



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week and are delighted to be offering more and more as time goes on. From half term, we will be offering one after school club. Please see below for details. (Currently, we are unable to offer more, as we cannot risk crossing bubbles, using spaces which have not been sanitised etc.) Whole school assemblies continue via Zoom, and we welcomed rev Sarah into school today: she was very impressed by the children's singing of the School Song, and will work with us and Singleton School. Hugo's assemblies continue to be well received and we are constantly looking for ways to keep our school community together.

### WORD POWER

Maths—Word of the Week

SUM

A sum is the answer to an addition calculation. It is NOT another word for a calculation! Lots of children and grown ups get muddled with the use of this word. Children may be asked to 'find the sum of' some numbers. This requires an addition calculation. *Hope this helps to clarify things!*

Plus is another word for add.

### Lego ( and other) Swap Cards

Please could we ask that Lego swap cards are not brought into school please. At a time when we are avoiding the sharing of any resources and trying to keep a distance from one another, these are a source of confusion & temptation for children, as well as a potential and unnecessary source of viral spread.

You will have received information regarding the new NHS Track and Trace app.

Please do keep up to date with news and advice, and act accordingly, to keep us all safe.

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk>



### PTA Bubble Film Night

Please see attached PTA poster giving information about their exciting Bubble Film Show.

The films showing are PG and by signing up and paying on school-money.co.uk you are consenting for your child to watch the designated film for that year group.



Hugo Van-Driel came in to join us for a Zoom

Assembly this week. Apple and Maple class were together in their bubble



in the hall with Hugo and Beech and Chestnut joined in from their classes. It was in surround sound all through the school and resembled the School of Rock!

### Parent Consultation Evenings.

We will be holding our Parent Consultation Evenings on 'Zoom' this term, this will avoid unnecessary 'traffic' in the school building and ensure that we can all be distant and safe.

Appointments will be available on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October for all classes; Beech and Chestnut will be offering Thursday 15th in addition, to ensure that everyone can book a 10 minute slot.

Bookings are now open on our website (<https://west-dean.eschools.co.uk>) and will close at 9pm on Sunday 11th October.

Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties with the booking procedure or if you need your log-in details.

Please could we ask that **one parent or carer only** comes onto the playground at drop-off and pick-up times.

This will help us to adhere to social distancing

**Parking** Please could you all remember that the school car park is reserved for parents and carers of Apple Class pupils only, and for those transporting very young pre school children.

*This will help us to keep the area safe for all our families.*



## Diary Dates 2020

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

**Half term holiday:** October 26th—30th

### 2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Tuesday 13th October, 3.15—6.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Wednesday 14th October, 3.15—6.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Wednesday 14th October - Flu Vaccination for all year groups

Thursday 15th October—3.15—6.00 - Whole School Parent Evening (Chestnut and Beech)

Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly—time tbc

Friday 13th November—Children in Need

Monday 16th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs - Individuals and Siblings

Thursday 26th November, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting

### Coronavirus Information for Parents

Please see the leaflet which will be sent out with this newsletter.

Regardless of the method of measuring the risk of this virus for us and how skewed this data is by the increased amount of testing etc., (number of reported cases, number of hospital admissions, number of deaths) our local area remains a **relatively** low risk area—but not as low as other areas, as you will see on the BBC website. This remains a real threat to us as individuals, families, the school and our wider community, in many ways. We will keep the school open for everyone if at all possible, and this follows current national and local government guidelines.

These DfE and WSCC guidelines are constantly changing and we are aware that there may be the need to close a 'bubble' or the school at some point if the situation worsens.

We ask for your support in being vigilant but pragmatic— please do look out for symptoms in your family and stay at home/ request a test if appropriate. If you are not sure, consult the attached guidance and see the NHS link below, where advice is constantly updated.

NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

It is likely that we will have a small number of pupils each week who are awaiting test results for C-19 and are therefore at home. We will also have children who are at home with a cold, feeling sick etc. Please do not panic about this -we will keep you informed and we will act immediately if there are any confirmed cases. It remains difficult to access tests currently but we are assured that this is to be improved.

We are continuing with our measures in school: **hands, face, space**. We continue to enforce regular, frequent and thorough handwashing, as well as avoiding touching our faces. We keep apart by working in our 'bubbles' and by maintaining distance whenever feasible. This minimises the risk of viral spread and load, but does not remove it entirely. Please continue to support us in this and in the playground, & socially outside school. Help us to remain Covid free.

There is a plethora of information about the situation—the following may be of interest/value.

BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51768274>

PHE info <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

A study on symptoms in children <https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/back-to-school?fbclid=IwAR342bPhVEDPv4bSdX3S6nheUyIIVF3bMoEhmub4onZQY2RR-40kXyOzgs>



## *Acorn Awards*

*Friday 9th October 2020*

*Atticus - for your enthusiasm in your learning with your sounds and writing your name*

*Hetty - for becoming a more confident reader! Reading regularly is making a difference, well done!*

*Kaitlyn - for your kind and caring attitude in class, You are always ready to help people and give 100% to everything you do! You are a super role model!*

*Emie - for careful and creative artwork, You really worked hard and understood the skilful application of Batique*

*Amelia - for your self motivation and determination of knowing which steps to take to improve in both your Maths Matters and Times Tables challenges this week*

*Mabel - for excellent use of technology to help your proof reading partner check his spelling, you showed fantastic initiative*



*Tilly - for your investigative maths skills. You used your addition and division skills accurately to investigate mean average heart rates and make comparisons. Fabulous staying power!*

## 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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.