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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been exciting for us as we had our new **Clevertouch interactive TVs** installed in Chestnut, Apple and Maple classrooms. We have been looking forward to the numerous learning applications and hope that they will help us use I.T. even more effectively. Beech Class have been using theirs for a while now and find it a powerful resource,



significantly better than our old interactive whiteboards, especially as our screens and projectors were becoming quite 'tired'. We have used funding from a variety of sources, including PTA funding—so **THANK YOU** to everyone!

Cheerful Children in Need.

Friday 13th November—**Spots or stripes and anything bright,**

This will be an 'own clothes day'.

Please bring your **loose change** to donate, we will be using this for maths activities.



Each class will make a line of coins, estimate and measure the length. The children will also count the money, using their maths skills; work out sub-totals and totals and have a go at writing pounds and pence accurately .

There will be prizes for the winning classes (Staff will donate their coins to Maple Class as they have fewer pupils.)

Chichester at Home

Chichester at Home is a great resource if you're looking for local suppliers who offer home deliveries or click and collect service on food, gifts, homeware, plants, and takeaways especially if you are self- isolating or looking for a safer way to shop.

Chichester at Home was set up in March to help the community and to support our wonderful local independent businesses in the Chichester area.

www.chichesterathome.co.uk

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>



We will be using this project to enable us to weave in elements of diversity. Maple Class have made a start on this by using eggs which they decorated, to illustrate that, although the eggs were all decorated differently, they were very similar on the inside.

We are using our Cedar of Lebanon cross section to help us to learn about the passage of time for ourselves, the local area and the world. We are also learning about trees, and have a whole school visit to West Dean Gardens Arboretum planned for a sunny day in the near future!

Remembrance Day Assembly:

all parents and governors welcome!

At 10 am, to coincide with our school timetable, we will take part in a whole school outdoor Remembrance Day Service. We will be sending a Zoom invitation so that you can all join us. Please look out for the email on Tuesday—NB: this will be weather dependent and

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in each classroom if your child would like to make a donation for any items. There are a selection of wrist bands, snap wrist bands, zip pulls as well as traditional poppies.

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

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

Spring Term 2020: Monday 4th January

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly—10.00—PARENTS AND GOVERNORS WELCOME

via Zoom

Friday 13th November — Children in Need

Thursday 19th November - Hugo Van Driel, Whole School Assembly Zoom

Thursday 26th November, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 8th December - KS1 Drama Workshop—Fairytiles and Fables tbc

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

TBC—Other Christmas events

WARM CLOTHES

We are ventilating the school well, which means the classrooms will be much colder than usual. Please do make sure children have extra layers to wear inside. This is a Covid-19 precaution.

DIGGING FUN AT PLAYTIMES

We are building an outdoor 'informal' digging area where the children can play and explore, use a variety of tools and materials and generally get stuck in the mud! This is simply another exciting playtime resource which we know the children will enjoy.

Sleepers are arriving next week and Mr Staples will be busy on construction.

We would like to ask if anyone has any old garden tools, trowels, forks etc. that we could use and/or any construction toys, dumper trucks etc.

Game, Set & Match—School uniform

Due to government guidelines, Game, Set & Match shop is closed for school uniform sales but they are pleased to be able to offer a Click & Collect service during this second lockdown.

You can order online and they will be in contact with you once your order is ready to collect from store - you can also opt for delivery service to your chosen address, if you prefer. All of their products are online but if you are unable to find items you require, please do get in contact and they will do their best to help.

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Chichester Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal



This is just a note to thank you, your staff and parents most sincerely for participating in the above scheme. I collected eighteen boxes from you this morning, all beautifully wrapped and presented. Also, a ten pounds donation in cash, which we will put towards our distribution costs.

If it is not too much of a bother for you, I should be very grateful if you would please pass on the thanks of The Priory Rotary Club to your parents for their support of such a worthy cause.

Despite the lock-down, at the moment our lines of distribution, including flights from the UK, remain intact. To cover ourselves, however, I need to tell you that if this situation changes for the worse (this is not expected) the shoeboxes we have collected will be distributed before Christmas to disadvantaged children living in this part of Sussex. Meanwhile, my grateful thanks again.

Peter Fuller - Chichester Rotary Club





Acorn Awards

Friday 6th November 2020

Frank - for your attention to detail and observation in your self portrait

Phoebe - for your kind and caring nature towards others and the world around you

Blaise - for your brilliant work during our diversity egg investigation. You shared some lovely thoughts about why everyone should be treated fairly. Fantastic!

Ewan - for your considered prediction in our whole class reading session—you really thought about the story so far. Well done

Frankie - for an amazing week, for joining in and making thoughtful contributions to class discussions and working so hard!

Elizabeth - for answers in your book club jotter that show the quality of thinking that you are capable of. Well done



Ryan - for your impressive improvement in your times tables. I know that you have been working on this at home. Well done

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 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:

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.

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.