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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to report that we have had a fabulous week of learning, with lots of outdoor activities and sport as always. All of our classes are not immersed in our project:

If Trees Could Talk—Journeys through time’.

Please click on this link to take you to our Art Gallery from last half term.

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Our gallery for this half term shows pictures of the learning and the children as well as information about the learning and our plans. We will send you a link to a Microsoft Form notification, so that you can give your assurances that you will not share or copy this material. **We hope that you enjoy these presentations!**



Christmas is Coming! Next week marks the start of Advent

and we are excited with the events and the learning we have planned:

our Christmas information is available for you on a separate letter, and in the calendar below.

Apple Class Appeal

Apple Class would really like some large Lego bases. If anyone is having a tidy up ready for Christmas and has any bases that they would like to donate, please do let us know.



Yoga at West Dean

Debbie Alban has very kindly been running Yoga Classes for our staff, on Zoom, during the lockdown period. We would like to continue to offer this valuable activity and would like to open it up to our school community. We would like to suggest a cost per session of £5 to help to cover Debbie's cost, this is available to pay on school-money.co.uk (you will need to book using your child's name) Once you have booked, I will send you the Zoom link.



The sessions take place on Tuesday evenings, 5.30-6.30pm. You can turn off your camera and microphone on Zoom if you prefer to be private in your practice. **Namaste**

Maths Word of the Week

Difference

We use this word in our everyday language when we are comparing things. We are using it when we are learning about diversity. In maths, it has a similar meaning, but here it is used numerically.

Q: what is the difference between 8 and 3?

A: the difference between 8 and 3 is 5.

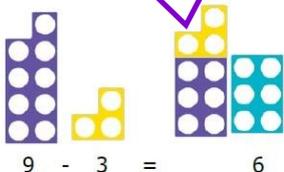
Explanation: The difference is the result of **subtracting** one number from another.

One child measures 145cm tall, another measures 135cm.

The difference in their heights is 10cm

$145 - 135 = 10$

USING NUMICON Here, we put the 3 tile on top of the 9 tile and look at the difference.



We can also work this out by counting on from the lowest number. We can show the difference by using resources such as numicon. This helps children use the comparative language, greater than, less than and difference.

The Novium Museum Virtual Field Trip Competition

The Novium Museum is offering the chance to win a Roman themed Virtual Field Trip for FREE to TEN lucky schools! Suitable for school years 3 - 6, each field trip explores different elements of the Roman occupation and daily life. Combining collection objects, actors and interactive activities, our virtual field trips bring high quality museum learning into classrooms.

Developed thanks to grant funding from Art Fund's Respond and Reimagine programme, they have three different themes to choose from:

- Britain before the Romans
- Roman Daily Life
- Roman Army

For our school to be in for a chance of winning, simply nominate our school in the comments of their recent competition post via their Facebook page @TheNoviumMuseum and state which of the themes you would like the school to win. The more nominations the higher the chance of winning! **Entries close on Friday, 11 December** and winners will be notified the following week.

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

This week we sent out details about the amazing hampers that our wonderful PTA have arranged. There will also be a silent auction for a fabulous Fortnum and Mason hamper, further information is attached. Raffle tickets are on sale on schoolmoney.co.uk.



Coming soon to West Dean CE Primary School

Had a sort out and got 'stuff' to hand on? Charity shops closed?

Beech Class will soon be announcing our on line

School market place, where you will be able to sell items.

50% or more of the income will come to school,

so everyone is a winner!

Looking for Christmas Gifts without going shopping?

Beech Class and a couple of willing and able parents will lead this for us. It will become beech Class's Business Enterprise work, which will help them to understand the concepts of buying and selling, profit and marketing. Please do support

Already overdone the Amazon ordering?

this as much

as you can.

Keen to support school without spending lots of

Diary Dates 2020

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

Half term holiday: October 26th—30th

Spring Term 2020: Monday 4th January

WARM CLOTHES

We are ventilating the school well, which means the classrooms will be much colder than usual. Please do make sure children have extra layers to wear inside. This is a Covid-19 precaution.

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 22nd February, Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021



Friday 27th November, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Sports Club for Beech Class (Care Bears for siblings)

Wednesday 2nd December, 9.00—12.00 - Whole School walk to West Dean Arboretum

Friday 4th December - Closing date for ordering KS2 Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Friday 4th December, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Sports Club for Yr 1 & 2 (Care Bears for siblings)

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

Friday 11th December, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Sports Club for Yr 1 & 2 (Care Bears for siblings)

Monday 14th December - Zoom Christingle Assembly 1:15pm (details tbc—Tuesday 15th if wet)

Tuesday 15th December - Whole School visit to West Dean College (Thurs if wet)

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party

(own outdoor suitable clothes needed)

Thursday 17th December, 9.45-10.00 - Assembly with Hugo Van Driel

Thursday 17th December—PTA Panto Afternoon—in classroom bubbles

Friday 18th December - End of term Assembly

Monday 4th January 2021 - Return to School



Acorn Awards

Friday 27th November 2020

***Teddy** - for being enthusiastic and having a positive approach to all his learning*

***Maxwell** - for his super descriptive sentences about the tree house*

***Matilda** - for her thoughtful interpretation of Emily Carr's tree art*

***Harry** - for applying himself to his learning, getting started and working well with his partner*

***Nova** - for listening carefully and contributing to class discussions but then taking an idea and making it her own, with wonderful flair*

***Darcy** - for her super engagement in all her learning. She showed perseverance and critical thinking in our tricky word class task*



***Ava** - for her continuing improvements in her times tables score. Full mark again and a minute off her time!*

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.