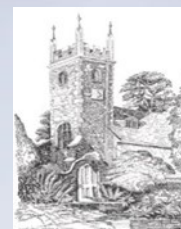




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Newsletter 27 23rd April 2021



Dear Children and Parents,

I think all our staff would agree that this week has been the best of the school year so far. All the children are settled back into our routines really well and there is some superb learning taking place. Children are learning about Aztecs, chocolate, fair testing, lifecycles and much more. We have our long awaited musical instrument lessons in KS2 (see below), caterpillars in KS1 and lots of outdoor learning and sport. We are delighted to be beginning to offer clubs again; we have big plans for next half term and the weather has been fabulous.

Club information is overleaf and there will be new dates on the diary each week, so please keep your eyes peeled!

SOS—for support with fencing our new Forest School Area—donations of money, resources or expertise gratefully received! See overleaf!

Steps along the West Dean Road map..... to our full and rich curriculum, clubs, visits and visitors.....

This week saw the return of our **1Term2Learn music** provision for KS2. Mr Will Wilkin came into school to teach Beech and Chestnut Class, as well as individuals, the tenor horn. Lessons will be for 10 weeks throughout the summer term and will, hopefully, result in a little performance towards the end of the term.

You may be aware that the **swimming pool** lighting has been refreshed. The pool is clean and almost ready to swim in. The walls and fencing will be renovated from Wednesday 5th May—we will remind you again next week, but the **car park access** will be restricted throughout these works. The pool will be ready to use after the half term holiday, weather permitting: this is very exciting for us all!

Although many of our plans will come to fruition, Covid permitting, there is still the risk of **changes and cancellations**. We have back up plans and alternatives to most events and will inform you in the calendar and on our newsletters.



Please continue to stay safe and **PLEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.

Look at this lovely **rainbow!**

A sign of hope and God's promise!

Next week, read about our plans for a **Whole School Show**; **Sports Day**; **Y6 Leavers' events**; **Chestnut Class** alternative to our residential visit; the **swimming pool**; **Community Café** and **more!**

LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of £20 for a small box and £40 for a whole page for half a term (usually 6 weeks).

Overleaf you will find information about our **raffle** and **RAINBOW** day when children are invited to come in their own, brightly coloured clothes, for a PTA donation.

Our thanks go to our parish church charity for the lovely **Easter Eggs** you all received at the end of last term and for their generous donation to school.

FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We have been allowed the use of a small area of land near school to use as a forest school area, which will enable us to lighten the use of our grounds and vary the activities even more. Ms Boxall has devoted hours of her time to securing grants, resourcing and preparing for sessions, clearing brambles etc. We now need some **fencing**..... If you have expertise or resources to help us to make the boundaries of our new area safe with some fencing, please contact us as soon as possible. Ms Boxall and I propose to spend a day in the new area over the Easter holidays—an extra pair of hands would be great (only grown ups & no dogs please).

Diary Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021: Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April—Friday 23rd July

Half Term: Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th April—Headteacher interviews

Friday 30th April - PTA Rainbow Day—children wear brightly coloured clothes

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 4th May, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Thursday 6th May - Poling Day (School will remain open)

Thursday 13th May, 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

Monday 17th May, 1.15—Year 6 School Nurse visit

Tuesday 8th June, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Monday 14th June - Yellow School Photos. Leavers and Classes

Tuesday 6th July, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Friday 9th July, 2.30-4.30—Community Café

Wednesday 14th July, 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show —details tbc

Thursday 15th July, 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show —details tbc

Tuesday 20th July, 1.30-2.30—Leavers' Service at West Dean Church tbc

Wednesday 21st July—Sports afternoon, rounders match and PTA BBQ

Friday 23rd July, 8.45—End of Term Assembly

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You can also download the eschools app, just go to the App store for your device and search eSchools—look out for Owl logo.

Dear Parents and Carers

After School Clubs Summer Term 2021

We are planning to resume some of our After School Club provision, beginning with AAA Coaching and some school staff led clubs.

Mr Johnson will run his sports club on Friday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm and each 'bubble' will have a 2 week block. Mrs Moss will run a fun French club, for 2 weeks for each bubble.

AAA sports club will take place outdoors, on the field, weather permitting; if the weather is wet then the bubble will be in their classroom with alternative resources. Mrs Prudence will run a STEM club, Mrs Johnson will run an art club and Miss Ashton will run a board games club, all in 2 week blocks in the classroom bubbles.

The cost for the 2 week block will be £10 per child, this is available to book and pay for on school-money.co.uk. Booking will be open from 9.00am on Monday 12th April.

If we don't have sufficient numbers in each bubble to make clubs viable to run, we will have to make the decision to cancel the club or offer the weeks to one of the other bubbles.

Clubs will run for 6 weeks, in 2 week blocks, from Friday 23rd April until Friday 28th May.

We will monitor and review this provision and if it is successful and safe, we will look at continuing and possibly expanding this for the second half of the SummerTerm.

A timetable is attached below.

After School Club Provision W/C 19th April - W/C 24th May - x 6 weeks

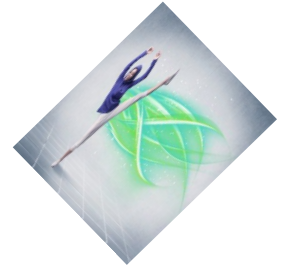
| Date | Beech | Mapples | Chestnut |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 23 rd April | Ben AAA Coaching | JA Board Games | GM French |
| 30 th April | Ben AAA Coaching | JA Board Games | GM French |
| 7 th May | SJ Art | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching |
| 14 th May | SJ Art | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching |
| 21 st May | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | KP STEM |
| 28 th May | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | KP STEM |

Please see attached overleaf, information about our after school clubs available on Friday afternoon. **These clubs have now been opened up to our Reception children too.**

In addition to this, we are offering a Dance Club, on Thursday afternoon, for Chestnut bubble.

If your child is interested and would like to take part, this is available on school.money.co.uk.

Thank you to Ellie Holder, who will be running the club for us.



PTA RAINBOW DAY!

On Friday 30th April 2021 we invite the children of West Dean to come to school dressed in all the colours of the rainbow. (Or anything colourful!)

Please donate to the PTA via school money. You will find both the donation and the raffle in the 'shop' and you can add as many items to your basket as you wish.

In addition, we will be running a raffle to win a delicious Pinders Patisserie rainbow cake (worth £60), a framed 'Be Kind' print by local artist Rebecca Hopkins (worth £35) and a bottle of champagne.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy via schoolmoney for £5 each. The raffle will close at 10am on Friday 30th April and the winners will be drawn.

Good luck everyone!



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Acorn Awards—Friday 23rd April 2021



***Casper** - for your enthusiasm in your learning and becoming a confident member of Apple Class.*

***Solomon** - for your careful and thoughtful writing of caterpillar facts! You shared your ideas with others and were a super role model.*

***Sebastian** - for your thoughtful and impressive improvements to your work. You demonstrated a really mature attitude to learning.*

***Leo** - for your enthusiastic participation during Geography. Your well thought out questions opened interesting discussion for the whole class!*

***Frankie** - for your 'fired up' attitude towards your multiplication work this week. You applied your knowledge of place value to solve calculations using the grid method*

***Elizabeth Shaw** - for your deductive skills and critical thinking during our Aztec artefacts lesson. You thought like a historian to make hypotheses*

***Kitty** - for your effective learning behaviours. You have shared ideas and shown your ability to make connections when developing hypotheses about the ancient Aztec civilisation*

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

April 2021

Governing Body News:

Our governors are currently very busy indeed, as they are in the middle of the selection process for our new headteacher! 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

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)

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.