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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful whole school assembly outside this morning, where we sang together and enjoyed music. We also celebrated our Acorn Award winners and prayed together. We plan to carry out our collective worship outside whenever the weather allows, as it is a great way of us coming together as a community.

Amongst other highlights of the week was the 'Call my Bluff' Zoom evening, which was a fun and safe way for parents and carers to get together for a bit of a giggle. Thank you to our PTA for organising this & the film night.

WORD POWER

Maths—Word of the Week

PRODUCT

The **product** is the answer to a multiplication calculation.

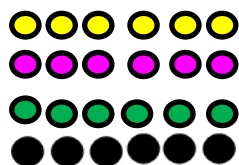
The **product** of 6 and 4 is 24 because $6 \times 4 = 24$

6 lots of 4 are 24

6 multiplied by 4 is 24

6 times 4 is 24

This is an **array** to show the calculation >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>



Lego (and other) Swap Cards

Please could we ask that Lego swap cards are not brought into school please. At a time when we are avoiding the sharing of any resources and trying to keep a distance from one another, these are a source of confusion & temptation for children, as well as a potential and unnecessary source of viral spread.

You will have received information regarding the new NHS Track and Trace app.

Please do keep up to date with news and advice, and act accordingly, to keep us all safe.

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk>

PTA Bubble Film Night

Please see attached PTA poster giving information about their exciting **Bubble Film Show**.

The films showing are PG and by signing up and paying on school-money.co.uk you are consenting for your child to watch the designated film for that year group.



PLAYGROUND HAPPINESS

Please have a chat with your children about their friendships and their behaviour at playtimes. It will really help them if they can explain and explore their feelings. We are noticing that lots of children are finding friendships difficult to navigate. Some are leaving one another out of games; some are worried about being left out; some are being very boisterous and rough. We have spoken to the whole school about this and will help them. It is harder for them at the moment, as they are not allowed to play with other year groups, and this is restricting their free play. We are very lucky, however, to have the fabulous space, and we have ordered lots more playtime toys.

Parent Consultation Evenings.

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our 'Zoom' Parent Evening appointments. This is a new way of working for us and while it wasn't without its challenges, it was, on the whole, a safe and successful way of holding these meetings during these current times. Thank you for your support and for bearing with us!

Please see attached information regarding the **Chichester Priory Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020**. Please bring your filled shoeboxes into school on Monday 2nd November 2020. Additional dedication labels are available from the school office; please let us know if you need one for your box.

Please could we ask that **one parent or carer only** comes onto the playground at drop-off and pick-up times. This will help us to adhere to social distancing

Parking Please could you all remember that the school car park is reserved for parents and carers of Apple Class pupils only, and for those transporting very young pre school children.

This will help us to keep the area safe for all our families.



Diary Dates 2020

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

Half term holiday: October 26th—30th

Spring Term 2020: Monday 4th January

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Thursday 21st October, 3.00 - PTA Film Bubble Afternoon

Monday 2nd November - Return Shoeboxes to school—Pavilion

Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly—time tbc

Friday 13th November—Children in Need

Monday 16th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs - Individuals and Siblings

Thursday 19th November - Hugo Van Driel, Whole School Assembly

Thursday 26th November, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 8th December - KS1 Drama Workshop—Fairytale and Fables

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch (details to follow)

DIGGING FUN AT PLAYTIMES

We are building an outdoor 'informal' **digging area** where the children can play and explore, use a variety of tools and materials and generally get stuck in the mud! This is simply another exciting playtime resource which we know the children will enjoy.

Sleepers are arriving next week and Mr Staples will be busy on construction.

We would like to ask if anyone has any old garden tools, trowels, forks etc. that we could use and/or any construction toys, dumper trucks etc.

Thank you for your support.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see attached information regarding AAA Coaching after school club provision, starting after half term.

Lots of children have already secured their places and we are confident that this will be viable for Mr Johnson and will be able to go ahead.

Please log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk if you would like to book a place for your child, there are still some places left.

NEED CHILDCARE FOR A SIBLING OF A CHILD ATTENDING Mr Johnson's club? Mrs Moss has kindly agreed to run a 'care bear club' after school on a Friday, for siblings of these children only. Numbers will be restricted and the two 'bubble' groups will be kept separate in the hall.



Acorn Awards

Friday 16h October 2020

Finlay - for your super work at home with your phonics and maths. This is making a great difference to your learning in school

Henrietta - for your enthusiasm and hard work in your learning. You always have a kind attitude to others. Super!

Sebastian - for your fantastic work in art. Your leaf printings were amazing and you used lots of creative ideas

Aven - for your perseverance in maths, your confidence is increasing everyday—keep up the hard work and believe you can do it!

Robert - for excellent independent use of technology to help you compose, write and edit your sentences

Willow - for your effort and motivation to ensure a consistently high standard in your homework. Well done, you are a super 'WAGOLL'!

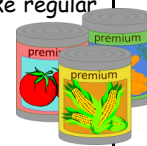


Lizzie - for making sure that your work in school and at home is well presented and precise. Well done, you are a super 'WAGOLL'!

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

September 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the **Chichester District Foodbank**; we 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.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

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 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 currently recruiting for two new parent governors—see above for details—we would love to have you on board!

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.