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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week in the classroom and with our joint assemblies.

The children have been outside a lot again and doing some exciting work for our project:

If Trees Could Talk—Journeys through time’.

We plan to share a **GALLERY** invitation with you all next week, so that you will be able to see some of the lovely art work around school, and also see some of the other learning which is going on. It will tell you more about our learning plans for the rest of the term.

Our **Christmas plans** are being finalised and will be revealed in next week's newsletter.

We are fortunate that all our 'bubbles' are healthy and still in school, but we are very aware that the current restrictions, or similar, will continue for us. We have plans in place for even better **home learning provision**, should your children be at home during this pandemic. Further information will follow.

Cheerful Children in Need.

Friday 13th November—Thank you for supporting us with Children in Need, the total amount that we raised was **£418.98**.

This was an amazing effort: Chestnut Class will help us to pay this into the Post office on Monday. Thank you everyone for helping needy children.



Chartwells:

Maths Word of the Week

Which is the **biggest number?**

8 100



Children learn, right from the beginning of Apple class, that 'big' refers to the **physical size** of something.

So in the above example, 8 is *physically* the **biggest** number but we would say that 100 is the number with the **greatest value**.

8 is the number with the least or lowest value.

Using this **precise terminology** will greatly help a child to be able to use the appropriate vocabulary when working things out, reasoning and explaining things in Maths. It actually helps us to think more precise-

Reminder for parents/carers of children in KS2 to order their **Christmas Lunch** on www.mealselector.co.uk for Wednesday 16th December. The deadline for ordering is Friday 4th December - don't miss out!

Attached is Holiday Return Menu for Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January. Our usual delivery day is Friday but this is New Year's Day; therefore we will have the Holiday return menu in place but please place your orders in the usual way if you would like a hot meal for child/ren.

Chartwells are currently recruiting team members to join them, details are attached in their advert.

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 this as much as you can.

Already overdone the Amazon ordering?

Keen to support school without spending lots of money?

Diary Dates 2020

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

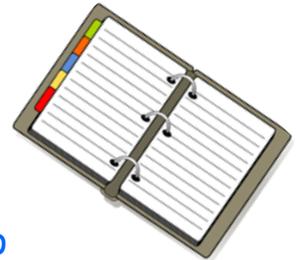
Half term holiday: October 26th—30th

Spring Term 2020: Monday 4th January

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

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



Friday 20th November, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Sports Club for Beech Class (Care Bears for siblings)

Thursday 26th November, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting (Zoom)

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

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 (details tbc)

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

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

TBC—Other Christmas events

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.



Acorn Awards

Friday 20th November 2020

***Mia** - for super independent writing using your sounds (phonemes)*

***Fynn** - for your careful observational drawing of a tree. You looked closely at the shape and lines.*

***Monty** - for your enthusiasm during our writing. You created interesting sentences that included verbs*

***Zebby** - for consistently showing quiet and determined resilience. You are a fantastic role model for 'what a good learner looks like' in Beech*

***Lucia** - for taking responsibility for your learning and focusing on each task one step at a time. Keep up the hard work!*

***Harry** - for your positive and conscientious attitude in chestnut Class. You are working hard, listen carefully and always follow instructions*

***Mia** - for your mature and independent attitude to your learning. You always make sure that your work is your best effort*



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.