



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

We have had a lovely week and have seen lots of our families again. Thank you all for supporting our safety arrangements and for your positivity. The children have been fabulous—they have accepted all our routines and have enjoyed the activities and learning, whilst being delighted to see their grown ups at the end of the day!

It has been great to see our new entrants in school too, and we are pleased that we have been able to offer this provision for everyone.

With our final week approaching, we plan to keep the learning going until the last hour for all our groups— there will be links to learning on the school website and some suggestions, but this may be less detailed than in earlier weeks.

School Reports.

Our staff team have worked very hard to produce these informative and attractive records of achievement and progress. They are now available for collection and we hope that you enjoy sharing them with your children.

Our thanks go to the classroom and office staff, and to everyone at home, for contributing to this Covid-19 proof report!

September Plans

Currently, we have a draft timetable in place which allows all children to be in school, all day, each weekday. This follows the current guidelines from the DfE, WSCC, Public health England and the teaching unions. The restrictions in the current guidance are considerable and will impact greatly on provision in the classroom, but also on our lunchtime, arrival/departure and playtime arrangements. We have some options for this, but will wait until closer to the start of term before we finalise our plans.

We will probably be asking YR, Y1 and Y2 pupils starting school around ten minutes later than KS2 (Beech and Chestnut) classes. Similarly, at the other end of the day, we will probably ask KS2 pupils to leave ten minutes later than younger pupils.

More information will be available at the end of August/beginning of September, as we will continue our decisions and planning during August, responding to the national and local situation. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding throughout these changing times. We will confirm arrangements with you as soon as is practicable—we do not want to publish plans only to change them at the last minute!

PTA Plant Sales

Thank you for supporting us with our plant sales:

There is still a selection of plants available on the playground. Please do help yourselves if you would like any. Generous donations can be made on

schoolmoney.co.uk.



Arrangements for Year 6 Leavers:

You will have received notification of our plans to invite our Year 6 families to have lunch with us, followed by our 'Zoom' virtual Leavers' Service and traditional Year 6 versus staff rounders match. If you haven't already done so, please could you log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk to make your contribution for lunch which will be provided by The Dean.

We would also like to invite our Year 6 families to join us for our Diocesan virtual leavers' celebration (please see attached letter for full details). We will be taking part in the Diocesan virtual leavers' celebration in school on Monday 13th July at 1.00pm and you are very welcome to join us, virtually at home, using the link to Diocesan website as detailed on the attached letter.



FOODBANK -

Jen Rogers has kindly offered to do a delivery to Chichester Foodbank on Thursday next week.

If you have any items that you are able and would like to donate, please pop them into the basket in the reception area at school by Thursday morning, 9.00 latest.



Many thanks for your on-going support with this.

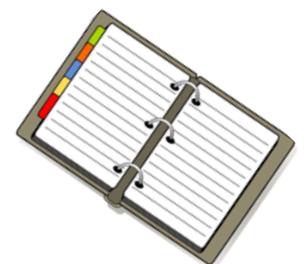


School Money Accounts

Please could you take a moment to log-in to your schoolmooney.co.uk account. We have been busy tidying things up and, hopefully, everything is in order ready to start fresh in September. However, there are some outstanding amounts. If you have any questions or queries please do get in touch and we'll do our best to help.

The settlement of any outstanding payments would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Please see attached information from West Sussex Libraries regarding the Summer Reading Challenge 2020



Diary Dates 2020

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

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

Half term holiday: October 26th—30th

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June and Wednesday 1st July—CANCELLED

Monday 20th July

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Acorn Awards

During our partial school closure, we would like to continue with our Acorn Awards.

We have children working hard in school and at home.

Please send us pictures of the work you have done, and maybe pictures of you doing the work. This can be any sort of home learning which you are proud of.

The teachers will then select someone from each year group for our acorn award and we will publish these in the newsletter each Friday and in the entrance area.



Friday 10th July 2020

Jack - for such super home learning: particularly the 'Under the Sea' work

Poppy R - for consistently working so hard at home and sharing her learning

Aven - for working so hard both at home and when you are at school. She has really thrived and put 100% into everything she does

Florence - for working hard at home and joining in with some great ideas on Zoom this week

Harry - for working hard making excellent contributions to our learning in school this week



Tilly - for being a super role model in our KS2 Rainbow class, working hard, supporting others and stepping up when we needed help!

Leo - for embracing home learning and participating fully in our Zoom virtual lessons and managing to keep a straight face at 'difficult' moments

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.

Payment for spring term clubs and care bears has been credited to your school money account. For the children in year 6, this credit has been applied to a sibling account, where possible.



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 meeting every couple of weeks or so via Zoom video sessions.

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.