



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and the taste of summer weather this week. All our staff and pupils have had a varied four day week in school: we have had several visits for groups of pupils, including the Y5 robotics STEM day, the maths competition for some Y3/4 pupils, the golf experience day for some Y3/4 pupils, the Future Flyers sport leaders' sessions for some of our KS2 pupils.

We have held our Pupil Parliament Meeting and begun actioning many things discussed in last week's pupils' departmental meetings. We have also had a super string instrument concert and some super lessons: Apple Class are still talking about their evil peas and the adventures of the vegetables, Maple Class have started their Sea of Dreams work and have had some very creative and practical lessons, Beech Class are already immersed in Gaudi constructions, Chestnut Class are 'Awesome' and are preparing for their Community Café.

In addition to this, we have been preparing the Y2 and Y6 children for their statutory assessments. Maple Class are being assessed during the next few weeks and Y6 will have their tests in mathematics, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar next week. Writing will be evaluated later this term using all the work the children have done this year. Y3,4,5 pupils will also have a week of assessments. So, we hope that all the children have a fun, healthy and outdoor weekend with lots of sleep so that they are ready for their tests! Feedback to parents and carers will be with the electronic reports, which will be available near the end of term.

School Finances

We are delighted to announce that we have secured £500 from the Police Property Act Fund, with the support of Ricky, Felix's daddy (YR). This money will go towards keeping our swimming pool financially afloat and we are very grateful to him for this support.

We have also managed to be included in the Waitrose scheme, whereby a proportion of the funding set aside for charitable causes each month will be given to us, depending on the proportion we will notify you of the dates, so that you can let all your friends and families know to shop there and to vote for us.....lots of small shopping trips and lots of separate votes will secure us the £s!

May

The week ahead.....

SATS Week & NFER Tests

Monday 14th:

Clubs: Think Tank-Mrs. Prudence (Y4,5,6), Art -Mrs. Moss(Y1,2,3), French-Mrs. Crombie(Y3,4,5,6)

Tuesday 15th:

Clubs: Gym -Miss Hall(Y2,3,4), Craft-Mrs. Garfield (Y1,2,3)

Wednesday 16th:

Beech Class Visit to Chichester Cathedral

Maths Enrichment Day at Portfield (x4 Yr 1 & 2)

Clubs: Change for Life -AAA Coaching (Y2,3,4,5,6), Cookery-Mrs. Boxall & Mrs. Muggeridge (Y3,4,5,6)

Thursday 17th:

School Parliament MPs visit to West Dean College with Mrs Moss and Mrs Canning

Clubs: Summer Sports-Mrs. Goacher & Mrs. Pearmaine (Y3,4,5,6), Spanish-Mrs. Wilson (Y3,4,5,6)

Friday 18th:

Clubs: Strings-Miss Urquhart (selected musicians), Athletics-AAA Coaching (Y1,2,3,4,5,6)

Visiting Author



Sebastian Hockaday is the author of the children's picture book, *Bella Boo and Bloomer Fen* and will be visiting school on Thursday 17th May. The visit will involve a writing workshop with Years 2, 3 and 4; followed by a reading of his book in an assembly for Reception up to Year 4 with a Q+A session, followed by a book signing session at the end of the day. There will be an opportunity to purchase a signed copy at the end of the day.



Sports Partnership Events -

10 children from Year 3 & 4 took part in the **Tri-Golf** Challenge accompanied by Mr Chambers, Flora and Sonny's daddy. The children had the opportunity to play on the adventure golf course and try out their golfing skills.

Mrs Clemens and Mr Davis-Pugh took our '**Quad Kids**' to Bishop Luffa where children were able to take part in four events; running, sprinting, long-jump and vortex throwing. These sporting opportunities are provided for us by West Sussex Sports Partnership using our government Sports Premium funding.

Year 5 STEM Challenge at Churcher's College - Mrs Goacher took our year 5 children to Churcher's College to take part in the STEM Inter-Schools Challenge. 5 Primary and 8 secondary schools were invited to enjoy a day of hands-on team challenges with a robotics theme. Prizes were awarded for teamwork and challenge success and everyone really enjoyed the day.

Year 4 Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

Four of our year 4 children went to Christ's Hospital with our governor and parent Vicky Rowlands. They took part in a variety of maths challenges together with other schools. They also had the opportunity to use their reasoning skills and show their mathematical talent and were rewarded with afternoon tea.

Information regarding after school clubs for the second half of the summer term will be coming home shortly. Please do remember that clubs are popular and become booked up very quickly. You will notice that it has become necessary to increase the cost of our club provision but hope that you will agree that it is still extremely good value for money and we will try to continue to give the children as many opportunities as possible.

AAA Sports Coaching will be available

**On our Inset Day,
Wednesday 4th July.**

This will also be running for the first week of the summer holidays so if you would like a place please make sure you book in advance by contacting ben@aaacoaching.co.uk
07788661316

Save Our Swimming Pool: Thank you to those of you who have very kindly contributed the suggested £10 to help us with the cost of keeping the swimming pool up and running, just a reminder that this will allow you 'free' use of the pool during the times that it is open. We only have three names on our list for the First Aid training currently and if we only have 3 First Aiders we will not be able to open the pool as often we could with more people to help. There is no charge for the training and will be 1.00-3.00 on Monday 21st May - please do let us know if you are able to help - our children are relying on you to help us to keep our pool.



Books for School

We still have a few of our **£5 Book Tokens** for you to collect. You can then buy classroom library books with your child – pop into the office or email us to let us know you are planning a shopping trip and we will send a voucher home. Thank you for your donations and support in this.

School Donations

Thank you to some parents and friends of the school who have made generous donations. We have been asked if this facility could be set up on our school money payment system. I am pleased to say it is available on-line now. When you log-in to your child's account you will see a line with 'School Donation' £1. If you would like to make a donation of any kind to school, you will be able to log into your account and override the £1 payment with any amount that you would like to make. There is, of course, absolutely no obligation for anyone to make a donation, but if you would like to then this is a quick and easy method to do so. Thank you all very much for your support.

HOME LEARNING RESOURCE

We have copies of the Usborne Junior Illustrated Grammar and Punctuation books available to buy for the children priced at £5 each. We would like every child in KS2 to have their own copy of this publication for use at home.

This valuable resource is available to purchase as a shop item on Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Acorn Awards

Friday 11th May 2018

***Eloise** - for super understanding of the meaning of adding and subtracting*

***Frankie O** - for using her new sounds to help in her reading*

***Elizabeth** - for listening carefully to feedback and incorporating those ideas into her work - resulting in excellent writing*

***Kitty** - for her great attitude to her reading - so keen to read and loving her books*

***Solomon** - for his enthusiasm and involvement in our reading of Macbeth*

***Harry** - Mrs Goacher praised his sensible and respectful behaviour during the year 5 trip to Churchers. Thank you for setting such a good example.*

***Ka'ci** - for her positive attitude in class this week. So lovely to see her with a smile 😊*

Summer Term Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Week Commencing 14th May - SATs week

Monday 21st May, 1.00-3.00 - Poolside First Aid Training for parents

Monday 21st May - Maple class visit to Wittering beach

Wednesday 23rd May, 9.00-11.00 - Apple class visit to Waitrose

Thursday 24th May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25th May, 2.30 - 3.30 - Chestnut Class Community Café

Wednesday 6th June - KS2 'Nano' Tech day at Southampton University

Tuesday 12th June - Maple class visit to Wahacca in Chichester

Wednesday 13th June - Chestnut class visit to the Houses of Parliament in London

Thursday 14th June - Beech Class Big Camp

Thursday 14th June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Monday 18th June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19th June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 21st June, 8.45 - Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

Friday 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Tuesday 26th June, 1.15-3.30 - Year 6 Rounders at Bishop Luffa (selected)

Wednesday 27th June - Maple class visit to West Dean Church

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 29th June, 1.00 - 4.00 - KS2 Softball Tournament in Oaklands Park (club children)

Monday 2nd July, 9.15-14.30 - Yr 6, God and the Big Bang Science Day at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July - GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected)

Wednesday 4th July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Wednesday 4th July - AAA Coaching

Thursday 5th July, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected)

Friday 6th July - Reserve date for GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected)

Monday 9th July - GAS Cricket event (Selected children)

Tuesday 10th July, 1.15 - 3.30 - Yr 1 & 2 Multi-skills sports event at Bishop Luffa (selected)

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Wednesday 11th July, 1.00-4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)

Thursday 12th July, 1.00 - 4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)

Tuesday 17th June, 1.30-2.30 - Year 6 Leavers' Service in West Dean Church

Wednesday 18th July - Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

Thursday 19th July - Reserve date for Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Wednesday 4th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Tuesday 4th September- Wednesday 19th December

Monday 3rd September - Inset Day

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

NB: 2019 INSET days are yet to be decided

Christmas Dates for 2018!

Friday 14th December- Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)


Monday 17th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

Monday 17th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church (children arrive 4:40 please)

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 19th December 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Chichester District Foodbank	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.
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	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.
Care Bears 	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.
After School Clubs	Please do check the timetable for dates when the clubs will be running and for weeks when there are no clubs. Please also make sure that you have booked and paid for club places on schoolmoney.co.uk .
	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.
Late Arrivals	Just to clarify our timings: from 8:20, we have two members of staff on the playground to supervise children, which means adults can leave from then onwards. Children come into the classrooms, ready to learn, at 8:35, when the bell is rung. At 8:40, the register is taken. Any children arriving after this time enter through the main school entrance, so that we can ensure we keep children safe. From Monday 9 th October, we will have a 'late arrivals' book in the entrance area so that we can log those children who are persistently late, as this will help to explain inconsistencies in the progress for some children, and is an important record of our attendance. Please do complete the 'late arrivals' book, giving the reason for your lateness. Please note that this is a parental responsibility. Children should be arriving at school with an adult - they will not put their own names in the book -we will expect the accompanying adult to complete this, please. I have asked our office staff to ensure this is adhered to. This enables lessons to be 'in full swing' by 8:45 at the latest, and means that we make good use of the time we have in school. Late Collections On a similar note, please ensure that you collect children on time after school and clubs. Our staff have many other responsibilities and are wasting valuable time waiting for children to be collected.
	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)

Friday 11th May, 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

I do hope that your child enjoyed today's performances by the violin and viola students at West Dean C.E. Primary School.

I expect to have availability to take on new students of both the violin and the viola at the school in September. Lessons happen during school time, on a rota. Alternatively, I also teach lessons at Chichester Music Centre at Chichester High School on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. All lessons are taught in groups of two or three, or one-to-one, for 20 minutes or 30 minutes.

If you are interested in your child receiving lessons, or have any queries regarding violin and viola lessons, please contact me on the email address below.

If you would like to secure your child's place for weekly lessons to start this term, please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk, go to 'Making Music' and then click 'Apply for Lessons'. Lessons on other instruments are also available: if you contact West Sussex Music for information about which instruments are currently taught at the school they would be pleased to help.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,



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