



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Important notice to Chestnut class parents re French Residential visit:**

**Please note the time of our return to West Dean on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March will be 10.15pm as stated on the itinerary.**

This week Apple class have been enjoying our new wooden blocks which have been purchased for them by PTA funding. Apple class are also in the process of building a 'chill-out' den in the classroom with the help of Mr Staples.

Beech class have been finishing their Mosaics based on a Michael Morpurgo book cover, which will be on display in the classroom very soon.

**Chestnut Class WW2 Day:** Year 6 children from Singleton School will be joining us when we have a visiting soldier to bring our learning to life on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. They will be experiencing 'ration' packs and have the opportunity to try on battle dress in addition to having an interactive, historical insight into WW2.

**World Book Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

We have an exciting visit planned by a local author, Ginny Vere Nicoll. She will be joining us on World Book Day to talk to the children about her 'Feel Good' stories based around her dog called Marmite and her puppy Nutmeg. Ginny will be available after school with books sales and signing.

**West Dean Valentine Dinner** 

**You will have received your tickets and information this week about our 'Valentine Dinner' event which will be taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are sold out, thank you for supporting us with this exciting event.**

**E-Safety:** As in our previous newsletter, I would like to alert you to a really important date: there is a parent information session on internet safety at Chichester High School on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30**. Please do put this date in your diaries and attend if you possibly can - it is well worth the cost of a babysitter/ the disruption to your day to attend. Attached is a useful information sheet regarding e-safety. Please do discuss this with your children and come along to the session to find out more. I.T. changes so quickly and many new developments bring new risks as well as opportunities.

**AAA Coaching** will be available on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February for our Inset day and also for two days during the half term holidays; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please see attached flyer for booking details.



Triple P Parenting Support sessions continue each week with lots of advice and guidance from Liz Vickery, who is running the sessions for us - please see attached flyer for further information.

**You will have received information regarding clubs and Care Bears for the second half of the spring term this week. Please log in to [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) and book your places, some of our clubs are already almost full. Please make sure that you have booked your child in for your required Care Bear sessions, places are limited and become filled quite quickly. We cannot guarantee places on the day.**

**Chestnut Class Community Cafe - Date for your Diary**

This will have a French theme as we prepare for our visit to Normandy.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30pm.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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. <b>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</b>
School Uniform 	Our uniform has now moved over to Game, Set and Match in Chichester, please do contact them or use their website for your uniform requirements. We still have stock of some sweatshirts (limited in certain sizes) available to purchase at a discounted price, 50%, come in and have a look. We will continue to stock in school backpacks and book bags and our popular winter coats are available to order. please come in and ask at the office.
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' <b>adult choir</b> which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Spring Term Clubs and Care Bears 	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a> . We have had a number of children this term, expecting to be in Care Bears but not booked in or paid for. We only have 1 member of staff and 12 places each day and this has caused us issues. If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. You can cancel your place through school money and your account will be credited or Please email: <a href="mailto:sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com">sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com</a> 07852 255628 (Please note new telephone number), or contact the office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter. <b>Information about our Spring term programme of clubs for the second half of the term is now available, letters were sent home last week.</b> . <b>The timetable for spring term 2 clubs is attached for your information.</b>
	You will have received information about our new on-line payments system in school to enable 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. <b>Current events available to book are</b> Westgate swimming, the French residential, Beech visit to CFT and Maple visit to Goodwood Farm.
Lost Property	We have now located a 'Lost Property Bin' on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything 'lost and found' will be placed in here, please feel free to have a look if you think your child has mislaid any uniform or other items.

### IS YOUR CHILD WORTH LESS?

This important county-wide campaign for better funding for West Sussex schools continues, as you may have seen on national news and in our letters. Pupils and staff visited 10 Downing Street with our letters. You can support our schools in our campaign for fair funding on Facebook and there is a petition which can be found at the following link; <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761>

A polite request to parents collecting children from Apple class area, please do make sure that your children remain with you once you have collected them. Younger children running in the playground after they have been 'collected' is causing confusion for other members of staff and parents of other classes.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Pre-School Plea

Pre-School is having a spring clean and looking to replace some of the more well-loved resources. If you have any good quality toys, Lego, Brio or dressing up, we would love to have them! Please drop them into Pre-School or hand to one of the Pre-School mummies!

Many thanks for all your support.

Pre-School Committee

## Dates for 2017

Spring Term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Half Term - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Inset Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.00-2.30** - History Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral (x6 Yr 5/6)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.00-12.00** - E-Safety Event at Chichester High School x3 yr 6

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - National On-line Safety Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30** - E-Safety for parents at Chichester High School

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Governor Visits to school

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Governor Visits to school

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30-2.45** - Maple Class visit to Goodwood Farm

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00-11.00** - Valentine Ball at West Dean College

**W/C 13<sup>th</sup> February** - No after school clubs this week, Westbourne House & Care Bears as normal.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 3.00** - Pre-School Valentine Bake Sale

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Beech Class visit to CFT - Running Wild, Michael Morpurgo

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30** - Community Cafe

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - School Closed - Inset Day

**HOLIDAY - Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1.00-4.00** - Maths Challenge event at Christ's Hospital (selected yr 4)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Maple Class Art Day with Mrs Gill Pitt

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - *Chestnut Class French Residential Visit*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00-3.30** - SSP Arun Swim Gala, Yr  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Maple

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30-2.30** - Maths Challenge at Chichester Cathedral (selected yr 3)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Governor Visits to school

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45** - Maple Class Assembly

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Collective Worship Enrichment day at Singleton (selected yr 4)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 12.30-3.00** - ESSA Swim Gala - Horsham (selected pupils)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45** - Governor Visits to school

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Beech Class visit to Butser Farm Park

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Cormorants Swimming Gala at Westgate

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Parents Evening for Year R, 2, 4 & 6

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8.45** - Chestnut Class Assembly

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming. Beech & Chestnut

*Acorn Awards - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

*Fraser* – for being so independent now in Apple Class

*Daniel* – for super handwriting and spelling work

*Tilly* – for her accurate, neat work when drawing a bar chart in Maths

*Tristram* – for writing a creative story in his own time and showing a willingness to improve his writing

*Solomon* – for being really focussed on his area work in Maths and being able to solve challenging word problems independently

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*Oliver* - for super reading using your sounds with very little help needed

*Isaac* - for working hard on your work adding s or es to words to make them plural

*Aaron* - for great focus and determination in Gym to try things out and improve. Especially good forward roll off apparatus to stand

*Flora* - for being confident enough to teach Mr Wilcox how to measure properly in front of the whole class

*Kitty* - for writing a fabulous descriptive piece of writing using a wide variety of literacy skills such as similes, personification and appropriate vocabulary suitable for the picture

*Rose* - for meeting her fraction challenge! She explained why  $\frac{1}{5}$  is larger than  $\frac{1}{6}$

*Sophie* - for working hard to improve her amazing writing, sometimes using vocabulary that we have to look up!