



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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The week ahead..... January 2019

Monday 28th: Year 5/6 (x4) Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral

Art club—Mrs Moss, STEM club—Mrs Prudence

Tuesday 29th : Year 5 (x2) Enrichment Day at Portfield School

Swimming Club—Mrs Goacher & Mrs Johnson

Wednesday 30th: Year 5/6 (x10) Cross Country at Bishop Luffa

*Cookery Club—Mrs Muggeridge & Mrs Boxall
Football club —Matt Horstead*

Thursday 31st: Westgate swimming for Beech & Chestnut

Dance Club—Miss Hall,

Lego Club—Mrs. Pearmaine

Friday 1st Feb: AAA Coaching sports club



Maple Class Visit to Marwell Zoo

Maple Class had a great time Marwell Zoo! Thankfully the animals weren't put off by the chilly weather and the children had the opportunity to see a great range of African animals which we have been learning about. Some of our favourite animals were the lemurs, who were enjoying the sunshine, and the giraffes whose long tongues were very funny. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school during the workshop, as well as being very brave when faced with cockroaches and snakes.



France Residential Visit - March 4 — 8 2019

Thank you for joining us for our information meeting last week; 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.

Class Assembly Dates, 8.45:

Tuesday 5th February - Apple Class

Tuesday 12th February - Maple Class

Wednesday 27th February - Beech Class

Tuesday 19th March - Chestnut Class

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a busy week at West Dean!

Thank you for all your support—all the comments, positive wishes, cake and chocolate. Our Ofsted inspector was extremely impressed by the whole school community and enjoyed his time with us. I am very proud of the children and staff team—they do a great job of articulating the strengths of our school and they really shone under scrutiny. We will have the final report soon, and the governors & I will share this with you all as soon as possible. We are not allowed to say any more about this until it is finalised. I would like to say, however, that the week has been very challenging, but has also been a great opportunity to take a step back; evaluate our teaching, learning and assessment; consider the effectiveness of our leadership; think about our pastoral strengths and begin to formulate our plans for the future.

Also, this week, we have had future flyers learning about leadership, and some super swimming—in lessons and in the after school club. We now have clarinet, violin and cornet lessons in school, as well as Miss Hall's Maple ukulele band! This half term's clubs are going well—art, lego, STEM and football are popular, as is AAA coaching. Cookery club never ceases to impress, as the 'master chefs' share their wares with the staff in our Wednesday meetings, and dance club are preparing to perform next half term. We are looking forward to some other new 'taster' clubs this year, so keep your eyes on the newsletters and club letters: don't forget to sign up early to avoid disappointment for next half term.

Clarinet lesson - Mrs Schofield has space for new clarinet pupils for Group lessons of 3 or 4 pupils . The cost is £8 per 30min lesson. There is a Bursary Fund available for help with this cost. If your child is interested, she will organise a free taster session. Please contact her at

julie.schofield@westsussexmusic.co.uk.



We are still waiting to hear further information from SAM (Sussex Academy of Music) regarding lessons. If you are interested in **Guitar group lessons** for your child, please speak to Lou Malan (Leo and Emily's mummy) as she is currently negotiating with a music teacher for this to happen after school.

Dance House 2019

Our Dance Club have been devising and practising their routine for this year's Dance House event.

The event will be held on Wednesday 27th February at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis at 7.00pm.

Tickets are available to buy from the Alexander Theatre Box Office (01243 861010) and on their website: [Alexandra Theatre Tickets](#). Tickets are priced at £10 per adult and £5 per child.



The event is very popular, with lots of schools taking part and would urge you to purchase tickets sooner rather than later if you would like to attend.

AAA Coaching Dates Available:

Friday 15th February 2019 (Inset)

Monday 15th—Thursday 18th April 2019 (Easter)

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.

Note from Ben Johnson:

I am pleased to say that on Friday 15th February, AAA Coaching will be running a Multi Sports Camp during the Inset Day.

9am-4pm (7 hours of sport) Years R-7 £18 per child

We are also planning to run four days of Multi Sports Camps during the Easter Holidays. Due to a lack of interest the Multi Sports Camps in December was cancelled, therefore if you are interested in your children coming along during the Easter Holidays please let me know before Friday 15th February. If there is a lack of interest the Multi Sports Camps will not run in the Easter Holidays at West Dean and will be moved to Hayling Island.

Monday 15th April - Thursday 18th April

[Regards Ben](#)

Sports Partnership Event, Future Flyers

6 children from Chestnut class began their Future Flyers programme this week. This is an enrichment programme spread over the year designed to expand the children's awareness of sports, improve their fitness and agility and increase their knowledge in teamwork and leadership. The children all had a super afternoon and are looking forward to the next session in March.

Follow this link to an article about the happiest schools in West Sussex: West Dean scored 94% of parents 'strongly agreed' their children were happy at the school. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/brighton-and-hove/in-the-know/the-happiest-schools-in-sussex?>

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.

Gate Closers:

Thank you to Mrs Louise Shaw and Mrs Jen Rogers for providing us with 2 gate closers for our playground gates and to Mr Ian Staples for fitting them for us. This means that at the beginning and the end of the day, when the gates are unlocked for pedestrian access, the gates will remain closed and help to keep us safer. Please could we ask that you do not hook the gates back during these times.

Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign

We have discussed the future of the swimming pool with our governors and are committed to providing this super learning opportunity for the foreseeable future. We are now in the process of having work carried out to repair and replace the coping stones around the swimming pool in preparation for opening in the summer term. Thank you to those of you who have 'sponsored' a coping stone, we are currently working on our 'plaque' which will be displayed in the pool area. There are still coping stones available and if you would like to 'sponsor' a stone with your child's name this is available on schoolmoney.co.uk, £25.00.

We are also in need of some 'tlc' and maintenance in the changing rooms; if any one is able to help us with this, please do come into the office and let us know. Thank you for your continued support with this, our current swim squad have been training hard in preparation for their 3 Gala events coming up shortly and thank you to Mrs Goacher and Mrs Johnson for their continued hard work and dedication.



Diary Dates 2019

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

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

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

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

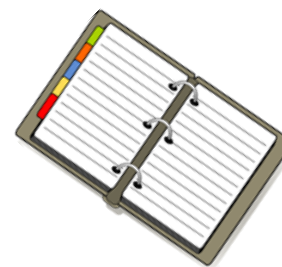
2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Monday 28th January - Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral (Year 5/6 selected)

Tuesday 29th January, 9.30–2.30 - Writing Enrichment Day at Portfield (selected children)

Wednesday 30th January, 1.30–3.45 - SSP Cross Country Event at Bishop Luffa Year 5/6 (selected children)

Thursday 31st January, 9.30–11.00—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Monday 4th February—Literacy Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral (selected yr 5/6)

Tuesday 5th February, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Tuesday 5th February, 1.15–2.45 - Year 6 e-safety at West Dean

Tuesday 5th February, 6.00–7.00—Parents e-safety meeting at Lancastrian School

Thursday 7th February, 9.30–11.00—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Monday 11th February, 9.30–11.30 - Superhero Drama Workshop—Year R, 1 & 2

Tuesday 12th February, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 14th February, 9.30–11.30—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 14th February, 2.30 - Community Café

Friday 15th February - Inset Day, School Closed - AAA Coaching available

Wednesday 27th February, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 27th February, 1.00 - Dance House Rehearsal (performance, 7pm) - Dance Club children

Thursday 28th February, 9.30–11.30—Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 28th February, 1.00 - Christ's Hospital Maths Challenge (x4 Year 4)

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 7th 2019

Monday 4th March—Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral for selected Year 3

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day—dress as a favourite book character

Tuesday 12th March—David Fuller, author visiting school

Tuesday 12th March, 1.30–3.30 - Sports Partnership 'Future Flyers' (selected children) at Westgate

Wednesday 13th March - ESSA Swim Gala (details to follow)

Thursday 14th March, 9.30–11.30 - GAS 'Little Big Sing' at The March School, Year 2

Thursday 14th March, 1.30–3.30 - Sports Partnership Quick Sticks Hockey event at The Regis (selected)

Friday 15th March - GAS STEM Enrichment Day at West Dean

Tuesday 19th March, 8.45—Chestnut Class Assembly

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

Acorn Awards
Friday 25th January 2019

Monty - for his amazing writing

Aven - for always doing her best, listening well and working her hardest

Rupert - for fantastic improvement in his writing; thinking about his sentence structure, adjectives and conjunctions

Daniel - for his amazing descriptive writing about Boudica

Nell - for her excellent multiplication reasoning skills

Ewan - for sustaining a hard working and conscientious approach to his learning

Tabby - for perseverance with Maths Matters challenges, keep working on these times tables



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Club Hub

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2019

Spring 1
first half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs G Moss	10	ART	£ 25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4
	Mrs K Prudence	8	STEM	£ 25.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Matt Horstead x4 weeks	10	Football	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggerridge/Miss Box-all	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Miss Hall	14	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Sports		1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th January and 4th February 2019

*** Please Note: The first date for Football Club is Wednesday 16th January, this will be a four week club.**

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



Exciting news: Judo

For the summer term club schedule we will be introducing a new Judo club on Thursday run by Mr Micheal 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.

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)