



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy week which everyone agrees has flown by! We have been busy with all our after school clubs, which are bringing lots of additional opportunities for the children. We have had several governor meetings since the Easter holidays, where we have been making sure the school money is wisely spent, keeping the children and everyone in school safe, replacing the lead which was stolen from our roof and planning for lots of exciting future events. My thanks go to our governors for their support and the time and expertise they share with us.

I think we would all agree that the most newsworthy part of this week was the Art on a Postcard event. See below for details!

SWIMMING & THE POOL We are beginning to think about the swimming pool and what we need to do to begin the summer swim season. With this in mind, we have arranged for a 'Poolside' First Aid training session on Monday 21st May, 1.00-3.00. We would like to invite parents to attend this session with a view to helping with supervision during after school and holiday swim sessions. There will be no charge as this will be funded by School/PTA but we need as many as we can so that we can organise a rota to allow us to have at least one first aider for each swim session.

Please do let the office know if you are able to attend and would like to help.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis as we are limited to 15.



Thank you to all of you who joined in our **Easter Readathon**:
our total raised so far is £261.

We hope that you enjoyed all the lovely reading - don't forget to share the books you loved with your friends.



Please remember to bring in your sponsor money so

That our School Parliament can calculate the final total.



AAA Sports Coaching This will 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



CAR PARK PLEA

PLEASE PLEASE do not leave engines running in the car park.

This is not only bad for the environment in general, but damaging to our health. Children in particular are vulnerable to damage from car fumes, especially those who have suffered from asthma. We have a number of adults in the community who are also susceptible to breathing issues linked to this.



April/May

The week ahead.....

Monday 30th:

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

Tuesday 1st:

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

Wednesday 2nd:

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

Thursday 3rd:

School Parliament Departmental Meetings 8:45 - 9:10 We would welcome parent and governor support - see below

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

Friday 4th:

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

Monday 7th:

Bank Holiday - school will be closed



Art on a Postcard

We raised a staggering £1,400



This super initiative was conceived by Leisa Chambers, the Chairperson of our PTA, and is just one great example of how a new idea can generate interest, enthusiasm, amazing art work and a lot of money! With the sale of many of our pictures for £5 a piece, we already had a lot of money trickling in. On Thursday evening, after our Governor meeting, we had the final exhibition and auction in the school hall. It was a fun event with an air of excitement and competition: we even had husband and wife bidding against one another at one point!

Thank you to everyone who took part or helped in any way, painting, framing, shopping and supporting with publicity etc! A huge thank you to Leisa and her team; to the staff, tutors and students of West Dean College; artists from Coln Gallery and the local area; to the generous and talented cartoonists; to the staff and artists of Pallant House Gallery for generosity in providing gifts for our winning children; to Chichester Observer for the article; to Chichester Cathedral for loaning the display stands and to all our artists aged 3 to 73!

We are delighted with the money raised, which will support us in our many exciting curriculum enrichment activities, but equally delighted with the experience of having a gallery and auction in school, and a real purpose for our art work. The auction evening was a PTA social event in itself and we hope to do it again in the future.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY!

If your child has a postcard art work on display, it is available for a donation to school. Please pop in either today (Friday) or on Monday 20th April. Any remaining artwork will be displayed in a montage in school after this date, when the exhibition will be taken down.

Security and Safety

This is a major priority for us every day in and around school. We are reviewing our policies and practices, as we do on a regular and frequent basis. Please support us in reading the information which will be sent home over the next few weeks and by adhering to our requests.



- Please only enter the school building via the school office, so that we can check all visitors. Only use cloakroom/classroom entrances when invited by a member of school staff.
- Always sign in for events, visits etc
- Remember to sign children in and out for appointments and if late etc
- Before school - stay with your children on the playground until a school adult is there
- After school - Apple class pupils should be collected from their outdoor area: all other pupils will come onto the playground, where you should be clearly visible **on the playground**, waiting for them, please
- After school club pick ups - we will be locking the pedestrian gates during after school club hours to make this time more secure. Please collect children from the main school entrance for all these clubs, making sure you are clearly visible to staff so that they can dismiss children quickly and safely
- Park safely - only carers and parents of Apple Class children, and those with pre-school children in cars, should use the school car park. Please reverse safely into spaces and take great care. Avoid walking across the car park whenever possible (this will be necessary, with vigilance, upon pick up after clubs, as the pedestrian gates will be locked).
- Ensure your contact details are always up to date and let us know if someone else is collecting children

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.

Acorn Awards

Friday 27th April 2018

Anu – for working really hard in her writing and thinking carefully about her sounds

Rupert – for fantastic throwing and catching skills in PE

Teale – for really thinking about how to use persuasive writing in her letter and producing an excellent piece of writing

Josh – for pushing himself in literacy and really thinking about his writing

Ewan – for his independent thinking in Science when designing his dog alarm

Maia – for being 'on fire' all week, working hard and making super links in our English and Maths work

Charlie G – for showing resilience in our collaborative spelling test, really thinking about the route words and spelling patterns, producing great results

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May, 1.15-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Year 5 selected at Bishop Luffa

Wednesday 9th May, 1.00 - 3.45, Sports Partnership Tri Golf, year 3&4 selected

Thursday 10th May - Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Friday 11th May, 2.30-2.55 - Strings Assembly with Alex Urquhart

Saturday 12th May - Lions Club Swimathon

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

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

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

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

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

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

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

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

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

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

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

Autumn Term 2018: Monday 3rd September - Wednesday 19th December

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

NB: Autumn term 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 20th 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)