afternoon.

Further information will follow regarding the festival and information will be available for those unable to attend the initial presentation on Monday 5th March.



Thank you to all our grown ups in school and at home for making today such a fun and safe snow day!



*Acorn Awards
Friday 2nd March 2018*

*There were no Acorn Awards today,
we had Chestnut Class Assembly.*



Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 5th March - Maths Enrichment at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Monday 5th March - Zoolab visit to Apple Class

Monday 5th March - Huff & Puff talk - Apple Class parents/carers

Wednesday 7th March, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 9th March - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

5th - 9th March - Cycling Proficiency/Bikeability Week - Y6 pupils in the afternoons

Thursday 15th March - Governor Meeting

Thursday 15th March - PTA Film Night

Thursday 15th March - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Tuesday 20th March, 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Friday 23rd March 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd March - Guinness World Record Dance Attempt

Week commencing 26th March - Parents' Evenings & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 28th March 3pm - Pre-school bake sale

Thursday 29th March 8.45am - End of term Easter Assembly

Monday 16th April - Art on a Postcard closing date

Monday 23rd April - Thursday 26th April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Friday 28th April - Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

Thursday 24th May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Thursday 14th June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Monday 18th June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19th June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Monday 3rd September - Wednesday 19th December

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

NB: Autumn term INSET days are yet to be decided

Christmas Dates for 2018!

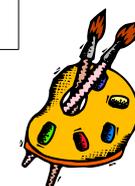
Friday 14th December - Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)

Monday 17th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

Monday 17th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church (children arrive 4:40 please)

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



Current Useful Information and Reminders

<p>Chichester District Foodbank</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the Chichester District Foodbank; we are going to continue to have a box in the Reception area to collect any items that you would like to donate and Mrs Jen Rogers has very kindly agreed to make regular deliveries of our goods.</p>
<p>Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.</p>
<p>Care Bears</p> 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Please make sure that you let us know, if you have booked a place and are collecting your child at 3.00, we are then able to release your Care Bears place to another child.</p>
<p>After School Clubs</p>	<p>Please do check the timetable for dates when the clubs will be running and for weeks when there are no clubs. Please also make sure that you have booked and paid for club places on schoolmoney.co.uk.</p>
	<p>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line. Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events. Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
<p>Late Arrivals</p>	<p>Just to clarify our timings: from 8:20, we have two members of staff on the playground to supervise children, which means adults can leave from then onwards. Children come into the classrooms, ready to learn, at 8:35, when the bell is rung. At 8:40, the register is taken. Any children arriving after this time enter through the main school entrance, so that we can ensure we keep children safe. From Monday 9th October, we will have a 'late arrivals' book in the entrance area so that we can log those children who are persistently late, as this will help to explain inconsistencies in the progress for some children, and is an important record of our attendance. Please do complete the 'late arrivals' book, giving the reason for your lateness. Please note that this is a parental responsibility. Children should be arriving at school with an adult - they will not put their own names in the book -we will expect the accompanying adult to complete this, please. I have asked our office staff to ensure this is adhered to. This enables lessons to be 'in full swing' by 8:45 at the latest, and means that we make good use of the time we have in school. Late Collections On a similar note, please ensure that you collect children on time after school and clubs. Our staff have many other responsibilities and are wasting valuable time waiting for children to be collected.</p>
	<p>PTA News: If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa (leisa.chambers55@gmail.com) or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)</p>