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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week of **learning**, with many high-lights. On Tuesday, Beech Class were privileged enough to enjoy the Tutankhamun Exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London. This is an experience few people will have and the children demonstrated their learning alongside superb behaviour throughout the day. Many members of the public complimented them on their knowledge, attitude and behaviour! See below or their report.

Maple Class successfully set fire to London, on our playground, but not before they had learnt a lot about fire safety! Chestnut Class performed a superb assembly full of their learning about The Titanic: this topic has been a fabulous vehicle for learning across all the subject areas and has captured our imagination. We were impressed by their maturity, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Apple Class are buzzing with their learning—if you happen to get the chance to ask them how animals stay warm or cool depending on their habitats; or how we could help a penguin whose fur didn't keep him warm and dry enough; or how we might estimate and count the seeds in a pumpkin, they will be able to inform you!

We are starting to prepare for Christmas, with the emphasis remaining on lots of learning, but do check the calendar so that you are prepared for the coming weeks!

Thank you for supporting us with **Children in Need**— our final total was an amazing **£212.13** which will all be donated to the charity.



Reminder—Car Parking:

If you are parking in The Dean, please be considerate to others and park within the marked bays.

Please ensure that the disabled parking space at school is left clear for drivers with limited mobility—this space is adjacent to the fence and clearly marked.

Sickness Absence Please Note: if your child has suffered with sickness and/or diarrhoea there must be 48 hours between the last bout and return to school please. This helps us to ensure that there is minimal contamination and risk to others.

Beech and Chestnut Class Djembe Drumming Performance.

Please do come and join us to celebrate Beech and Chestnut Class learning this term, they have been playing Djembe drums and will be performing for you on Wednesday 27th November, 2.30-3.00.

The week ahead..... November 2019

Monday 25th Nov :-

Clubs—Dance/Strategy/Board Games

Tuesday:19th Nov: -

Maple Class Assembly, 8.45

SSP Football, Chi Uni—year 5/6 1.30-3.30

Clubs: Swimming at Westbourne House

Wednesday 20th Nov:

Djembe Drum performance for Beech and Chestnut, 2.30

Clubs: cookery and Football

Thursday 21st Nov: -

Apple Class Assembly, 8.45

Clubs: Judo and Lego

Friday 22nd Nov:

Clubs: AAA Coaching

Santa letter! Would your child or someone you know like their own personalised letter from Santa Claus himself?

This festive season, Changers wants to help you to create a little bit of Christmas magic!

Your child can receive a letter from Santa, either in the form of a festive-themed written letter or a symbols letter; we'll even make sure it's stamped from the North Pole, so that they know it's really from him!

Please click on the link to order your letter today and support your local children's charity at the same time:

<https://disability-challengers.org/christmas-letter-from-santa/>

Justine Ryan | Fundraising | 01483 230 589

Disability Challengers, Stoke Park, Guildford, GU1 1TU

Registered charity no. 1095134

Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/disabilitychallengers](https://www.facebook.com/disabilitychallengers)

Look us up Online disability-challengers.org

School Meal Survey. It is a requirement of West Sussex County Council that we carry out annual surveys of the school meal service and the data we collect is used to further improve our service.

Our 'We're All Ears' parent & pupil survey is now running from **Monday 18th November – Saturday 30th November 2019** via this link:

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk>

Class Assembly Dates:8.45—9.15 am

Apple - Thursday 28th November

Maple - Tuesday 26th November

Please do come and join us for our Class Assemblies when children have the opportunity to showcase their work and share

Following on from the recent music assembly, Alexandra Urquhart is offering free **taster lessons on the violin** so that children can have a go at playing for themselves! The taster lessons will happen in groups of four on Tuesday 10th December, and will last between 10 and 15 minutes. After taking part in the taster lesson, your child will be given a letter about how to apply for lessons, which will contain all details on what to do next. Please note that there is a bursary scheme as West Sussex Music Trust is committed to enabling all young people access to high quality music education. If you would like to book your child a place for a free violin taster lesson, please email Alex directly on alex.urquhart@westsussexmusic.co.uk, with the following details: your child's name, their class name and year group.



Beech and Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre—Michael Morpurgo—The Butterfly Lion—report by Lauren Scott & Ava Ansell Virco.

Butterfly Lion

On Monday 11th of November, Chestnut Class had they amazing opportunity of seeing the Butterfly Lion at the Minerva theatre in Chichester.

Many of us were familiar with the story as we had already read the book but it was amazing to see such a well-known story come to life.

The way the story was told was fantastic as with the Lion Cub they created a puppet of the Lion; even though it had no fear, it was still amazingly life - like.

Even though it was a puppet the people acting it made it so life - like and the story of the Lion Cub was very emotional. There was also a dog in the play and even though it just had head and a tail you could still picture the full image in your head. Another affective thing was that they projected an image of writing on the floor and that made it affective.

And there they came on to do the brilliant war scene where Bertie (the main character) became a war hero, it was touching seeing Bertie saving a man from no man's land, limping and his had above his head, Bertie gently picked up the suffering man and limped his way back to the horrid trench.

Then he was reunited with the lion. He looked after him until he died. When he died Bertie, wanted to make a grave for him so instead they carved the out of chalk on the hill.

I for one, was very nervous about the loud noises but after the gunshots, I didn't care about them. It was a fantastic performance and remember: you have to be scared before you can be brave.

Beech Class visit to The Tutankhamun Exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London

On Tuesday 19th November, Beech class were lucky enough to visit the Tutankhamun Exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London. Most of the artefacts we saw had never left Egypt before and will never leave there again. Some of the amazing artefacts we saw were over 3,000 years old. For lots of us our wow moment was when we went round the corner into Gallery 5 and there was a HUGE statue of Tutankhamun, that would have been outside his tomb. It was as tall as a house! We learnt so much about Tutankhamun and the afterlife and we would definitely recommend going there again.

Then on Thursday we spent the day cooking Egyptian food. Finally, on Friday we all dressed up as Egyptians and had our Egyptian Feast! What an amazingly busy week, we are now Egyptian experts.

By Teale and Darcy.



Diary Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

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

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2019/20 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Tuesday 26th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly—all welcome

Tuesday 26th November, 1-3.30pm—SSP Chichester Area Football at Chichester University—selected Yr 5/6

Wednesday 27th November, 2.30pm- Music Performance—Drum—Beech & Chestnut Class—please join us!

Thursday 28th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly—all welcome

Thursday 28th November, 5.30—Governing Body Meeting

Monday 2nd December, 10—12—SSP Small Schools Football at The Regis—selected Yr 5/6

Thursday 5th December, 7.00-9.00pm - PTA Wreath Making Evening everyone welcome—please see attached PTA information and our promotional posters around school

Monday 9th December, 1.30-4pm—SSP Football at The Regis—selected Yr 3/4

Tuesday 10th December, 9.30-11.30am -SSP Infant Agility at Westgate—Maple Class

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Production—timings 9:15am and 2pm. Tickets will be available soon.

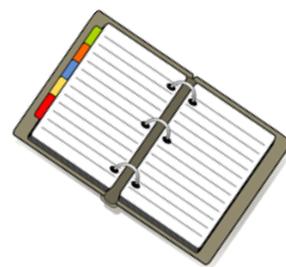
Friday 13th December— 1-4pm SSP Sports hall Athletics at Bishop Luffa—Chestnut Class

Monday 16th December , 8.30—Christingle making in the hall—volunteer adult helpers will be appreciated—let us know if you are available

Monday 16th December—Christingle Service at West Dean Church 5.00 pm—please volunteer to help with parking for a preferential seat! Tickets will be available soon.

Tuesday 17th December—Chartwells Christmas Lunch PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE ORDERED BY Thursday 28th November

Friday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly (everyone welcome to join us)



Acorn Awards

Friday 8th November 2019

Rufus - for being a good role model to others and sharing co-operatively

Monty - for always wanting to do his best and his mature approach to his learning

Eloise - for her super determination towards maths this week

James Loy - for impressing all the grown-ups in Beech class by being ready to learn, focussed listening on the carpet and getting going independently

Emmy - for showing us how to be an active listener when someone else is talking

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Amelie - for her enthusiasm and inquisitive mind and being an independent learner

Blaise - for having a positive influence on others and always being 'ready to learn'

Benny - for his amazing Tudor house; for working so hard on it and being so keen to share questions and ideas during our investigation

Bonnie - for being a superstar on our trip to London: a supportive friend, an enthusiastic learner and well done for remembering so many amazing facts

Evie - for a fantastic; for being amazing on our trip, asking interesting questions and remembering lots of facts and being an awesome team player and supportive friend on our cooking day

Ava D - Your PowerPoint created at home inspired our 'who is to blame?' persuasive reports. We all felt strongly about our choices and your motivation to do a little bit more than needed helped us to make a start

Lauren - for being brave and achieving many milestones recently. As Bertie said "You have to be a little bit scared to be brave"

West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Autumn 2

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Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall	20	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs G Moss	12	Strategy/	£ 25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Leonardo Freitas & Joe Zemait	14	Football	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 4th, 11th, 25th November and 2nd, 9th December

No Clubs W/C 18th November and 16th December

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15

Our swimming club will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

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.



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.

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:

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.