



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been another busy half term in school where we have visited Amberley Museum, taken part in a rugby festival, celebrated with Poppies in Priory Park, held our class assemblies and parents' evenings, run lots of after school clubs and given the children so many learning opportunities to take part in. I know that anyone who was lucky enough to visit our **Community Café** this afternoon will agree that this is a truly worthwhile experience each term and that the children learn a huge amount. I have been particularly impressed by the children's social skills, their ability to communicate respectfully and confidently with a wide range of clients and their professionalism. We are very grateful for all your support: in baking; providing outfits and resources; for the time and energies given on the day and for spending your money with us! The café was full with a friendly revival buzz: for those of you who are keen to find out just how successful Chestnut Team have been in raising money, the children will announce this after half term.



After half term we will be thinking about Remembrance; we will also be holding our class open mornings, our 'Shwop Shop' for Children in Need and heading into Christmas.

We wish everyone a lovely half term break.

Information is attached about our new 'Parent Power' drop in sessions, 2.30-3.00 in the pavilion on Monday afternoon with Mrs Goacher.

## Safer Roads beside our School - make a difference - We need more volunteers!

Help make the journey to school safer by joining us in a national initiative called Community Speed Watch. CSW is fully supported by Sussex Police, participants in our area are trained to use speed calming equipment. The data collected on excessive speeds and repeated offences leads to prosecutions, all this will help to deter antisocial driving near school.

At present our Community Speed Watch co-ordinator is Parent Governor Richard Edwards; if anyone else is interested in co-ordinating let Richard know.

Please do sign up at the school office for Community Speed Watch even if you only have a little time to offer (this is a small commitment). We do need a few more volunteers to make this happen.

A car-park 'spot check' was carried out this morning and there were 8 cars not displaying a parking permit. Please do help us to keep our children safe by adhering to our guidance for using our car park.



## Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Assembly this morning, the children have enjoyed preparing for this and celebrating Harvest in school. Thank you for all of the donations, and thank you to Mrs Jen Rogers for safely delivering everything to Chichester Foodbank for us this morning.

## The week ahead..... October/November 2018

### Monday 29th October:

Clubs: Art Mrs Moss (Yr 2 & 3)

### Tuesday 30th October:

Chestnut Class visit to CFT - Midnight Gang (children collected from Theatre at 4.30 please)

Clubs: Swimming at Westbourne Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (Yr 3,4,5,6)

### Wednesday 31st October:

Deadline for secondary school applications

Clubs: Cookery Mrs Muggeridge & Miss Boxall (Yr 3,4,5,6), Football Mr Horstead (selected football team)

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Clubs: Dance Miss Hall (Yr 4,5,6), Lego Mrs Pearmaine (Yr 2,3 & 4)

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:

Clubs: MultiSports Mr Johnson (Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6)

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 are able to offer a Crèche facility if we have some notice - so please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to use this.**

#### **Class Open Mornings 8.45**

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

**West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop. Donations are already coming in - thank you.**

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 12<sup>th</sup> November. The event will culminate in 'Wear it Well for Children in Need' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### **Armistice Centenary 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Rev K Robinson**

The annual Act of Remembrance will take place at 3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November in Singleton Church, and this year to mark the Centenary of the armistice, the war memorial in the churchyard has been refurbished and will be rededicated at the beginning of this service. The service will be followed by tea and refreshment in Singleton Village Hall. Mrs Moss will be present and we do hope that you will be able to join this important valley occasion.

Our own **Remembrance Assembly** will take place in school, at **8:45 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, led by Mrs Moss and Beech Class, directly before they leave for a service and activity at the cathedral.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> September- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Half Term - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**2018/19 INSET days**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre (Midnight Gang)**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly - all welcome**

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

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly, all welcome**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10am - Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service - Beech Class**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Open Morning**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Beech Class Open Morning**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 'West Dean Wear it Well' for Children in Need**

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Yellow School Photos - individuals & siblings**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Governing Body Meeting**

### **Christmas Dates for 2018!**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School**

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

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome**

**Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

### Current Useful Information and Reminders

<b>Chichester District Foodbank</b>	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.
<b>Parent &amp; Carer Drop-in Sessions</b>	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 <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a> . 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.
<b>After School Clubs</b>	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 <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a> .
	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.
	<b>PTA News:</b> If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact <a href="mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com">westdeanpta@outlook.com</a> or contact the school office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> )

#### 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](http://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.

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

*Beatrix* - for being confident at having a go with her writing

*Leo* - for always being ready to learn and with such enthusiasm

*Frankie O* - for her confidence in our class assembly and for supporting and encouraging others, even though she was also quite nervous

*Raife* - for working hard on his hand writing skills - this is really having an impact!

*Otto* - for his positive learning behaviours

*Ava* - for her organised approach to her Café preparations. She was very accurate when weighing out the ingredients for our take-away bags

*Maia* - for being a supportive role model in our class: a year six pupil to aspire to!