



**West Dean Church of England Primary School**  
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**Newsletter 2 13th September 2019**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the introduction of Forest School activities for this year with Mike Pearce, supported by our team. It was a beautifully sunny day.; children were able to enjoy and explore all that nature has to offer at West Dean School. In the first half of the morning there was lighting fire using cotton wool, dry wood and 'dragon snot'! There was a scavenger hunt collecting natural materials from the grounds.

After break Mikey read the children a book which was wonderfully illustrated showing the habitats of wildlife within the woods and the forest. The children then took inspiration from Artist Andy Goldsworthy who produces amazing art using natural materials such as leaves and wood.

The children used their scavenger items to create some spectacular art including Dogs, rockets and dinosaurs.. The sessions were finished with toasted marshmallows around the camp fire.... Delicious!!!

During the after school club the children came up with ideas for development of our own grounds in addition to toasting marshmallows on the fire.

On Monday, Chestnut and Apple Classes will enjoy similar outdoor learning experiences and we will continue to develop the grounds and follow this up over the coming months. Mikey will return in January for a further two days and we are excited by our plans for the children.



*The week ahead..... September 2019*

**Monday : Forest School Activities for Chestnut and Apple Classes**

**Clubs—Drama**

**Tuesday: 8.45 Beech Class Parent Information Session**

**7.30pm PTA Mtg at The Dean**

**Clubs—Swimming at Westbourne House**

**Wednesday : 2.30pm Apple Class Parent Information Session**

**Clubs—Cookery and Chess**

**Thursday : 2.30pm Maple Class Parent Information Session**

**Clubs— Lego & Judo**

**Friday: Clubs - AAA Sports**

**Car Parking**

Just a reminder that the car park is for use by parents/carers who have a child in Reception. Parents/carers who have children of pre-school age may also use the car park. Please ensure that you have your parking permit on display in your windscreen, If you do not have a permit, please pop into the office to request one. Alternative parking is available in the village and at The Dean. Thank you.

Please also take care not to park in or block the disabled parking bay , leaving this free for people who need it.

Thank you for your support in keeping us all safe in our car park.

**GAS Dance Enrichment Day—Thursday 12th September**

4 children from Chestnut Class had the opportunity to take part in a GAS Dance Enrichment day at Lavant School with children from the other GAS schools.

Led by a ballet group from America, they did a performance to the whole group which was a story about Esther from the Bible.

In the afternoon the children were in mixed groups with a character from the story and they were shown the dance which was then performed for the parents at the end of the day.

"We worked in groups with children from other schools and the message was 'be brave'. We really enjoyed the day" - Tallulah Edser, Year 5.

**Aldi's KitsFor Schools—Get Set to Eat Fresh**

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. (Please see attached information).

This gives us the opportunity to collect stickers; if we fill the chart with 300 stickers we can received a school sports kit. In addition, 20 primary schools will have the chance to win £20,000.

When you spend £30 in Aldi you will received a Team GB sticker—we need to fill our poster with 300 stickers by 3rd November, please do have a look at the giant sticker chart that will be on display; you can drop your stickers into the school office.

## Who's Who in our School Parliament?

Pupil Parliament Department	Lead staff	Year Six MPs & Secretaries	Things we are working on this term/year
Belief and behaviour/ vision and values	Mrs. Moss Mrs. Wakefield	Lauren Matilda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupil contribution to assemblies</li> <li>Rewarding behaviour in assemblies, playtimes and around school</li> <li>Reviewing and simplifying our School Charter and Vision, ethos, creed etc</li> </ul>
Finance and Fund raising -	Mrs. Chilton Mrs, Shears	Ewan Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raising money to support our STEM work</li> <li>Aldi sticker collection</li> <li>Harvest</li> <li>Other fundraising initiatives throughout the year</li> </ul>
Healthy and Happy Lives	Mrs. Plackett Miss Ashton Mrs Muggerridge	James S Solomon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hello Yellow—mental health—staying positive and knowing how to stay healthy in our minds as well as our bodies</li> </ul>
Curriculum and Learning	Mrs. Prudence Mrs. Pearmaine	Leo Pip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning behaviours</li> </ul>
Environment	Mrs. Johnson Miss Boxall Mrs. Goacher	Max Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School community allotment</li> <li>Switching lights off and saving energy</li> <li>How and what to recycle at home and school</li> </ul>

Our School Parliament is how we achieve lots of things in school with the children. They input to this and so do staff. Things are achieved in partnership. We love to have governor and parent involvement, so if you would like to support one of our departments, (particularly the environment department where I know several parents have expressed an interest), then please do let one of us know.



## Chess

Mr Chambers is running a lovely chess club where children are learning and playing against one another. If your child would like to try the game out, the website the club are using for their homework is ChessKid.com. and any child can join. We would not usually recommend any gaming sites, but this is a safe and friendly site where children can learn and play chess.

Their website says: 'We are committed to making sure that every child that uses ChessKid.com has fun and is protected!

*It is a safe place for people to come and enjoy chess. We use strict privacy management tools on the site to make sure that all interactions are 100% safe. Members cannot send messages or custom text to each other unless they have both blind-friended each other. Blind-friending means that both members must independently add the other member as a friend, and members are not notified that another member has added them as a friend. This means that your child will only become friends with those on the site that he or she specifies. Also, as a parent you can review your child's friends, or prevent them from adding friends. Only friends are able to chat, send messages, and communicate.* It certainly seems a lovely way to practise the game even when you are not together.



## Musical opportunities

West Sussex Music's Chichester Music Centre are delighted to be offering children the opportunity to join a group lesson to learn the Cello or Double Bass, with no previous experience required. Starting this term, West Sussex Music are pleased to be offering a new Key2Music group lesson on Cello or Double Bass at the preferential rate of £80 p/term including instrument hire. Classes will be 40 minutes long and will be held at Chichester Music Centre on Saturday mornings from 9:00- 9:40am. Parents can bring their children along to the first session to try it out free of charge; for further details :

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-centre.cfm?title=chichester-music-centre>

## Diary Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December

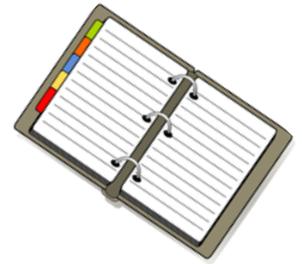
Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May



### 2019/20 INSET days

Friday 25th October, Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Monday 16th September - Forest School Activities for Chestnut & Apple

Tuesday 17th September 8.45am—Beech Class Information Session

Wednesday 18th September 2.30pm—Apple Class Information Session

Thursday 19th September 2.30pm—Maple Class Information Session

Tuesday 24th September—Drama 4 All Workshops—YR, 1, 2

Thursday 26th September—Governing Body Meeting

Monday 30th September—Visit to Chichester Records Office— Yr5 & 6—selected pupils

Tuesday 1st October—Chestnut Class visit to Southampton Museum

Wednesday 2nd October—Zehra Hicks visiting author in school

Thursday 3rd October—Paul Collicut visiting author in school

Thursday 3rd October—PTA Quiz Night

Monday 7th October—Literacy Enrichment Chichester Cathedral—selected pupils only

Wednesday 9th October—Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 15th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Wednesday 16th October—School Friends Service Chichester Cathedral—Beech Class

Friday 18th October 8.45am —Harvest Festival Assembly—all welcome

Thursday 24th October 2.30pm—Community Café in hall

Friday 25th October—INSET Day—school closed

### CHURCH NEWS:

ALL STARS Children's Worship Group returns this Sunday (15th September) at 10am at West Dean Church.

All Stars meets the 3rd Sunday of each month during the usual morning worship at West Dean.

The children take part in fun activities based on Christian worship such as craft, games, puzzles, cooking and singing.

We can't wait to hear about what our stars have been getting up to over the summer and we would love to meet some of new Reception children at Singleton and West Dean Schools. Any queries or questions please contact Sarah on [sarah\\_peirson@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah_peirson@btinternet.com)

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 13th September 2019*

*Matilda L* - for being a good role model and helping the new children settle in Apple Class

*Emie* - for her fantastic use of adjectives in her descriptive writing about the Windmill Farmer

*Fraser* - for his independence and determination at Forest School when using the sparker to light a fire

*Elliot* - for his general knowledge about the outdoor world and his practical ability at Forest School

*Richard* - for a super start to Year 5 and for settling into school so well, we love having you in Chestnut Class

*Max* - for being a fantastic example for others, showing respect to peers and adults and always ready to learn



## West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs    Autumn 1

Autumn Term 2019

first half of Autumn term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Mrs K Prudence	12	Drama	£ 25.00	4,5,6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs S Johnson & Mrs S Goacher	20	Swimming WH	£ 25.00	3,4,5,6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mr P Chambers	10	Chesskids	£ 25.00	4,5,6
	Mrs S Muggeridge & Miss J Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	3,4,5,6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mr M Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	3,4,5,6
	Mrs S Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 25.00	1,2
<b>Friday</b>	Mr B Johnson	25	AAA Coaching	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6,

Club Dates:    W/C 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September and 7th October.

There will be no after school clubs during the week commencing 14th & 21st October,

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in.

Westbourne House Swimming is 6.30-7.15pm

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk).

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

**Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.**

**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](http://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.



## Current Useful Information and Reminders:

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.

**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.**

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