



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day.

As we now have 101 children in school, we thought it might be nice to be Dalmatians for the day. Children (and staff) are invited to dress in anything black and white, spots or stripes, if they would like to.

Children are also invited to bring in a favourite book to share in 'Book Buddy' sessions.

Look out for details coming soon of our exciting activities during 'Alive & Kicking' week - we would like to hear from you if are able to join us.

Booking for Parent Evenings will go live next week - check the website for details.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
<b>Parent &amp; Carer Drop-in Sessions</b>	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. <b>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</b>
<b>Learning Journals</b>	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
<b>Parent Group</b>	<b>Support and Friendship Group for Parents</b> - with Mrs Diane Clack. Do come along and join the group to share parenting ideas. <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23rd March 8.35 - 10.00</b>
<b>Clubs and Care Bears After School Childcare Provision</b>	Clubs begin again on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February for 3 weeks. <i>There will be no clubs during the weeks commencing 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March.</i>
<b>Sainsbury's Active Kids</b>	Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has begun again, please collect all of your vouchers and bring them in to help the children select exciting resources for our school.
<b>Car Parking</b>	Please support us in keeping the car park safe. Staff are parking in 'visitor' spaces, currently, so as to leave part of the car park free for children to use at playtimes, because the field is too waterlogged to use. This means that the car park is even more congested than usual. For the coming week, please park in any available space, but give priority to parents with limited mobility and those with very young children. <b>Parents of children in Y2-6, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR PARK. DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF IN THE CAR PARK FOR ANY REASON.</b> Parents who are doing this are causing danger to children and road users on the A286. <i>Thank you for helping with this.</i>
<b>Snow and Bad Weather</b>	Please <b>see the school website</b> if there is a possibility of closure. We will always open the school if it is safe to do so: please send children into school dressed appropriately for the weather and with spare socks etc as appropriate, because we like to play out in the snow and sometimes we get wet!

## *Acorn Awards*

*26<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

- Jago* for persevering with his armature ready to make a sculpture from clay
- Claude* for super sculpture homework and great enthusiasm to share it with the class
- Ava* for her amazing construction work and keen contribution in building our model monkey enclosure
- Rose* for her improved attitude to her learning, focusing well and challenging herself
- Maia* for working hard on map reading in Geography and using co-ordinates
- Noah* for his clear explanations of his thinking in maths particularly when working with fractions
- Rosie* For showing an open mind and tolerance when working with others – she is happy to work with any of her peers

## *Acorn Awards*

*5<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

- Sonny* for amazing reading, tackling new words with lots of confidence like 'vortex'
- Wilf* for super calculations working with mummy at our workshop
- Sidney* for his fantastic involvement in our animal topic and his questioning and learning at Marwell. We knew he was a dinosaur expert  
Now we know he is an animal expert too!
- Kitty H* for really taking her time with her William Morris art
- Jack* for really challenging himself with his homework
- Madeleine* for her amazing enthusiasm, curiosity and enquiring mind – she always has a question!
- Summer* for finding a strategy for comparing fractions and working independently, well done!

## Dates for 2016

Spring Term Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holidays Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

*Inset Days: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016*

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8.45 a.m - Beech Class Assembly - all welcome**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 8.35-10.00 - Parent Support Session with Mrs Diane Clack**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Day - Dress as Dalmatians**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - GAS French Day - selected Yr 5 & 6 pupils**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a.m - Governor Visits**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Maple Class Visit to Goodwood Home Farm**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March - GAS French Day - selected Yr 3 & 4 pupils**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Governing Body Meeting - 5:30pm**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 8.45 a.m - Apple Class Assembly - all welcome**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Cormorants Swim Gala**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Alive & Kicking Week - various activities**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings this week - R, Yr 2, 4 & 6**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Arun Swim Gala - selected pupils**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS & KS1 Superhero Workshop**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Final West gate Swim for Beech and Chestnut**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Sport Relief- details to follow**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Bikeability Yr 6**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Dance House - rehearsal and performance**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8.45 a.m - Chestnut Class Assembly - all welcome**

**Tuesday 22 March 1.00 - Animazing visit to Apple Class**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Final Corporate Challenge in Chichester 6.30pm - selected pupils**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term: Easter Assembly - 8:45 - all welcome**

