



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is flying by and we are already into parents' evening week! Do check you have made an appointment and please note that we can offer one appointment only per child. <https://west-dean.eschools.co.uk>

These sessions are so important in ensuring we are working together to give the children all the support they need in their learning and socially in school. You will probably be aware of some of the areas your child is working on: sometimes tackling one specific area of learning can unlock lots of potential!

Do remember that regular reading **with and to** your child, lots of mental maths activities, incidentally throughout the day (eg: how long is it until bedtime, how much will it cost if we buy two of them, why do you think this pan holds more than that one? etc) and simply talking with your children about everyday things or what is in the news will really help their learning. We are happy to advise if there are any queries and hope that you find the electronic report books and the meetings useful: it helps us to know if there are any changes at home too.

Look out for the class open mornings to find out more about how we teach various aspects in school: see below for dates.

Please Note: there are no after school clubs this week.

Rich Lush from Chichester Foodbank will be joining us for our assembly on Tuesday 9th October, if you have any items that you would like to donate please do bring them in and pop them into the basket in reception. Our Harvest Assembly will be on Friday 19th October at 8.45 am when you are all invited to join our celebration. Goods and produce donated at our Harvest Assembly will be donated to Chichester Foodbank this year.

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk> You can have a look at their website for suitable items to donate.

Emily Tod held a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday last week:



Thank you so much to everyone who managed to come to the Macmillan coffee morning and who made donations. We managed to raise £238.51.

Thank you, from Emily

Chestnut class visited Amberley Museum on Thursday for a WWII experience where they learnt what it was like being an evacuee.

They had the experience of talking to a 'real' evacuee and learnt what it would have been like to leave their homes and families.

Look out for their detailed report next week.



The week ahead..... October 2018

Please Note: there are no after school clubs this week.

Monday 8th October:

Tuesday 9th October:

9.00 - Flu Vaccinations for R,1,2,3,4,5

9.55 - Chichester Food Bank Assembly

Parent Evening Appointments, 3.00-5.00

Wednesday 10th October:

Football Team Trials, 3.00-4.00 for Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Parent Evening appointments, 3.00-6.00

Thursday 11th October:

Tag Rugby Event at Chichester Rugby Club for selected year 5 & 6

Parent Evening Appointments, by arrangement only

Friday 12th October:

We will be holding Class Open Mornings and have agreed that this would be more effective after the half term holiday. Please do put the dates in your diaries and come along and join us. We would like to offer a Crèche facility so please do let us know if you would like to use this.

Class Open Mornings 8.45

Apple Class - Thursday 15th November
Maple Class - Wednesday 14th November
Beech Class - Tuesday 13th November
Chestnut Class - Monday 12th November

West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop.

Welcome to our new West Dean Wear it Well Shwop shop; please see attached details of our first event which will take place during w/c 12th November. The event will culminate in 'Wear it Well for Children in Need' on Friday 16th November, where children and adults are invited to show case their 'shwops' on our non-uniform day. All of the details are in the attached letter so please do have a look and see what you can find.

Donations for Children in Need will be available on our schoolmoney system to make it easier for you if you wish to contribute in this way. Children can still bring in their coins on the day if you would prefer. The suggested minimum donation is £2 but you are, of course, welcome to donate any amount above this should you wish.

Thank you for your support, all of your donations will go to Children in Need.

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.

France Residential Visit - March 2019

For children in Chestnut class, payment is now available on school money for the France residential visit taking place in March 2019. The total amount is £359 but this can be made in instalments; just select the amount that you wish to pay and the balance will reduce accordingly.

The Giving Machine

We have exciting fundraising news.

You can now help raise donations for the TheGivingMachine Community Fund without you even leaving your sofa and it doesn't cost you a penny!

TheGivingMachine Community Fund on TheGivingMachine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>.

TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, Next, Thomas Cook, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Waitrose, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

In order to start raising free donations please go to:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>

It takes just a few minutes to install on your web browser and means that every time you log on to a retailer that supports this scheme you will get a prompt asking you to donate.



Please see attached further information. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates 2018/19

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

Half - Term - Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

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

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Tuesday 9th October - Flu Vaccination - Yr's R, 1,2,3,4,5

Tuesday 9th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th October, 3.00-4.00 - Football team trials with Matt Horstead

Thursday 11th October, 1.30-3.30 - Tag Rugby at Chichester Rugby Club (selected Yr 5/6)

Monday 15th October - Chestnut Class Midnight Gang Workshop in school (CTF)

Thursday 18th October 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October, 8.45 - Harvest Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October 2.30pm - Chestnut Class Community Café - all welcome

Tuesday 30th October - Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre (Midnight Gang)

Thursday 1st November 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 6th November, 10.00-11.30 - GAS Football Event at Chichester High School (selected yr 5/6)

Thursday 8th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 9th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly, all welcome

Friday 9th November 10am - Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service - Beech Class

Monday 12th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Open Morning

Tuesday 13th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Open Morning

Wednesday 14th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning

Thursday 15th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning

Friday 16th November - 'West Dean Wear it Well' for Children in Need

Wednesday 28th November, 9.30-11.30 - GAS Maths Enrichment Day at The March (x4 yr 5/6)

Monday 19th November - Yellow School Photos - individuals & siblings

Thursday 29th November - Governing Body Meeting

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 19th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 7th 2019

Current Useful Information and Reminders

Chichester District Foodbank	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.
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	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.
Care Bears 	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.
After School Clubs	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 .
	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)

Acorn Awards
Friday 5th October 2018

Blaise - for his amazing artwork in class

Eloise - for huge improvement in gymnastics

Frankie V - for his planning and typing of his brilliant space story

Nell - for excellent character description of Joey on our War Horse work

James - for stepping, so successfully, into another's shoes to write a powerful and moving diary

Esther - for listening to advice about how to use different writer's techniques, thought carefully and really made an impact on your target writing