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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come towards the end of another financial year, we should thank Mrs. Shears, our governors and staff for working hard to make good use of our shrinking budget. With our income from fund-raising and clubs etc, we are in a much more positive position than many other schools, once again. Thank you all for your support in this—even the smaller amounts of income, from Book Swap Shops etc make a difference to what we can provide for our children.

Spring is here and we will be asking for your support in getting the grounds ready for lots of use in the coming months, when we are looking forward to dry sunny days, lunch outside and even swimming in the pool! Do let our office staff know your availability if you are able to offer help.

Last week was fun in school, with World Book Day—we will put photos on the website as soon as we are able.

There is a selection of pictures from our French Residential Visit on the website in the Gallery section. The visit was a huge amount of fun, with so many educational opportunities. We visited the Bayeux Tapestry and have done some fabulous writing about the power struggles of the period. We also visited cemeteries and landing beaches, and spent our money in the market and supermarket.



Although the weather was not very kind to us, we had a great team of staff and the children were a credit to the school. We had some challenges (a power cut!) and some treats (local ice cream—do you know how to ask for one scoop of mint choc chip and one scoop of salted caramel ice cream in a cone, in French?)



The children will tell you all about it in their assembly next week: in the meantime, do take a look at the photos on the website.

AUTHOR VISIT

We were lucky enough to have a visiting author with us on Tuesday afternoon this week; David Fuller.

David shared his experiences of writing with children in Beech and Chestnut class and shared chapters of his 'Alfie Jones' books. After school he sold and signed copies of his books and we were have purchased some for children to enjoy in school.

www.alfie-jones.co.uk

Class Assembly Dates, 8.45:

Tuesday 19th March - Chestnut Class

The week ahead..... March 2019

Monday 18th:

GAS STEM at West Dean

Art Club

Tuesday 19th :

Chestnut Class Assembly—8:45 am

6.30—Swimming at Westbourne House

Wednesday 20th:

Quicksticks Hockey at The Regis Yr5/6 (x5)

Cookery Club Football Club

Thursday 21st: *Westgate Swimming Beech & Chestnut Class*

Dance Club and Lego Club

Friday 22nd : *AAA Coaching*

ESSA Swim Gala

Mrs Goacher and Mrs Clemens took 6 children to Horsham to compete in the ESSA Swim Gala this week. Here is Ashton's report:

On the 13th March, Ashton, Holly, Jack, Ewan, Esther and Ethan took part in the ESSA swimming gala held at Horsham. There were two events: a medley relay and a freestyle relay. The top two teams from each event would go through to represent Sussex in the regional round.

There were 14 schools entered in our category (small schools) and the competition was fierce! In the medley relay we came 3rd in our heat and 6th overall. In the freestyle relay we came 6th.

It was an exciting event and we are looking forward to our next gala on the 23rd



Missing Football Kit

We are missing a West Dean Football Team Kit—this was taken home after one of our sports partnership events and not returned. If you have a size 10 football kit, please could you return it to school.

We are also missing some black goal keeper socks—if you have these at home, please could you return them to school.



School Parliament News: Finance & Fundraising

Our 'penny' jar is still in the reception area and we have currently collected £12.65 in small change. Please do keep looking in your pockets for any loose change that you can help to keep our jar full—thank you for your support.

Don't forget to join The Giving Machine Community Fund and select West Dean as your chosen cause when shopping on-line.

Find out more at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to Nicky Healy for arranging our pre-loved uniform sales this week.

John Lewis - Community Matters Scheme.

We have been very lucky to secure a 'tube' in the John Lewis store in Chichester as part of their 'Community Matters' Scheme. This Scheme allows for 3 good causes to have a tube in the store and each time you spend a certain amount of money you are given a green counter to place in the tube of your choice. At the end of the 3 month period each cause has a share of the £3000 dependant upon how many counters they have. If you do happen to be shopping in John Lewis between February and April and you are offered a green counter, please do place it in our West Dean tube and tell your family and friends too. This is part of our ongoing fundraising by the School Parliament Finance department.; thank you to Ashton and Rafi

AAA Coaching Dates Available:

AAA Coaching will not be running during the Easter Holidays.

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (Inset)

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th July 2019 (Summer)

Please contact ben@aaacoaching.co.uk for further details and to book places. Please could we ask that places are booked and paid for in advance of the day to enable Ben to plan for appropriate staff cover. We would like to avoid children turning up on the day expecting a place to be available.

Diary Dates 2019

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

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

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

2018/19 INSET days

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Monday 18th March, 1.15-2.45 - GAS STEM Enrichment at West Dean (yr 3&4 selected)

Tuesday 19th March, 8.45—Chestnut Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th March—Apple Class visit to Goodwood Farm

Wednesday 20th March, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quick Sticks Hockey event at The Regis (selected)

Thursday 21st March, 9.30-11.00—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 22nd March, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Sportshall Athletics Event for Year 3/4

Saturday 23rd March—Cormorants Swimming Gala (details to follow)

Monday 25th March - Beech Class visit to Novium in Chichester

Tuesday 26th March, 3.15—5.00 - Parent Consultation Evening & Scholastic Book Fayre

Wednesday 27th March, 12.00—4.00 - SSP Arun Swimming Gala

Thursday 28th March, 3.15—6.00—Parent Consultation Evening & Scholastic Book Fayre

Wednesday 27th March, 6.30 - Corporate Challenge in Chichester

Thursday 28th March, 9.30-11.30 - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Wednesday 3rd April, 1.15-2.45 - Rainbow Theatre Company in School, The Easter Story

Thursday 4th April, 9.30-11.30 - Last Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 5th April, 9.55—Michael Pring Judo introduction in assembly

Friday 5th April, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Event at Bishop Luffa

Acorn Awards
Friday 15th March 2019

Blaise—for a huge improvement in his writing and having a go at writing sentences

Eloise—for being enthusiastic in everything she is learning in Apple Class

Lucia—for really enthusiastic singing at The March, and for being an excellent ambassador for our school

Teale—for working hard at her writing, thinking carefully about each sentence and editing effectively—well done Teale!

Ava—for her hard work, commitment and amazing improvement at swimming!

Sidney—for a super piece of writing to explain why William won the Battle of Hastings. You were able to show cause and effect and reach a conclusion

Ashton—for an exceptional run in Wednesday's Corporate Challenge. You have pushed yourself every day to reach a personal best and school record



West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2019

Spring 2
second half of spring term

x4 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs G Moss	10	Art	£ 20.00	Yr 1,2,3,4
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Matt Horstead	10	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 20.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Miss Hall	14	Dance	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Sports	£ 20.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C , 25th Feb, 11th March and 18th March and 1st April

No Clubs W/C 4th March as this is Chestnut class French Residential .

No Clubs W/C 25th March as this is Parents' Evening week.

No Football Club on Wednesday 13th March

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 and our swimming club which 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.

AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 15th February, which is an Inset day.

During the Easter Holiday : Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April.

To book a place please contact Ben Johson ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

Exciting news: Judo

For the summer term club schedule we will be introducing a new Judo club on Thursday run by Mr Michael Pring. Mr Pring teaches Judo in a number of West Sussex and Hampshire schools currently and previously taught here at West Dean. Children taking part in the club will also have the opportunity to take part in Michael's external community Judo club if they wish to further enhance their expertise.

Look out for further information and details nearer to the summer term. Mr Pring will be coming into school on Friday 5th April to introduce himself to the children and do a little introductory session.



Yoga at West Dean:

We will be introducing our new Yoga club in the Summer term for children in Year 1 and 2. Mrs Plackett will be running this on Friday afternoons—look out for further details shortly.



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)

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.