



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

Forest Schools Breaking News: Grounds Day—Saturday 9th November, 8.00—4.00

As part of our exciting plans for our environmental area and forest school activities, our school grounds will be open on **Saturday 9th November**. We are hoping to have a team of people on site to help tackle our expanding 'to-do' list. If you have any time that you are able to give on Saturday to help, please do come along and join in. We have a skip on site currently and would really like to be able to do as much as we can while we can dispose of any debris. Any time that you are able to do a little bit to help out would be very much appreciated, not just on Saturday but any time during the school day, straight after drop-off or half an hour before pick-up—we need all the help we can get, thank you. Please see attached 'To-Do' list.

Miss Boxall is planning to put together a Forest School Committee, working with adults and children to explore ideas, build on our current provision and achieve Forest

The week ahead..... November 2019

Clubs all this week

Monday 11th Nov : - Remembrance Assembly, 8.45—all welcome

Beech & Chestnut Class - Chichester Festival Theatre to see The Butterfly Lion, 2pm—parents to collect from the theatre

Tuesday:12th Nov: Beech Class Assembly, 8.45am—all welcome

Wednesday 13th Nov:

Thursday 14th Nov:

Friday 15th Nov: - Children in Need



Forest School Fund Raising

Evie, Mabel, Darcy, Mia and Teale have made some book marks to sell to raise money for school

Parliament Week

Our children are involved in our Pupil Parliament from YR to Y6, and we are learning about British Values, Christian Values and our democratic system each term, through our first hand experiences and in lessons and assemblies.

This week, for UK Parliament Week, we have been learning about democracy and our national system.

Our MPs led an assembly where they explained how our pupils parliament works. Chestnut Class will follow this up next week and will be able to see, first hand, what a polling station looks like, when their classroom is used for the coming General Election!

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KS2 WRITING COMPETITION!



You may have heard that we have launched our writing competition to see who will be the authors of our Learning Behaviour Stories. This is open to all KS2 pupils.



Class Assembly Dates:8.45—9.15 am

Apple - Thursday 28th November

Maple - Tuesday 26th November

Beech - Tuesday 12th November

Chestnut - Thursday 21st November

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



Remembrance

Assembly

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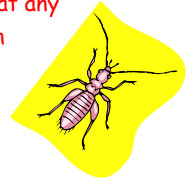


for our Remembrance November at 8.45.

Poppies and other Remembrance Day merchandise are on sale in our school Reception.

Mrs Muggeridge looks after our library for us but would really like some help. If there is anyone out there who has some spare time and would like to come in and help us as a library assistant, please do let us know.

Headlice! We have had some incidents of Headlice in school recently, please do be vigilant and ensure that any nits found are treated straight away. The best way to treat is to continually comb through your child's hair with conditioner and a nit comb. Nit combs are available from the school office, you can order one on school-money.co.uk, 50p



Aldi's KitsFor Schools—Get Set to Eat Fresh

We have all done really well with filling our chart and have collected enough Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools to enter the competition.

We have now filled and returned the chart with 300 stickers, thank you to everyone for supporting us with this—let's keep our fingers crossed.

Chestnut Class—Titanic Experience

Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki very kindly invited Chestnut Class to visit 'The Titanic Experience' which she hosted in Chilgrove. This is just one of the many wonderful enrichment experiences on offer to our children and is totally unique. We will share some pictures and information about this in our newsletter next week, but we want to thank Sharon, one of our governors, for the inspirational experience.

For a taste of the morning (from a couple of years ago) please take a look here: 'All That Remains: The Sinking of the Titanic' https://youtu.be/57Hn-zGR_sc

Thank You

A big THANK YOU from all at YoungMinds for taking part in #HelloYellow on Thursday 10 October 2019. Thousands of people across the country joined in to show young people they are not alone, and your donation of £100 will help us keep fighting for young people's mental health. And what incredible yellow outfits people choose for school assemblies, office events or just for fun; you can see the amazing looks in our [#HelloYellow Gallery on the website.](#)

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

The theme for Children in Need this year is 'Let's Do Good and Feel Good Together' We would like to ask children to wear their own clothes on Friday for a donation to support Children in Need. Some of the children will be taking part in 'The Big Move' with Joe Wicks on-line.



Surplus School Furniture



We have some items of redundant school furniture that is free to a good home (a small donation would be very much appreciated). We have a tall filing cabinet and a double cupboard available: if you would like it or know anyone who could make good use of it, please do let us know. We will keep hold of them until Friday 15th November, when they will be discarded.



Governing Body News

In the New Year we will have a **vacancy for a Parent Governor** to join us. This will be an election and ballot process and full details have been sent out.

Diary Dates 2019/20

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

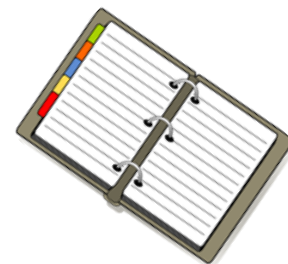
Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November

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

Friday 25th October, Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Saturday 9th November , 8.00—4.00—Environment and Grounds Day at West Dean

Monday 11th November, 8.45—Remembrance Assembly—All Welcome

Monday 11th November, 2.00—Beech and Chestnut visit to CFT to see The Butterfly Lion

Tuesday 12th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (details to follow)

Monday 18th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs (individual and sibling)

Tuesday 19th November, 7.00 -5.00 - Beech Class visit to London Saatchi Gallery—Tutankhamun Exhibition

Thursday 21st November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 26th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

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

Thursday 28th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

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

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

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

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Production—timings tbc

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

Monday 16th December , 8.30—Christingle making in the hall

Monday 16th December—Christingle Service at West Dean Church

Tuesday 17th December—Chartwells Christmas Lunch

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



Who are we at West Dean and what do we stand for?

What is our vision? What are our values?

These are questions we are asked by those outside our school, from time to time, and we have always been clear about what is important to us. We are clear about our Christian values of , Peace, Joy, Hope and Faith. However, we have not had a written, agreed, succinct vision, which refers to the bible as it should in a church school. Over the past couple of years, we have written our school song and made sure that this links closely with our school prayer and creed.

Now, the staff and I have produced the wording we propose to use on our website, documentation, and around school. We will share it with the children to get their views, but have already had positive feedback from some of them. We propose to strengthen this with some art work too. Please see below.

Please could you give this your consideration and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions. We will finalise this a couple of weeks after half term, on the 15th November.

West Dean CE Primary School: the small school with a big heart

Our Vision: 'Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13:13

Through our Vision we:

***create** a secure and nurturing Christian environment which values and respects every individual **equip** children, through an exciting, ambitious and innovative curriculum, with confidence, and life skills to achieve excellence*

***partner** with home, church and the local community to help children make a positive contribution to God's world*

At West Dean CE Primary School we help each other to achieve excellence through our Christian values of Love, Peace, Joy, Hope and Faith, which are central to all aspects of our school life. Excellent education is provided through a rich and inspiring curriculum, and we nurture and care for every individual in our school. When they leave our school, children are prepared for life, with resilience, compassion and a love of learning.

West Dean School CE Primary School Creed

Every day I will try to:

Think deeply,

Speak gently,

Love much,

Laugh a lot,

Work hard,

Give freely

.....and be kind.

West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Autumn 2

Autumn Term 2019 Second half of Autumn term x5 weeks

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Autumn Term 2018

Second half of autumn term

x5 weeks

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.