



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be wishing you all a happy summer holiday as we approach the end of our final day of the year. What a lot we have achieved together this academic year - thank you to all of you for your support. Have a great summer holiday and enjoy your children - every year is precious!

Today we said 'goodbye' to **Mrs. Canning** after years of wonderful service for our whole school community: children, PTA, parents and staff. We will miss her terribly but were able to show her our gratitude with your generous gifts, a piñata to be proud of and the performance of our new School Song, 'So Many Hearts'. We will put the school song on the website as soon as we are able, as we are very proud of it indeed. In the meantime, the lyrics, as composed by the children, are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has visited our **Duende Gallery** this week: we are extremely proud of the range and quality of work the classes and children in art club have produced, and of the impact this has had on other areas of the curriculum - I am sure will agree that the quality of some of the writing on display was 'phenomenal' (a Spanish word!).

The **swimming pool** will be open next week, throughout the first week of the holiday: Monday - Friday 2.00-4.00.

Thank you to everyone for keeping the after school and holiday swims going, and for supporting the management of behaviour and safety in these sessions.

We would like to say a huge **thankyou** to Mrs Crabtree (Alex and Holly's grandma) for her very generous donation to school. We will have a think about how best to use these funds but will likely put some of it towards the Save our Swimming Pool Campaign. We have also had a very generous donation from West Dean College Community Fund which is going towards our new 'Clevertouch' interactive screen for Beech classroom; hopefully this will be in place for September. The generosity towards and consideration for our school and children is overwhelming and goes such a long way to helping us go 'the extra mile'. Thank you.

Summer Holiday Building Works

Please see attached notice regarding the building works which will be carried out during the summer holidays.

School review feedback - please see below. Feedback re the WSCC **funding consultation** - this will follow next term. Information about our **school's development plan priorities**: this will follow in the Autumn term.

School Reports

These are available for collection electronically. Information has been sent out so that you are able to access them from home/outside school.

The week ahead..... September 2018

Monday 3rd September: **Inset Day - School Closed**

Tuesday 4th September: Autumn Term begins for the children

Wednesday 4th September:

Thursday 6th September:

Friday 7th September:

Clubs: there are no clubs this week, clubs will begin for the autumn term next week. Care Bears will run every day, 3.00-4.00, please make sure you have booked a place.

Sports Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our sports afternoon followed by our traditional rounders match and PTA bar-b-que. Every race and event was well-managed and the children were fabulous. We are so pleased we have been able to enable children from pre-school age to those about to enter secondary education to enjoy the challenge, camaraderie and collaboration of our sports event.

Thank you to the staff, especially to Mrs. Johnson, for their skill in organising this, and for their competitive edge over the very talented Y6 rounders team (the staff and governors won by half a rounder!).

Thank you also to our PTA who supported us in organising the refreshments and BBQ, as well as providing the refreshments for Mrs. Canning's coffee morning.



SCHOOL REVIEW FEEDBACK

THANK YOU to everyone for your comments and feedback, which was shared and analysed during our INSET day, when staff and governors were present to review and plan for our continued development as a school. The bullet points below summarise the actions we will take in response to this:

- Continue to provide a caring, nurturing and happy environment where all our children can grow and learn as individuals, finding their talents and building all the skills necessary for successful lives both inside and outside school
- Keep the high level of swimming and sport in school (we do more swimming than the vast majority of schools as we swim all spring term in Y3,4,5,6 as well as using our own pool in the summer term).
- Continue to deal with behavioural issues of all pupils in a positive, consistent, firm but fair way. We are more than aware that there has been some swearing in school and we are all working hard to 'stamp this out'. For more information, please see our policies on the website. We will also do our best to make sure that all children feel fairly recognised for their achievements - this is very important to us but tricky to achieve 100% of the time!
- Continue to provide singing and music lessons throughout school, with a whole term of musical instrument lessons for Y3,4,5,6 in the Autumn term. This Autumn term we will be learning brass instruments: children have learnt strings and woodwind over the last couple of years, and our aim is that each child should have tried at least four instruments before they leave us, so that they can opt to continue with additional peripatetic lessons in school or into secondary school. We have places for a few more string and woodwind lessons if your child is interested: please contact the office for information. We will consider a school choir, to run alongside our clubs - obviously this will only take place if we have sufficient take up and can source a skilled person keen to lead this!
- Y1 clubs - we offer some Y1 clubs later in the year but find that our younger children are only ready for clubs at this time and not before. Care Bears is always available.
- Continue to balance our feedback about pupil progress so that parents and carers are aware of 'scores' as well as the 'qualitative' information. We will publish the SATs score breakdown for Y6 pupils as well as the results. We will endeavour to make it clear during the year whether children are 'on track' or 'working towards' national expectations, and if pupils are likely to be working at 'greater depth' in subjects at the end of the Key Stages.
- Make it clear how we select pupils for activities and events, whenever we can: some sporting events, for example, are highly competitive and some are more 'taster sessions'. This determines our selection, as does pupil behaviour.
- Continue to encourage and enable all parents to be involved in PTA and school life as much as they want to and are able.
- Consider, once again, if a breakfast club is a viable option: this has been offered and we had insufficient demand. We cannot offer this unless we feel that we can do it in a way which enables children to come into school 'ready to learn'.
- Consider making and selling resources as a means of equipping parents and raising funds - this is, however, unlikely to be financially viable, as our staffing carries costs which probably outweigh the funds raised!

Thank you all! Please don't wait for the next school review if you have any queries or concerns! We are always available on the playground at 3pm, and in the classrooms from 3-3:15 on Wednesdays. You can also request an appointment or catch me informally on the playground in the mornings if you would like to find out more, or make suggestions!

SWIMMING MESSAGE FROM MRS GOACHER...

Come on everyone - I've bought my coping stone to save our swimming pool already so please dig deep and donate your money now. See school Newsletter for more information...

Every single child has benefited from our wonderful pool, especially in their early school years, and it would be a real shame if it is not there to benefit future children, so please donate even if you have a child who is higher up in the school.

Even today I was able to help a new, nervous swimmer take their feet off the floor and bravely swim a whole length using a noodle; they even felt brave enough to float on their back with their ears in the water - such a sense of achievement. I am sure we can all agree that being safe and confident around water is so important, especially in this gorgeous weather.

A lot of children were awarded their distance certificates this week. I am really proud to say that every child has made progress (yes, I do keep a spreadsheet!) so if your child has not got a certificate it is because they haven't quite made the next certificate distance leap.

Please remind your children to be safe in the water especially with the lovely hot weather. Make sure they know how deep the water is and what is at the bottom, especially if you are swimming in streams and lakes, also how warm/cold it is before they enter. Use inflatables with care and know what to do if they get caught in a rip tide - let the water carry them out, then swim along and swim in; rather than trying to swim back in against the tide and running out of energy.

On a separate note: Swimming Club will be running again from September - Dec, following the afterschool club timetable, and will be open to any children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 who are keen swimmers and are interested in improving. I am sorry but we cannot accept non-swimmers.

Just to clarify, after Christmas we will select out 'Squad Swimmers' and gala training will commence from January to April. Squad swimmers will be selected by Mrs Johnson and me and do not necessarily have to of attended the autumn swimming sessions.

With very best wishes for a summer holiday full of fun (and swimming!),
Sue Goacher

Diary Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term Monday 3rd September- Wednesday 19th 2018

Half - Term - Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July

Half Term - Monday 27th may - Friday 31st May

2018/19 INSET days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 8th 2019



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.
	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)
Waitrose Charity	We have been lucky enough to secure a 'tube' in Waitrose store during the month of August - anytime you shop at Waitrose you will be given a green counter to place in one of three tubes for a good cause and at the end of the month that organization is awarded the equivalent sum of money. Please go to Waitrose for your shopping and pop your counter into our tube! Thank you to Mr John Coutts, one of our school governors, for helping to organise this for us.

Swimming

Just a quick note to ask everyone to help us to keep the school secure during the busy after school period, when people are coming and going from clubs. As you know, we unlock the pedestrian gates just before 'pick up' and then lock them again, to keep everyone in clubs safe and secure. To enable anyone taking part in after school swim sessions to exit school without going through the school building, there is now a new PTA padlock on the gate near the pool to allow you to leave into the car park.

Please wait for a school adult to allow access to the swimming pool during after school sessions.

Please support the person in charge with this and avoid coming through the school grounds and building.

Please make sure that you are supervising your own children, our First Aider is there for your safety only and is not responsible for your child. Thank you for your continued support to make this a fun, safe session for everyone.

So Many Hearts

Written by students from West Dean CE Primary School, July 2018

CHORUS

Small school, big hearts
Full of love and resilience
A place to imagine and grow
Small school, big hearts
Take a chance and play a part
Learn, laugh, love
You know it's true, (you know it's true)
3rd and 4th time only (So many hearts make a school)

Verse 1

Speak gently and be strong
Believe and don't fear being wrong
Kindness is the greatest thing
You can give and others can bring

Verse 2

Think deeply, love and care
Friendships always will be there
We're many but we work as one
Working hard but we're having fun!

Bridge

Time brings changes but some things stay
(Time, brings change)
The love within these walls won't go away
(Love, won't go away)
Faith and love remain the guiding light (Faith and love)
Towards each new day where our future's bright
(Future is so bright)
At West Dean we have a love of life itself.....

Harmonies run through the song

To the parents, carers and wider community of West Dean CE Primary School

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we will be having some building works taking place in school during the summer holidays.

The work in question will be in the cloakrooms at the entrance to our school adjacent to the main entrance. This will involve the internal refurbishment of the cloakrooms with no alterations to the exterior of the building.

The contractor for these works is Cheesmur. They will have responsibility for the health and safety on our school site during the period of these building works being carried out. Their hours of work will be between 7.30 and 4.30 daily, Monday to Friday.

We hope that these works will not cause any disruption or disturbance to any of our stakeholders or members of our community. If you do have any concerns regarding these works, please could you contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Goacher; 01243 811641.

We really hope that you will be supportive of these works taking place and that you will appreciate the benefit that this will offer our children to have a more pleasant and comfortable school environment.

Thank you for your support.

Signed on behalf of our School Parliament



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Dear Parents/Carers

11 July 2018

The provision for booking and paying for clubs for the first half of the autumn term is now available on our on-line payment system www.schoolmoney.co.uk. You will be able to book clubs for half a term at a time.

We are pleased to continue to offer a wide range of after school clubs, including sports, netball, cookery, art and our new 'Qualm' club, where children will have the opportunity to relax, chill out to some meditative music and take part in some restful activities with Mrs Pearmaine and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with Mrs Prudence. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Goacher will be running swimming at Westbourne House on Tuesday evenings between 6.30 and 7.15pm. You will find attached a club timetable with details of each club, which year groups are invited, costs and timings etc.

Please note the dates of the clubs as they do not run every week.

Reminder: Children should not use their school PE kit for clubs; they will be required to get changed into home clothes, to ensure PE kits are always available for lessons.

Each club will run for a block of 5 weeks and will be charged uniformly at £5 per club, per child, per week. Due to significant funding changes it has become necessary to increase the cost of the clubs, to ensure that we cover our school costs, and in-line with our Care Bears after school club, the cost of which remains unchanged. I'm sure you will agree, they still represent good value for money giving the children a wide range of opportunities outside the curriculum.

Clubs are available to book and pay for on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk. The deadline for bookings is 9.00 on **Monday 3rd September**. You will only be able to book and make a payment if there is a place available, places are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis, so please do book your places quickly if there is a particular club you are interested in, to avoid disappointment. If you use vouchers to pay for your club provision, places will need to be booked through the school office; please do contact us as soon as possible please.

Care bears is our after school care provision, open to all year groups every day between 3.00-4.00. These sessions are £5 per child per day and are available to book on school money. Please ensure that you have booked a place for your child, we get very busy and cannot guarantee places if children are not booked in. If you have booked a place and do not attend you will still be charged unless you have let us know that it is no longer required. We require a minimum of 4 children to make this viable, if we have less than this we will not run.

Booking for all clubs and care bears will go live on Schoolmoney.co.uk on Friday 20th July 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding our club provision.

Please note the dates and times when clubs start and finish and ensure that children are collected from our Reception area on time. If you select a club to attend please try to ensure that you commit to attending all five of the sessions within that block.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Moss
Headteacher



After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 1
First half of autumn term

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	10	STEM	£ 25.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
Tuesday	Mrs Hall	14	Netball	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Goacher	14	Swimming WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 25.00	Yr 2/3
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Quailm	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Multi-sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates: 10th, 17th, 24th September and 1st, 15th October.

There will be no after school clubs during the week commencing 8th 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.

We require a minimum of 4 children for Care Bears to be viable, less than this and we will not run.

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.

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.

West Dean Milk Mission

In a bid to reduce waste, carton packaging and plastic straws we are proposing to discontinue having our milk supplied by Cool Milk.

From September, in association with Chartwells or West Dean Stores, we are aiming to provide our children with a cup of milk each day instead of a 1/3 pint carton. We will have the milk delivered to school. We have enough plastic, reusable cups, in school that can be put in the dishwasher daily. Staff will monitor this in classes at snack time and the children will be encouraged to be independent and 'help themselves'.

Currently, parents are required to order and pay for their milk on-line with Cool Milk. We are able to add this as a payment on schoolmoney.co.uk, our own on-line payment system, giving parents easy access and the choice to opt in or out each half term.

Costs:

1x6 pint carton of milk = 30 cups of milk @ £1.50* per carton (0.05 per cup)

We are estimating 50 cups of milk required each day (not all children want it) so will order daily x2 6 pint cartons. Any excess will not be wasted.

Weekly we will require 10 x 6 pint cartons @ £15.00 per week

X6 weeks for each half term, £90.00. £90.00 divided between 50 children means that the cost would be £1.80; the cost to parents would be £2.50 per half term (allowing a small margin for admin/cleaning etc).

The daily cost per portion with Cool Milk is 0.26, so not only will we be saving parents money, they can be assured that their children will be able to access fresh milk at snack time in the classroom without the addition of unnecessary waste, packaging and plastic in the environment and in our bins, teaching our children independence and valuable lessons about our environment and how we can find a better way.

By working together with Chartwells/West Dean Stores, utilising already successful relationships in school, we are strengthening these partnership giving our parents the reassurance of our trust in Chartwells as service providers to our school supporting West Dean Stores as a local business.

*Cost of milk at leading supermarkets as at 11.07.18, this may be subject to change and Chartwells/West Dean Stores cost may be slightly higher.

West Dean PTA News July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the support over the past year, we hope to hold an AGM in the new term, but in the meantime something to think about over the summer.....

We have a vibrant and effective PTA that has been able to raise significant amounts of money as well as helping to build a happy and inclusive school community.

The current Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary have worked hard on all our children's behalf and have been involved in the events that make the school so special.

This year a number of committee members are stepping down or back to have a bit of a break and focus on other commitments.

We warmly welcome Miss Hall who will take Mrs Canning's place on the committee. **In September there will be vacancies for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.**

Thank you Mrs Canning for all your wonderful support!

If you enjoy getting to know others, you have a few ideas, maybe a skill or two and can spare a couple of hours each month you should definitely consider coming on board.

We've made some brilliant friends along the way and are very glad to have had this experience. Being involved in the PTA can make a difference to everyone's school experience in some way.

For helpful information on all things PTA including school and parent/carer's real experiences go to www.parentkind.org.uk (We are affiliated to Parentkind; this organisation offers a range of support to us.)

If you would like to know more about what's involved in the committee roles please email us or approach any PTA committee members, we'd love to talk to you!

Thank you for your continuing support.

The PTA

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