



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

We have had another week of super learning and opportunities for the children. I have seen Apple Class children producing individual and beautiful art work and writing about our natural environment; Maple Class have produced a huge variety of quality writing during the last few weeks; Beech Class have made us proud with their assembly but also with their mature learning behaviours and focus; Chestnut Class have shown deep learning on their visit to the Natural History Museum.

In addition to all this, we have had our teachers supporting children at the **Corporate Challenge** and the **Dance House show** on Wednesday evening, where we were really proud of everyone for their behaviour, energy, positivity and performances.

On Tuesday evenings, our **swimming squad** continue to practise to hone their skills in preparation for the swimming galas and we are already really impressed by their team spirit and determination. We have seen such improvements from so many swimmers over the term during the Thursday swims with KS2 pupils and we are really looking forward to the summer when our younger children will have the opportunity to 'take the plunge' again!

There are lots more things to come, so keep an eye on newsletters for details.

It is definitely time for me and for everyone to thank **our staff** who give up their time and energy time for clubs and enriched learning!

Breast Cancer—Spirit FM

Vesta Laundry Services, in Midhurst, are supporting the Spirit Fm Breast Cancer charity and are proud to be a designated drop off point for them for the next three weeks.

Help us help them. If you have any old unwanted **Bras** please just pop them in a bag and take them to the school reception, Charlotte Carver will be pleased to collect them and add them to their donation box. Thank you for your support! :)

Class Assembly Dates:

Apple Class:

Tuesday 10th March

Maple Class:

Thursday 2nd April

Beech Class:

Tuesday 19th May

Chestnut Class:

Tuesday 3rd March

Please do come and join us for our class assemblies at 8.45.

Yoga at West Dean:

Come along to the new, mixed ability Yoga class at West Dean with Debbie Albon. Classes are running on Monday evening, beginning 24th February, 6.00-7.15 during term time here at school. Look out for details attached.

Please do spread the word so that this is a viable class!

Head Lice *Please ensure long hair is tied back at all times!*

We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please be vigilant and treat your child's hair appropriately if necessary. Nit combs are available from the school office.

The week ahead..... March 2020

Monday 2nd March : Maths Enrichment Chichester Cathedral—selected Year 3 pupils

Tuesday 3rd March:: - 8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly

Beech Class—Forest Schools—remember to bring a change of clothes

Swimming Club

Wednesday 4th March: Cookery club, 3.00, Mrs Muggerridge and Mrs Boxall Chess Club Mr Peter Chambers

Thursday 5th March: Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut, 9.30—11.

World Book Day

Bring & Buy Sale

Judo Club, 3.00, Mr Pring

Friday 6th March: Bring & Buy Sale

AA Coaching

AAA Football Club, 3.00, Ben Johnson

PTA News: thank you to Jen and all who came along to the PTA AGM this week. We have lots of activities planned and some exciting things to spend our money on!

We are currently raising money to replace and refresh our **Trim Trail**, which is much loved by the children, as well as all the other areas you support—see PTA newsletters and overleaf for details.



Important reminder to parents and carers:

Please could you let us know if you have any changes to medical conditions, inhalers or equipment, and/or emergency contact details. The details that we keep on file are only as current as your advice.

Remember—

.....if anything has changed, please let us know.





Just a reminder that we are a member of The Giving Machine, so please, if you can, do remember to use this website when shopping online.

The Giving Machine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via The Giving Machine you will generate a free cash donation for West Dean Primary School. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. Retailers pay commission to websites that send shoppers to them. The Giving Machine turns this commission into a charitable donation for our school. It's free and easy to use.

Simply visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, click join and search for West Dean CE Primary School or use our quick sign in code 266078, complete the registration form and you will be ready to go shopping!

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Fools Rules

On 1st April, we have a fun day planned! Look out for details!

Welly Walk - Sunday 15th March 2020, 2.30.

Come along and join us for a 'Welly Walk' in West Dean followed by refreshments in the pavilion at school. See attached details.

Casino Night—Friday 27th March—SAVE THE DATE and look out for more details soon!

WORLD BOOK DAY:

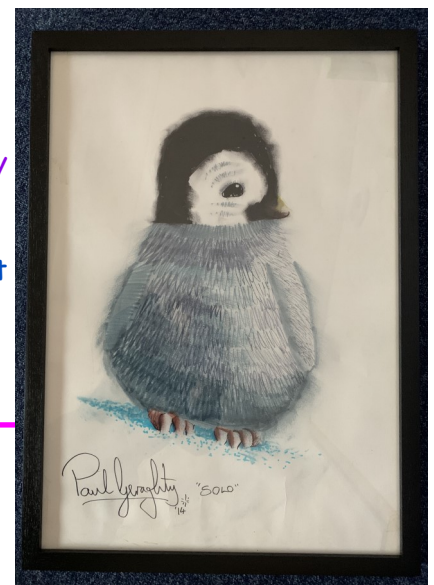
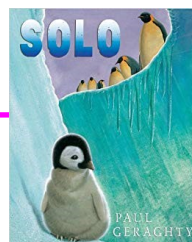
March 6th—each year, schools celebrate this important day of books and reading.

We will be holding a **Bring and Buy Book Stall** which will be run by the children.

Looking for the perfect gift for grandparents to buy your children? Or perhaps just something beautiful for the bedroom/playroom wall? We have two superb **original pieces of art work**, signed by the author illustrator **Paul Geraghty**. These beautiful pictures with their accompanying books will be auctioned next week: they are framed and highly desirable, so look out for more details and to view them on Monday.

We will not be dressing up this year! This is something we do every other year!

Book Buddies—this cross class/cross phase activity is always a favourite and something we will be doing over the next couple of weeks, where children from different classes will share their reading, reading together and to one another.



Corona Virus

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Diary Dates 2020

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

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Monday 2nd March, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral (selected year 3)

Tuesday 3rd March, 8.45—Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day (We aren't dressing up but our focus will be on animal stories)

Thursday 5th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 5th March—Bring & Buy Sale

Friday 6th March—Bring & Buy Sale (further details to follow)

Saturday 7th March, 6.30 - Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate

Tuesday 10th March, 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Thursday 12th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 13th March, 1.00-3.00 - SSP Hi 5 Netball event at Bishop Luffa

Tuesday 17th March, 3.00-5.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th March, 3.00-6.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 19th March, 1.00-3.00—SSP event, Ultimate Frisbee for Year 6 at Bishop Luffa with Mrs Goacher

Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March—Alive and Kicking week in school, look out for details of our activities for happy, healthy lives.

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th March—Bikeability for Year 6

Tuesday 24th March—Maths Challenge Christs Hospital—selected Yr 4 pupils

Wednesday 25th March—Arun Swim Gala

Thursday 26th March—Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 31st March, 1.00-3.00—Beech Class visit to Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki's Tutankhamun exhibition

Thursday 2nd April, 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Friday 3rd April, 8.45—End of Term Assembly, all welcome to join us

Thursday 23rd April, 10.00-2.00—Year 5 Mini-Olympics at Bishop Luffa

Friday 1st May—PTA Sponsored Mini-Olympics (further details to follow)

Thursday 7th May, 1.00-3.45—Tri Golf at Chichester Golf Club for Year 3

Friday 15th May, 8.45—Maple class Assembly

Tuesday 19th May, 8.45 Beech Class Assembly

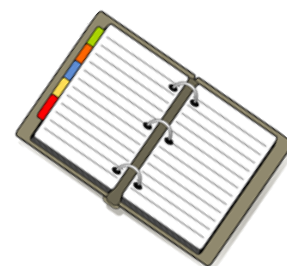
Thursday 21st May, 2.30-3.30 - Community Cafe

Tuesday 19th May, 8.45—Beech Class Assembly

Friday 8th May - 75th VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 11th—Friday 15th May - SATs Week

Friday 15th May, 8.45—Maple Class Assembly



Acorn Awards

Friday 28th February 2020

Hetty A - for super maths and forming her numbers to 20

Felix - for being very focussed in gymnastics and showing good balancing and jumping skills

Aven - for being enthusiastic in lessons and always trying her hardest, for being more confident and always giving 100% to everything

Robert - for super work on his spellings, thinking carefully and checking to see if the word 'looks' right

Darcy - For being such a kind, thoughtful friend; always thinking of others and being there at the right time. An absolute asset to Beech Class and West Dean

James W - for sharing his knowledge and interest at The Natural History Museum, a pleasure to work with

Oliver - for super behaviour at The Natural History Museum, being really interested in all the exhibits and being a reliable member of the group



**West Dean CE Primary School
Club Hub**

Spring Term 2020

second half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall (24.02.20 only)	20	Dance (selected)	£ 5.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	(see below for swimming dates)				
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
	Mr Chambers	12	Chess/Strategy	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mr Pring (excl kit hire) (further info to follow re kit hire)	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th March.

No Clubs W/C 16th March as this is Parents' Evening week.

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.

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.

Judo Club - Thursday 19th March - additional Judo club in lieu of Thurs 23 January./C

Swimming Club - No Club Tuesday 25th February re London visit or Tuesday 31st March when Westbourne House pool is closed for maintenance. There will be an additional swim session on Tuesday 17th March in preparation for forthcoming galas

Dance Club - Monday 24th February only

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 or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Governing Body News:

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.