



**West Dean Church of England Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

We have celebrated several sporting events this week in our assembly and have had super reports about the performance and behaviour of our pupils—well done to Beech and Chestnut Class for representing us so well. We have some promising golfers, bowlers and batters in our midst!

**Rev Kev** will sadly be leaving the parish to take up a new post in Bexhill. His last Sunday service will be in West Dean Church on Sunday 23rd June, 10.00-11.00. There will also be a farewell party at The Rectory during the afternoon of the 23rd, from 1.00 onwards. Following this, there will be a period of 'interregnum' when we will be without a parish priest, but supported by the diocese.

### **John Lewis Community Matters Scheme**

We have received news that the Community Matters scheme that we have been a part of in John Lewis has raised the amazing amount of £716 for our school.

Members of our School Parliament will be invited along to receive the cheque.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school during your shopping visits in John Lewis store.



### **Goodwood Racecourse—tickets**

We have 4 tickets for the Family Race Day on Sunday 9th June for the Gordon and Lennox Enclosure worth £15 each, children are admitted free to this event.

If anyone would like to make a donation to school for these tickets please do come in and ask at the office.

### ***The week ahead..... May 2019***

#### **SATs & assessments this week**

**Monday 13th:**

**Tuesday 14th :**

**Wednesday 15th: West Dean Parish Council Meeting—Yr 6 MPs & Mrs Moss**

**Thursday 16th:**

**Friday 17th : Quaddkids Yr5/6**

#### **Class Assembly Dates—Summer Term**

**Apple Class - Thursday 23rd May**

**Maple Class - Thursday 6th June**

**Beech Class - Tuesday 11th June**

**Chestnut Class—Thursday 20th June**

#### **Environment Day and Forest School Plans**

Please do come and join in with our environment day on Thursday 23rd May, straight after Apple Class assembly.

We will have a list of jobs to do in the environmental area and our grounds so any time, skills and expertise that you are able to give would be very much appreciated.

Please do let us know if you are available and willing to help us out.

We also have plans for Forest School activities over the coming terms, and will have 'jobs' to do in preparation for this, both on 23rd May, and leading up to/ following this. We would really appreciate some help and expertise too!



This coincides with polling day, so Chestnut Class will be out of their classroom whilst the European elections take place. This is a nuisance, but we are pleased that we negotiated this option, rather than closing the school every time there is an election!

### **Staffing News: appointments**

I am delighted to inform you that we have offered a permanent, full time teaching position to Miss Ashton, one of our interviewees from last Thursday, and she has accepted. Miss Ashton is familiar with the school from work experience here, prior to her teacher training; now that she has qualified and had some teaching under her belt, she is well placed to come and join our team. Our plan is that Miss Ashton will take over from Miss Hall when she leaves, and that she will join us for some transition activities and sessions over the coming months. She was a firm favourite for the post with our skilled and demanding pupil parliament interview panel, and we are excited to welcome her to school.

We are in the process of finalising a further appointment, which will bring added expertise in the Special Educational Needs area of our school, and a pair of experienced and able hands to work alongside Mrs Johnson in Beech Class. These appointments will take effect from September, but there will be some transition work before then. We will confirm this next week, as our appointments, although highly beneficial, will stretch our staffing budget! Our governors and I are in agreement that the investment in additional quality staff is worth every penny, and I am sure you will all support us in this.

### **Staffing News: A sad loss to our team**

I am extremely sorry to bring you the sad news of the loss of Gill Garfield, who passed away this week. Gill, wife to Keith (our premises officer) and grandma to Harry in Y6, has been a willing and valued volunteer in the school for many years, throughout her granddaughter Molly's time with us and up until the present day. We all feel her loss keenly and extend our love and condolences to the whole family. Keith hopes to come back into school on Monday, when we will provide him with plenty to do as usual, and wrap him and his family in the love of the West Dean School family. I know that you will join me in this—he will not want any fuss but appreciates all the warm wishes from everyone.

The children will miss Gill greatly—she was a generous, kind, nurturing, creative soul, who never wanted anything in return for the time and energies she gave to support our pupils, the community café, the after school craft clubs, the school library etc etc. Please do discuss this with your children at home if you feel it appropriate—we have talked about human frailty and end of life in our assembly, when we wondered 'Where do we go when we disappear'. (This is a lovely book which asks lots of open-ended questions and allows for individual interpretation). Gill was such a caring person: there will be a place in heaven for her and we will pray for her in her final resting place.

### **Tri-Golf - Sports Partnership**

We had another Sports Partnership event this week; Jen Rogers took x8 Year 3/4 children to Tri-Golf and Chichester Golf Club in Hunston. The children were able to test their skills and play with children from 14 other schools in this fun golfing event.



### **Oakwood School—Mini Olympics Event**

Mrs Goacher and Mrs Clemens took all of our Year 6 children to take part in the Mini-Olympics event at Oakwood School this morning. They took part in a variety of events, including sprint, hurdles, vortex throwing and long jump, along with children from Bosham and Oakwood school. The children then enjoyed a picnic pizza lunch which Oakwood very kindly provided.



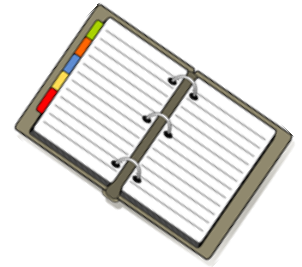
Year 6 children  
at Oakwood mini-  
Olympics.

## Diary Dates 2019

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

2018/19 INSET days



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership event, Quadkids Athletics (selected year 5/6)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May —after Apple Class assembly - Grounds Day—any help greatly appreciated! See the flyer next week for details!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30 - Community Café

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Maths event at Oakwood

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected pupils)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30-2.45—STEM at Bourne Yr 5

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Partnership—Girl's Football Tournament

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June—Apple Class Visit to West Dean Church

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Yellow School Photographs

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June—Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Bikeability

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2—4pm—School Fete

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1.15 - Year 6 Leaver Service at Chichester Cathedral

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July—INSET Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected pupils)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, matinee and evening - WATER Show—tickets only

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00 onwards - Sports afternoon, PTA BBQ and Y6 rounders game V staff

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of the school year—end of year assembly 8:45—all welcome

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 10th May 2019*

*Felix B - for such a positive attitude towards all his learning*

*Aven - for a brilliant piece of writing using adjectives*

*Emma - for showing more mature learning behaviours – helping her to improve her work*

*Elliot - for answering his guided reading questions with full, detailed sentences using the text to help him*

*James - Hooray!! For answering the guided reading questions with full sentences*

*Leo - for confident and accurate use of new grammatical concepts in writing*

*Maia - for taking her time to read questions carefully before answering and taking a more considered approach to her written work*



## West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Summer 1

Summer Term 2019

First half of summer term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>	Miss Hall	14	Girls Football	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Prudence	9	K'NEX	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matt Horstead	10	Football x3	£ 15.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5,
<b>Thursday</b>	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	35	Summer Sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,
	Mrs Plackett	10	Yoga	£ 25.00	Yr 1 & 2

Club Dates:

W/C 22nd, 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May x 5 weeks

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk).

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

**Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.**

**Please Note: Football club will only run for 3 weeks this term:**

**24th April, 1st and 8th May. No Football club 15th or 22nd May**

[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](http://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.



**AAA Coaching Dates Available:**

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (Inset)

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th July 2019 (Summer)

Please contact [ben@aaacoaching.co.uk](mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk) for further details and to book places. Please could we ask that places are booked and paid for in advance of the day to enable Ben to plan for appropriate staff cover. We would like to avoid children turning up on the day expecting a place to be

## 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.**

### PTA News:

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