



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a restful Easter holiday and that you have enjoyed some relaxed family time. The Summer term has started beautifully with a taste of things to come: the sunshine has reminded us that sun lotion and hats are needed! Please ensure you protect your children well: we will continue to play out in the mornings and at lunchtimes, with many PE and other lessons being held outdoors whenever possible. We will also have lunch outside when a spell of settled warm weather arrives: although we have plenty of shade, the sun is strong at this time of year.



We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning this term, including an assembly theme around our individual talents and characters: 'What makes me, me'. We will be celebrating children's achievements in and out of school as well as exploring different shaped families, cultural differences and the unique nature of every single human being! Later this term, we will all be learning about Spain and Spanish culture, and exploring our links with the community in Mexico.

There will be lots of opportunities for you to get involved and we have lots of visits, visitors, events etc planned throughout the term, so do keep abreast of the newsletters and diary dates!



Thank you to all of you who joined in our **Easter Readathon**,

our total raised so far is £195.



We hope that you have enjoyed all the lovely reading and don't forget to share the books that you have loved with your friends.

Please remember to bring in your sponsor money so that our School Parliament can calculate the final total.

AAA Coaching

Thank you to Ben for running another successful holiday club for us over Easter. This facility, however, will not be available during the May half term due to reduced numbers attending and late bookings. AAA Coaching will be running for the first week of the summer holidays so if you would like a place please make sure you book in advance by contacting ben@aaacoaching.co.uk 07788661316

Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped with our **Grounds Day** on Monday. We managed to get lots of work done in the garden and the grounds already look so much more inviting.



Our next task is to spruce up the orchard and get the swimming pool ready for after half term!



April

The week ahead.....

Our art on a postcard gallery will be in place all week, until Thursday evening.

For a PRIVATE VIEWING please come along tonight: Friday 20th April, from 6 - 8pm

Monday 23rd:

Clubs: Think Tank-Mrs. Prudence (Y4,5,6), Art -Mrs. Moss(Y1,2,3), French-Mrs. Crombie(Y3,4,5,6)

Tuesday 24th:

Clubs: Gym -Miss Hall(Y2,3,4), Craft-Mrs. Garfield (Y1,2,3)

Wednesday 25th:

Clubs: Change for Life -AAA Coaching (Y2,3,4,5,6), Cookery-Mrs. Boxall & Mrs. Muggeridge (Y3,4,5,6)

Thursday 26th:

Clubs: Summer Sports-Mrs. Goacher & Mrs. Pearmaine (Y3,4,5,6), Spanish-Mrs. Wilson (Y3,4,5,6)

Governing Body Meeting - 5:30

Art viewing and Auction 7-8pm All welcome to come and bid for your postcard art!

Friday 27th:

Clubs: Strings-Miss Urquhart (selected musicians), Athletics-AAA Coaching (Y1,2,3,4,5,6)

SWIMMING NEWS...

On the last week of term every swimmer had an opportunity to gain a distance certificate and as soon as I have the results from the Westgate Instructors I will arrange for the certificates to be awarded. Mrs Johnson and I were very proud of the determination, courage and endurance shown by all of our swimmers: well done everyone.

As well as this, every child in KS2 was able to: experience how different it feels swimming in clothes, learn and participate in essential poolside rescue skills and think carefully about water safety. Please ask your children about this as it so important, especially as warmer weather and beach days are approaching.

Westgate swimming for KS2 may have finished and the majority of our Galas completed, but for many of our swimmers there is still a lot of work to be done!

On Saturday 12th May, we have 4 teams of swimmers (3 children teams and 1 adult team) entering the Chichester Lion Club Swimathon. The swimmers have to complete as many lengths as they can in 55 minutes. Please do sponsor a team or an individual if you can as all proceeds will go towards our own school pool to help with the cost of the upkeep and equipment purchases.

The penultimate thing to say is THANK YOU for our beautiful gifts.

Mrs Johnson, Mrs Cruttenden and I thoroughly enjoy watching the improvement (in so many ways) of the swimmers - they are a seriously determined and competitive bunch who show great sportsmanship too and it is a pleasure to be able work with them. Thanks must also go to you, the 'grown-ups at home', who bring them swimming and allow them to be brilliant!

Finally, our school pool area could do with a severe tidy up: painting, weeding, mending, scrubbing etc. More info will follow soon but please do speak to Mrs Shears or me if you have a particular skill you could offer!

Many thanks and happy swimming everyone, Mrs Goacher



Security and Safety

This is a major priority for us every day in and around school. We are reviewing our policies and practices, as we do on a regular and frequent basis. Please support us in reading the information which will be sent home over the next few weeks and by adhering to our requests.



- Please only enter the school building via the school office, so that we can check all visitors. Only use cloakroom/classroom entrances when invited by a member of school staff.
- Always sign in for events, visits etc
- Remember to sign children in and out for appointments and if late etc
- Before school - stay with your children on the playground until a school adult is there
- After school - Apple class pupils should be collected from their outdoor area: all other pupils will come onto the playground, where you should be clearly visible **on the playground**, waiting for them, please
- After school club pick ups - we will be locking the pedestrian gates during after school club hours to make this time more secure. Please collect children from the main school entrance for all these clubs, making sure you are clearly visible to staff so that they can dismiss children quickly and safely
- Park safely - only carers and parents of Apple Class children, and those with pre-school children in cars, should use the school car park. Please reverse safely into spaces and take great care. Avoid walking across the car park whenever possible (this will be necessary, with vigilance, upon pick up after clubs, as the pedestrian gates will be locked).
- Ensure your contact details are always up to date and let us know if someone else is collecting children



Books for School

We still have a few of our **£5 Book Tokens** for you to collect. You can then buy classroom library books with your child - pop into the office or email us to let us know you are planning a shopping trip and we will send a voucher home. Thank you for your donations and support in this.



HOME LEARNING RESOURCE

We have copies of the Usborne Junior Illustrated Grammar and Punctuation books available to buy for the children priced at £5 each. We would like every child in KS2 to have their own copy of this publication for use at home.

This week Apple Class joined in with other schools at the 'Huff and Puff' Sports Partnership festival at Westgate. Parents joined the children while they took part in a variety of activities including a bouncy castle.



School Donations

Thank you to some parents and friends of the school who have made generous donations. We have been asked if this facility could be set up on our school money payment system. I am pleased to say it is available on-line now. When you log-in to your child's account you will see a line with 'School Donation' £1. If you would like to make a donation of any kind to school, you will be able to log into your account and override the £1 payment with any amount that you would like to make. There is, of course, absolutely no obligation for anyone to make a donation, but if you would like to then this is a quick and easy method to do so. Thank you all very much for your support.

Acorn Awards

Friday 20th April 2018

***Benny** - for brilliant work on learning his sounds which has helped his reading and writing*

***Lucia** - for being so enthusiastic in all she does*

***Willow** - for putting a huge amount of care and time into the work she does at home (her fantastic diary writing)*

***Ava D** - for her steady thoughtful attitude, especially in maths and maths matters*

***James** - for a great start to the term - so keen to make good choices and to enjoy focussing on his work*

***Charlie T** - for a great start to the summer term*

***Lilly-Grace** - for confidence in her work on percentages*

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 23rd April - Thursday 26th April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May, 1.15-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Year 5 selected at Bishop Luffa

Wednesday 9th May, 1.00 - 3.45, Sports Partnership Tri Golf, year 3&4 selected

Thursday 10th May - Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Friday 11th May, 2.30-2.55 - Strings Assembly with Alex Urquhart

Saturday 12th May - Lions Club Swimathon

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

Thursday 24th May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Thursday 14th June - Beech Class Big Camp

Thursday 14th June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Monday 18th June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19th June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Monday 3rd September - Wednesday 19th December

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

NB: Autumn term INSET days are yet to be decided

Christmas Dates for 2018!

Friday 14th December - Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)

Monday 17th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

Monday 17th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church (children arrive 4:40 please)

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



Current Useful Information and Reminders

<p>Chichester District Foodbank</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Care Bears</p> 	<p>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. 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.</p>
<p>After School Clubs</p>	<p>Please do check the timetable for dates when the clubs will be running and for weeks when there are no clubs. Please also make sure that you have booked and paid for club places on schoolmoney.co.uk.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
<p>Late Arrivals</p>	<p>Just to clarify our timings: from 8:20, we have two members of staff on the playground to supervise children, which means adults can leave from then onwards. Children come into the classrooms, ready to learn, at 8:35, when the bell is rung. At 8:40, the register is taken. Any children arriving after this time enter through the main school entrance, so that we can ensure we keep children safe. From Monday 9th October, we will have a 'late arrivals' book in the entrance area so that we can log those children who are persistently late, as this will help to explain inconsistencies in the progress for some children, and is an important record of our attendance. Please do complete the 'late arrivals' book, giving the reason for your lateness. Please note that this is a parental responsibility. Children should be arriving at school with an adult - they will not put their own names in the book -we will expect the accompanying adult to complete this, please. I have asked our office staff to ensure this is adhered to. This enables lessons to be 'in full swing' by 8:45 at the latest, and means that we make good use of the time we have in school. Late Collections On a similar note, please ensure that you collect children on time after school and clubs. Our staff have many other responsibilities and are wasting valuable time waiting for children to be collected.</p>
	<p>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)</p>