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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of our school year and the whole staff team echo me in thanking all of you for your support in making this as positive as possible for everyone. We had a vision of how we could have as many of you as possible back in school as much as possible, for the last four weeks, safely and happily. We have achieved this and have given the children a little boost with their learning, the opportunity to see friends, some reassurance for the return in September and some West Dean Summer fun!

We are also all very grateful for your kind words and gifts—what a strange year this has been, but what an important lesson to us all about taking care of one another and working hard to achieve worthwhile goals. We are proud of the children, looking forward to a break and keen to make a great start in September.

Goodbye to our Year 6 Pupils

We are delighted that our Year 6 children and their families were able to join us for our Leavers' celebration on our school field. We had lunch, provided by The Selsey Arms, shared our memories and messages for the future via a video presentation, gave out our leaving gifts and had our traditional rounders game, staff versus Yr 6.

Families sat together in their own bubbles on picnic blankets, eating burgers followed by 'deconstructed Eton Mess', and socialising happily and safely. Mrs Wendy Goacher, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Prudence and I had saved video messages and prayers, which were enriched by the Y5 pupils sharing their memories of a Y6 friend. The Y6 pupils had the opportunity to compose and record their memories of West Dean School and we also had the traditional powerpoint presentation of photos of them throughout the past seven years, and a snapshot of what may be to come in the future. There was a happy atmosphere and a sense of gratitude for all we have had, all we have now and all we have to come. The children received a beautiful illustrated bible and a holding cross from the church, and a fabulous and memorable book about Planet Earth to remind them of their time with us.

For those of you who would like to view the presentation, we will put a link to it on each class page of the website, so that it is secure. Please only view/save/share this safely, and ensure it does not end up on social media etc.

In spite of all the restrictions we were able to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, all together, in a memorable, safe and positive way. We even let the children beat us in the rounders game—well done children—all your practice really paid off and you actually beat us fairly and squarely! Good luck, Year 6, for the future.

Poetry Book Cover Design Competition.

Please see attached details of our competition where you are invited to design a front cover for our West Dean poetry book. The closing date for entries is 1st September so you have plenty of time over the holidays to have a think about some ideas and designs.

News from the PTA:

The PTA would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who donated to the plant sale and fête plea. We have raised £525 collectively which will be put towards some exciting resources for September - watch this space! Have a wonderful summer everyone!

The PTA committee xxx

September Resourcing for Health and Safety

In September we would like Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 to return to school with a small, simple pencil case. The children will be sharing a table with another child so it is important that it is SMALL - similar to the one above, and no bigger than a 15 cm ruler.

Below is a wish list of items we would ideally like in the pencil case. *(However, if you are not able to provide any/some of the equipment we will provide these for the children in the first week of term.)*

PLEASE NAME EACH ITEM!

WISHLIST

- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 15cm ruler
- Max 10 coloured pencils
- Blue ballpoint pen/fine liner for editing (not a biro)
- Glue stick

This is an example of a suitable pencil case—we will accept any similar sized pencil case, in any colour or design, but without any key rings or similar dangling from it please!



https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quadra-Classic-Pencil-Case-French/dp/B06XCFFQJ1/ref=sr_1_11?crid=704FF2G60SPY&dchild=1&keywords=simple+pencil+case&qid=1594978836&prefix=si

September Plans

Currently, we have a draft timetable in place which allows all children to be in school, all day, each weekday. This follows the current guidelines from the DfE, WSCC, Public health England and the teaching unions. The restrictions in the current guidance are considerable and will impact greatly on provision in the classroom, but also on our lunchtime, arrival/departure and playtime arrangements. We have some options for this, but will wait until closer to the start of term before we finalise our plans.

We will probably be asking YR, Y1 and Y2 pupils starting school around ten minutes later than KS2 (Beech and Chestnut) classes. Similarly, at the other end of the day, we will probably ask KS2 pupils to leave ten minutes later than younger pupils.

More information will be available at the end of August/beginning of September, as we will continue our decisions and planning during August, responding to the national and local situation. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding throughout these changing times. We will confirm arrangements with you as soon as is practicable—we do not want to publish plans only to change them at the last minute!

HAVE A NIGHT OUT IN THE SELSEY ARMS!

Our staff team have recently had a lovely evening in the village pub - The Selsey Arms—where we were looked after really well. The food was superb and the service friendly. With reduced customers, the pub is running a very reduced menu midweek, but, with advance ordering, can put on a fabulous and reasonably priced spread, for a group. The social distancing and health and safety is effective but not obtrusive and we thoroughly recommend a pre-booked visit. thank you to Nikki, Bethan and the staff over the road!

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, there 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.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to continue with our Yoga classes in school.

Debbie Albon is still teaching Yoga, but online via Zoom (everyone is on mute for teaching), if any of our parents and carers are interested for over the summer holidays; children are welcome too as long as an adult stays present!

Class days and times as follows:

Mon 10-11am / £6

Weds 10-11am / £6

Thurs 6-7.15pm / £8

Fri 10-11.15am / £8



Further information and any queries please contact:

Deborah.albon@gmail.com,

Namaste,

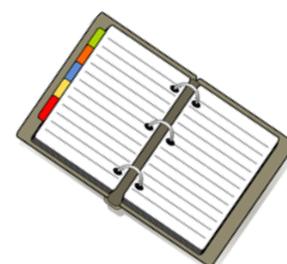
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Diary Dates 2020

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

Monday 7th September - Return to school for Year 1—6

Thursday 10th September, 10.00 - Hugo Van Driel outdoor assembly

Monday 14th September - Return to school for Reception children

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 17th July 2020

Hettie A - for being an amazing super hero

Ollie - for always doing his best and working hard

Maple - for being the most fantastic class to teach. You have all worked so hard and I am so proud of every single one of you

Daisy - for her quiet focus and hardwork in the KS2 Rainbow bubble

Darcy - for being a super role model, a supportive friend and a help to others

Tallulah - for her consistently hard working attitude and kindness in everything she does

Ewan - for being an amazing Year 6 in everyway. Good luck in your next steps



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.