



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

### **School Events this week:**

Mr Chambers took 3 of our Beech class children to a maths challenge at Christ's Hospital in Horsham. "We had a fantastic day out at Christ's Hospital. Everyone was amazed by the school and its grounds. It felt more like a city (or a small town at least!) than a school. As if the whole of West Dean was our school.

Unfortunately the Christ's Hospital Band Lunch Parade was cancelled due to a sharp rain shower (you can see what it would have been like on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzN8bAk98wA>)

After (not) seeing that, we all went into a large hall, where the Maths Challenge took place. The children competed against 30+ other schools in some tough challenges, involving dice, cards, tangrams, dominoes, and a multiple choice test. We weren't placed in the top three, but everyone enjoyed the activities, and felt they did well in some challenges, if not quite so well in others!



We then went to the (massive) Main Dining Hall for "tea" - sausages, chips, beans, cookies. And then home, singing away to hits, modern and old. A great day!"

### **Dance House**

Nine girls from Beech and Chestnut Class danced their socks off on Wednesday evening, at the Alexandra theatre in Bognor Regis to the music of Queen. They were unstoppable! Miss Hall and the girls chose the music together and co-choreographed the dance. The in-school rehearsals were fun and an opportunity to create. The rehearsal at the theatre gave the girls the chance to see other schools' performances as well as to polish theirs. After a refreshing play on the beach and a refuelling stop at a local restaurant, the girls were made up with glitter and plaits, and ready to sparkle. The performance included skilful lifts, shimmies, jiving, slides, spins and jumps: there were paired and group sections, all topped off with a super group bow at the end. 'Don't Stop Me Now', by West Dean, had the audience on their feet clapping, and was hugely entertaining. Miss Hall and Mrs Moss were very proud of the girls' performance and their behaviour - the loudest claps and cheers for other schools came from West Dean!

Visit our website gallery for more photos: [www.west-dean.eschools.co.uk](http://www.west-dean.eschools.co.uk)

### **Class Assembly Dates, 8.45:**

**Tuesday 19th March - Chestnut Class**

### **The week ahead..... March 2019**

### **No After School Clubs this week**

#### **Monday 4th:**

Chestnut Class visit to France—leaving school at 6.15am

Yr 3 Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral for selected pupils

#### **Tuesday 25th : Shrove Tuesday**

#### **Wednesday 6th:**

#### **Thursday 7th:**

**World Book Day**—Dress as your favourite book character

**Friday 8th :** Chestnut Class return approx. 20:15

**HELP PLEASE!** We are looking at the possibility of having a **marquee** on the school field for our summer term production. If anyone has any expertise or contacts, or could get us 'mates' rates', please do let us know!

#### **World Book Day—Thursday 7th March 2019**

We are inviting all the children in Apple, Maple and Beech classes to dress up as a favourite book character for our World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March. We would also like to invite the children to bring in a favourite book with associated items to make up a story sack/box; this could include for example, a puppet made at home or an object which would help to tell the story. There are plenty of ideas on -line (pinterest) or pop in and ask one of us.

These will be shared in school among the classes and can then be taken home on Friday 8th March for your child to enjoy at home.

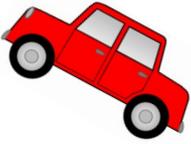
Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy things, use your creativity, things that you have at home/charity shops etc.



Don't forget to visit our book 'Swap Shop' in the Pavilion, open every day, 8.15-8.45, 2.45-3.15.

## Car Parking -

It has been brought to our attention that car parking is becoming increasingly difficult in The Dean car park. Please could we ask that you exercise caution and etiquette when using this car park. Please make sure that you park in the marked bays and take extra care when entering and exiting the car park, respecting other vehicles.



Parents with children in Reception, with young siblings or with disability are able to use our car park.

Please support us with our road safety logistics and keep everyone safe. If you would like a hi-vis vest, please ask at the office.

## Missing Football Kit

We are missing a West Dean Football Team Kit—this was taken home after one of our sports partnership events and not returned. If you have a size 10 football kit, please could you return it to school.

We are also missing some black goal keeper socks—if you have these at home, please could you return them to school.



## John Lewis - Community Matters Scheme.

We have been very lucky to secure a 'tube' in the John Lewis store in Chichester as part of their 'Community Matters' Scheme. This Scheme allows for 3 good causes to have a tube in the store and each time you spend a certain amount of money you are given a green counter to place in the tube of your choice. At the end of the 3 month period each cause has a share of the £3000 dependant upon how many counters they have. If you do happen to be shopping in John Lewis between February and April and you are offered a green counter, please do place it in our West Dean tube and tell your family and friends too. This is part of our ongoing fundraising by the School Parliament Finance department.; thank you to Ashton and Rafi

## AAA Coaching Dates Available:

AAA Coaching will not be running during the Easter Holidays.

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 available.

## School Parliament News: Finance & Fundraising

Our 'penny' jar is still in the reception area and we have currently collected £12.65 in small change. Please do keep looking in your pockets for any loose change that you can help to keep our jar full—thank you for your support.

Our Swap Shop is back— Our Book Swap Shop is open from 8.15-8.45 and 2.45-3.15 every day next week, come in and have a browse! So far, this week, we have raised £62.06, thank you for supporting us.

Don't forget to join The Giving Machine Community Fund and select West Dean as your chosen cause when shopping on-line.

## Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign

We have discussed the future of the swimming pool with our governors and are committed to providing this super learning opportunity for the foreseeable future. We are now in the process of having work carried out to repair and replace the coping stones around the swimming pool in preparation for opening in the summer term. Thank you to those of you who have 'sponsored' a coping stone, we are currently working on our 'plaque' which will be displayed in the pool area. There are still coping stones available and if you would like to 'sponsor' a stone with your child's name this is available on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk), £25.00.

We are also in need of some 'tlc' and maintenance in the changing rooms; if any one is able to help us with this, please do come into the office and let us know. Thank you for your continued support with this, our current swim squad have been training hard in preparation for their 3 Gala events coming up shortly and thank you to Mrs Goacher and Mrs Johnson for their continued hard work and dedication.



## Vacancy - Clerk to the Governors

We had recently appointed a new Clerk to the Governors, to attend the meetings, take the minutes and support the Governing Body with their roles and duties. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, this has not been successful for the appointee and we now have a vacancy.

The position would be for 1 hour per week and to attend Governing Body meetings, 1 per half term, 6.00-8.00pm.

If you think you would like to get involved in supporting the school and the governing body please do ask at the office for further details.

## Diary Dates 2019

**Spring Term 2019:** Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**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



### Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Monday 4th March**—Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral for selected Year 3

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day—dress as a favourite book character

**Tuesday 12th March**—David Fuller, author visiting school

**Tuesday 12th March, 1.30-3.30** - Sports Partnership 'Future Flyers' (selected children) at Westgate

**Wednesday 13th March** - ESSA Swim Gala (details to follow)

**Wednesday 13th March 6.30pm** - Corporate Challenge (optional)

**Thursday 14th March, 9.30-11.30** - GAS 'Little Big Sing' at The March School, Year 2

**Thursday 14th March, 9.30—11.30** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Thursday 14th March, 1.30-3.30** - Sports Partnership Quick Sticks Hockey event at The Regis (selected)

**Monday 18th March, 1.15-2.45** - GAS STEM Enrichment at West Dean (yr 3&4 selected)

**Tuesday 19th March, 8.45**—Chestnut Class Assembly

**Wednesday 20th March**—Apple Class visit to Goodwood Farm

**Thursday 21st March, 9.30-11.00**—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Friday 22nd March, 1.30-3.30** - Sports Partnership Sportshall Athletics Event for Year 3/4

**Saturday 23rd March**—Cormorants Swimming Gala (details to follow)

**Monday 25th March** - Beech Class visit to Novium in Chichester

**Tuesday 26th March, 3.15—5.00** - Parent Consultation Evening & Scholastic Book Fayre

**Wednesday 27th March, 12.00—4.00** - SSP Arun Swimming Gala

**Wednesday 27th March, 3.15—6.00**—Parent Consultation Evening & Scholastic Book Fayre

**Wednesday 27th March, 6.30** - Corporate Challenge in Chichester

**Thursday 28th March, 9.30-11.30** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Wednesday 3rd April, 1.15-2.45** - Rainbow Theatre Company in School, The Easter Story

**Thursday 4th April, 9.30-11.30** - Last Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Friday 5th April, 9.55**—Michael Pring Judo introduction in assembly

**Friday 5th April, 1.30-3.30** - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Event at Bishop Luffa

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 1st March 2019*

*George* - for being a kind friend to others in Apple Class

*Felix J* - for focussing on your work and always doing your best

*Robert* - For using powerful words and a variety of sentences to start a fantastic piece of writing about the Great Fire of London

*Darcy* - for her great attitude in the classroom - an example to others and always supportive to all children

*Tallulah* - for her descriptive gladiator writing with complex sentences and dramatic vocabulary

*Cameron* - for ensuring that he reads regularly at home, - reading is the key to success

*Tristram* - for 'having a go' and taking the opportunity to converse in French and make sure he is well prepared for our trip!



## West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

**After School Clubs**  
**Spring Term 2019**

**Spring 2**  
**second half of spring term**

x4 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Mrs G Moss	10	Art	£ 20.00	Yr 1,2,3,4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matt Horstead	10	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 20.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Miss Hall	14	Dance	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	35	Sports	£ 20.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C , 25th Feb, 11th March and 18th March and 1st April

**No Clubs W/C 4th March as this is Chestnut class French Residential .**

**No Clubs W/C 25th March as this is Parents' Evening week.**

**No Football Club on Wednesday 13th March**

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 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

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.**

**AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 15th February, which is an Inset day.**

**During the Easter Holiday : Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April.**

**To book a place please contact Ben Johson [ben@aaacoaching.co.uk](mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk)**

### Exciting news: Judo

For the summer term club schedule we will be introducing a new Judo club on Thursday run by Mr Michael Pring. Mr Pring teaches Judo in a number of West Sussex and Hampshire schools currently and previously taught here at West Dean. Children taking part in the club will also have the opportunity to take part in Michael's external community Judo club if they wish to further enhance their expertise.

Look out for further information and details nearer to the summer term. Mr Pring will be coming into school on Friday 5th April to introduce himself to the children and do a little introductory session.



### Yoga at West Dean:

**We will be introducing our new Yoga club in the Summer term for children in Year 1 and 2. Mrs Plackett will be running this on Friday afternoons—look out for further details shortly.**



**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.

## 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.