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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for all your support for our wonderful WATER H2EAU show! We are so proud of the children for their superb performances, and for the hard work and learning which was showcased on stage.



Our thanks go to the staff team, also, for having the vision and creativity to build this show with the children, and to enable them to learn SO much about water.

You should all now know:

- How to keep the drains clean and safe
- How to stay hydrated and healthy
- How to avoid using plastic and especially not to do anything to pollute our oceans (and seas!)
- What we are on the planet for
- How the water cycle works
- How water is important to every religion and culture, since we were on the planet
-and so much more!

Our final week of the year is jam-packed full of special occasions and exciting learning. Make sure you join us for Sports afternoon! if you are free for our final assembly of the year, we will be saying 'goodbye' to Miss Hall and our Y6s, as well as celebrating our achievements for the year. Please make sure children have plenty of sleep so that they all remain happy and energetic throughout!

We will feedback from our school review next week and our dates will be shared too.

We have already made a start on our planning for next year: each class has exciting projects and visits in the pipeline. KS2 will learn djembe drumming in the Autumn term and all classes will have a growing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics) focus throughout the year, culminating in a Summer term STEM FAIR. There will be lots of other subjects too, and our staff team are well-poised to make a great start!



The week ahead..... July 2019

Pool open

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday : 1.00, GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Tuesday: Transition afternoon & new entrants' visits

Wednesday : 1.00, Sports afternoon followed by Year 6 rounders & PTA BBQ/Picnic and Pinks Vintage Ice Cream **ALL WELCOME! SEE BELOW!**

Thursday : 1.30, Leavers' Service at West Dean Church—Y6 parents welcome

Friday: 8.45, End of Term Assembly, all welcome

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

Please join us for Sports Afternoon and afterwards for a social event: our Bring Your Own (BYO) BBQ!

BBQs will be provided—just bring your own food to grill and your own drink/picnic sets and rugs etc.

We will entertain you with the Y6 PUPILS V STAFF rounders game!

There will also be an ice-cream van on site.

Chichester Foodbank:

The school holidays are particularly difficult for low income families and without the free school meals the food banks are put under a lot of pressure so extra donations are really appreciated. Jen Rogers will do a final food bank delivery on Friday 19th July, so please do bring any donations for our 'basket'. There is a list attached of things that they desperately need.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our H2EAU Water Show

We also filled our Water Aid charity bucket. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

'WaterAid started in 1981 because no non-profit like us existed. We are determined to make clean water, reliable toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation. Only by tackling these 3 essentials, in ways that last, can people change their lives for good.'

(wateraid.org)

BALANCE BIKES? We want to get our little ones cycling: can you help?

Following on from our successful Bikeability week last week with year 6, we would like to ask if anyone has any balance bikes that they have that could possibly be donated to the school to use with the younger children in preparation for our future cyclists. Please do let us know if you can help.



Beech Class visit to Del Quay and Chichester Harbor—Thursday 4th July

Today we met at Fishbourne Meadows to learn about rivers. We learnt the names for different parts of a river such as- a bend is called a meander and the deep water is called a channel. We learned that when the water flows it breaks down the sides of the banks and carries the mud away, this is called erosion which happens on the outside bank. On the inside bank the mud is collected and this is called deposition.

We then walked to Dell Quay, it was a very long way but we managed. It was a very beautiful place and we learnt that is an AONB which stands for Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. On the way we passed the salt marshes, they are made up of sand, mud flats and reeds and provide lots of food for the birds.

Did you know that over 10,000 Brent Geese come to the salt marshes at Fishbourne to feed in the winter?

We ended the day with making seashore pictures and crabbing!



We desperately need some **spare towels** to keep in school for our swimmers please—we have plenty of spare kit at the moment but we don't have any towels. Also, just a reminder, that if you have borrowed kit from school, please could it be returned. Children need their swimming kit in school every day please, named and in a named bag.

Schoolmoney.co.uk

Please could I remind you to log in to your school money account to clear any outstanding balances before the end of term, particularly for those children who will be leaving us. I would like to ensure that all outstanding balances are cleared ready for a fresh start in September, so please do log in and check that your account is clear. If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Lost Property:

Please could you check our lost property bin for any items that you may be missing.

The bin will be emptied of any remaining items over the summer term so anything that is not claimed will be taken to the clothing bank.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS



'Emma Milne currently has space for woodwind lessons in September during the school day. Clarinet, saxophone and flute lessons are offered to year 3 and up, as well as recorders to year 1 and up. Please email emma.milne@westsussexmusic.co.uk for more details or to register an interest. Hopefully some new groups will be able to start in September!'



School Reports

A heartfelt plea!

The teachers have spent a lot of time and a great deal of thought and care on the reports for your children. We hope that you have found them useful and informative. Please do share them with your children and email feedback to the school office. Each year, we listen to feedback and fine-tune the reports—we have purchased headphones to aid parents listening to the reports on parents' afternoons, for example. Any feedback will be shared with the appropriate teachers, and will be very much appreciated!

Diary Dates 2019

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July

2018/19 INSET days

Monday 22nd July 2019, Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Monday 15th July—GAS Sports at Boxgrove

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

Thursday 18th July—1.30, Leavers Service at West Dean Church

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

Diary Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th Decemberr

Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

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

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2019/20 INSET days

Monday 2nd September, Friday 25th October, Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

The Carnival of the Animals

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Chartres Art Competition

We have been listening to *Carnival of the Animals* in our assemblies, and we love the way Camille Saint-Saens composed his zoological fantasy in such a light-hearted way. It is hard to believe he didn't want people to hear it, because it is now so popular and we think it is very clever. We all think it is acceptable to be inspired by other artists, just as Saint-Saens was. We can recognise each of the fourteen separate works now and we could not decide which we liked best!

We used a super app to show us the musical score and the story. It uses cartoons and clips of an orchestra to bring it to life. We love the music: the aquarium piece fits perfectly with our work on saving the planet because we are learning about water and how precious it is to us all.

We chose the plastics and CDs to make fish instead of throwing them away because they might end up polluting the sea.

We used these ideas to help us with planning for our part in the H2EAU show.

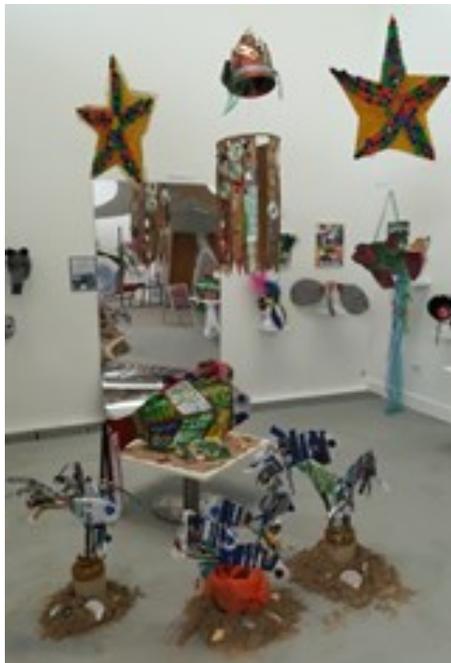
At West Dean we have been learning about water and how it affects our lives. We have been focusing on the sea and we have made sea animals out of recycled materials.

Our work was exhibited in Chichester University and some of it might go to France to be on show there.

We were highly commended for our creativity and for our messages about the environmental issues.

We used different ribbons, sharpies and buttons to decorate the jellyfish tentacles and a bucket to make its head.

All of us also made a fish using newspaper to create the stripes.



Acorn Awards
Friday 12th July 2019

George T - for brilliant singing and "bobbing up and down" in the show

Aven - for her fantastic passing of sounds in the storm scape and bringing the class together

Rupert - for his super performance in our show

Josh - for really embracing his role in the play and overcoming the beginning of the week nerves

Mia A - for endless enthusiasm during her time on the stage in both singing and dancing, it was joyful!

Pip - for saying the words in the sketch clearly, loudly and with super expression; a performance to be very proud of, well done!

Esther - for delivering her lines with confidence, presence and humour and for making our audience feel welcome as they entered the hall



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:

What an amazing fete (Over £4000!) and a lovely day to be involved in. what a super show, with fabulous 'pre-drinks' and 'afternoon tea' - all thanks to our wonderful PTA, cleverly led y Jen Rogers. 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)

All are welcome to support in any way whatsoever!

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.