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Dear Parents and Carers,

School is beginning to feel a little more 'normal' now that we have seen most of you a couple of times. We hope that you have all adapted well to this limited timetable—the children certainly seem to have enjoyed seeing their teachers and friends again, and they have all accepted the routines and restrictions really well.

New entrants Some of our new entrants (YR pupils for September) joined us for short introductory sessions on Wednesday (and more will join us next week, on 8th July), in 'buddy pairs'. This was a great opportunity for them and their grown ups to ask questions, familiarise themselves with the school environment and enjoy a little social interaction with their peers. They particularly enjoyed our new water play equipment.

Our wonderful office team will still respond to email queries between 9am and 12 noon, and there is someone in school from 8:30 until 3pm, but we are often busy and may not always be able to answer the phone immediately.

If you have any suggestions or requests about how we can support you, please do get in touch.

September Plans

You will, no doubt, be wondering what our plans are for the next school year, from September, and may have heard some of the government's latest guidance. We will publish more details next Friday, but want to reassure you that we do intend to open fully for all pupils. There will be restrictions and safety precautions in place. We will probably stagger arrival and departure times; after school clubs will be extremely limited and classes will be kept apart from one another.

Please rest assured that we are putting plans in place to help everyone with the transition to this 'new normal' and will support the children as much as we can. Our governors, the staff and I will agree our options and prepare for this full opening, whilst being ready to 'tighten up' if there is a localised outbreak like the one currently being experienced in Leicestershire.

More information will be available in our next newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout these changing times.

PTA Plant Sales

Thank you for supporting us with our plant sales:

There is still a selection of plants available on the playground. Please do help yourselves if you would like any. Generous donations can be made on

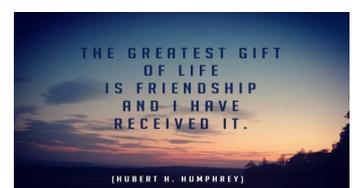
schoolmoney.co.uk.



Arrangements for Year 6 Leavers:

You will have received notification of our plans to invite our Year 6 families to have lunch with us, followed by our 'Zoom' virtual Leavers' Service and traditional Year 6 versus staff rounders match. If you haven't already done so, please could you complete the form by Tuesday 7th July at the latest, to allow us to place meal orders with The Dean Inn.

We would also like to invite our Year 6 families to join us for our Diocesan virtual leavers' celebration (please see attached letter for full details). We will be taking part in the Diocesan virtual leavers' celebration in school on Monday 13th July at 1.00pm and you are very welcome to join us, virtually at home, using the link to Diocesan website as detailed on the attached letter.



Drop off and Pick up Times and Procedures

We need to keep groups of pupils and parents apart to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19. Please park at a safe distance from others and keep 2m away in the school grounds.

Parents should be able to park safely in the school car park, but if you can walk to school, please please do so, to avoid congestion. If you can park at the Dean Inn, and safely cross the road, this will help reduce congestion too.

Our staggered drop off and pick up timings will help us all to keep a safe distance and prevent families arriving together, queuing and mixing of groups. Please respect these timings. If you are very early, please wait in your car.

Please do not stand and chat on the playground as this will result in congestion—we would love to chat and catch up, but we will prioritise safety over this.

We cannot run after school clubs as we cannot mix groups. Our hours are limited so that all our staff can support us with sanitising and cleaning the school, as well as continuing to provide the high quality home learning resources, planning and support.

School Money Accounts

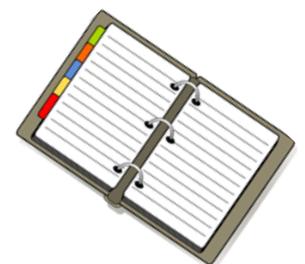
Please could you take a moment to log-in to your schoolmooney.co.uk account. We have been busy tidying things up and, hopefully, everything is in order ready to start fresh in September. However, here are some outstanding amounts. If you have any questions or queries please do get in touch and we'll do our best to help.

The settlement of any outstanding payments would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Important information regarding Y5/6 on line safety and conduct has been emailed to parents and carers of these children—see last week's email.
Please ensure that you read this and act on it as soon as you can.

Apple Class have a lovely sandpit that they no longer need, some photographs are attached. If you are interested, we are asking for a donation.

Please do let us know if you would like to come in and have a look at it.



Diary Dates 2020

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Autumn Term 2020 : Monday 7th September—Friday 18th December

Half term holiday: October 26th—30th

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June and Wednesday 1st July—CANCELLED

Monday 20th July

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Acorn Awards

During our partial school closure, we would like to continue with our Acorn Awards.

We have children working hard in school and at home.

Please send us pictures of the work you have done, and maybe pictures of you doing the work. This can be any sort of home learning which you are proud of.

The teachers will then select someone from each year group for our acorn award and we will publish these in the newsletter each Friday and in the entrance area.



Friday 3rd July 2020

Amelie - for communicating her brilliant ideas for writing a sentence

Henry - for brilliant work with capacity and for counting confidently in steps of 10

Harry - for his hard work in literacy today, for being so focussed and sharing some super answers with the class. Fantastic work!

Lucia - for fantastic independent work and learning all her tables

Mabel - for amazing column addition with decimals and exchanging

Elizabeth - for using the information from her friends so well to create a super Year 6 memory

Flora - for a mature approach in all her learning, showing us she is really ready for secondary school



Current Useful Information and Reminders:

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.

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.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on Schoolmoney.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

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.

Payment for spring term clubs and care bears has been credited to your school money account. For the children in year 6, this credit has been applied to a sibling account, where possible.



PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Governing Body News:

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community. We are meeting every couple of weeks or so via Zoom video sessions.

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin', on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.