



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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SPONSORING GREAT CAUSES

The next Community Café will be opening on Friday 27th May from 2.30 to 3.30pm

This popular event will take place just before half term, once again, thanks to Mrs Prudence and the Chestnut Class children and team.

The children have decided that profits from the Community Café will be given to Education West Africa, a charity set up by ex-West Dean pupil Penelope Sharman (Rosie's grandma!) and her husband. Focusing on one of the poorest areas of Africa, Sierra Leone; their work building schools, providing uniforms and making school furniture not only gives the children of Sierra Leone an education but gives jobs to the local people. Penelope regularly visits our school to give us updates on progress and the class have the opportunity to speak to the children they are helping. The children will get to see exactly where the money is being spent and how it is helping the community. We hope that this will become a long term link between our school and Education West Africa.

Penelope and Rosie are doing a sponsored swim for the charity and would love you to sponsor them - please see Rosie or ask in the office for details. For more info about the charity, please see: www.educationwestafrica.info

The Button family are doing a sponsored walk in May. This will be called GO THAT EXTRA MILE and is a 3 mile walk – with the 'extra mile', the family will walk 4 miles in total. The sponsorship money will go to LUPUS UK, a charity which supports those with Lupus, an illness of the immune system which can affect any part of the body. Again, please see Tilly or Chris, or ask at the school office for more information or to sponsor them in this highly worthwhile cause.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Clubs	Please note that clubs will NOT be running w/c 2 nd May or w/c 23 rd May
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Maple Class Assembly	Please note that Maple Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 16 th June.
Clubs and Care Bears	After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
Sainsbury's Active Kids	Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion ends in-store on 3 rd May.
Election Day	Thursday 5 th May - school will remain open and voting will take place in Chestnut Classroom as we <i>have</i> to act as a polling station - the children will work in the hall/pavilion/outdoors
Kidzania	This KS2 visit to London will support us with our topic which is all about inspiring children to have aspirations to achieve as adults as well as children! Children will gain valuable insights into the 'jobs' and careers out there for them, and we will use this as a stimulus for writing, maths work and to drive work in other curriculum areas. We will be contacting you to see if you would be willing to come into school to run a small hands-on workshop or chat briefly to children about your job/career/role. You may not be keen/able to do this yourself but you may know someone who would be, someone who will inspire our children and who is good at communicating and could bring in some exciting props etc. We have lots of ideas and will communicate this next week! So - look out for more information to follow!

Acorn Awards Friday 29th April 2016

Nell – for super weaving with strips of paper

Christopher – for amazing handwriting, forming the letter 'W'

James - for his amazing 'Quest' ideas

Ashton – for applying his mathematical vocabulary and place value knowledge to tricky calculations

Stan - for such an improved attitude in class, choosing to regularly contribute ideas and challenge himself

Franki - for thinking hard and putting lots of effort into her plan and diary entry for our mystery character

Natalia – for asking questions and making sure we all concentrate!

Dates for 2016

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday, School Closed

Tuesday 3rd May - Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers End

Tuesday 3rd May - RNLI visit to Maple Class and whole school assembly

Thursday 5th May - Election Day - school will remain open

W/C 9th May - Test Week, Year 2 and Year 6

Monday 9th May pm - Governor Visits

Tuesday 17th May - Paul Ulson visit to Beech Class re Egyptians

Wednesday 18th May - Governor Training 5.30-7.30

Thursday 19th May am - Governor Visits

Thursday 19th May - Year 6 'Racing to School' at Goodwood

Friday 27th May - Community Cafe

Wednesday 8th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - **All welcome**
(even if you haven't attended previous sessions!)

Thursday 9th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photo's - Classes & Leaver

Wednesday 15th June - Little Big Sing at The March School - Maple Class

Thursday 16th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Friday 17th June 10.30am - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings (details tbc)

Tuesday 21st June - KS2 visit to Kidzania in London - info to follow

Thursday 23rd June - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 28th June - Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

Tuesday 5th July 1.30-2.30 - GAS Sports - selected pupils

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed

Thursday 7th July - GAS Sports reserve day - selected pupils

Monday 11th July 9.45-2.30 - Cricket at Boxgrove - selected pupils

Wednesday 13th July 9.00am - Sports Morning

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 21st July - St Andrew's Church, West Dean - Y6 Leavers' Service

Friday 22nd July - 8:45am - End of Year Assembly - all welcome

After School Clubs
Summer Term 2016

w/c			11.04.16	18.04.16	25.04.16	09.05.16	16.05.16	
Monday		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 1-3

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w/c			06.06.16	13.06.16	27.06.16	04.07.16	11.07.16	
Monday		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
		S Goacher	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Yr 1-2
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