



West Dean Church of England Primary School

West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0RJ

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Newsletter 3 22nd September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please look out for some **important information** which has been sent home today, this is to support you in helping your children with their learning at home. There are also two additional dates for Parent Information Sessions when you are invited to come along on Monday 2nd October, 2.15 - 2.55 and Friday 6th October, 8.45-9.20.

Class Rep

We would like to ask for your help to assist us with communication between classes. We are seeking out any parents who would be willing to act as a PTA/ Class Rep to communicate news and information to other parents of children in that particular class. This has been really effective in the past, with Whatsapp groups etc allowing quick access to reminders and a means to share information. If you would be keen to get involved please do let us know.



A Plea for Help:

Calling all **plumbers** - if any of our parents happen to be a plumber or know someone that could help, we need some advice regarding our 'water works'. Please do let us know if this is something that you may be able to help with and we can arrange to discuss details.

Also - if you have access to a **trailer or large van** and are happy to give up a little time, we have a large amount of old furniture etc which we need to get rid of. Please let the office staff know if you could take some 'stuff' to the tip for us and arrange a time to do this.

Both of these requests are in a drive to save money, as quotes we receive are sometimes quite steep. If we arrange for another skip, it will cost the school at least £300 and we are facing ever-shrinking budgets. Thank you.

Jeans for Genes:

Today we supported Jeans for Genes and invited all of our children and staff to wear their jeans for the day in return for a suggested £1.00 donation towards supporting children with genetic disorders. It was so lovely to see so many of you joining in. We raised £71.01 - thank you for your support.

Fruit Snacks

Please could we all make an effort to send fresh fruit or salad (eg carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks) for snack time, and to try to reduce packaging/waste/rubbish? KS2 children will be eating their fruit at break time from now on, as a general routine, and will need any plastic containers to be named, please, so that they can be returned home. Thank you for your support in keeping the children healthy and the school tidy!

Keeping our children safe and respecting privacy

It has come to our attention that, despite our numerous requests, photos of school and family members have appeared on social media without permission. Although we don't feel that any children have been put in danger, may we remind everyone that this is unacceptable and ask for your support in this matter.

Support and activities arranged by the church:

"Coffee & Catch up". This will run every 3rd Tuesday of the month, during termtime, starting in September (19th) from 8.30am until 10am in Singleton Village Hall. It will be run by Mel Robinson (Rev Kev's wife)

Inset Days

Friday 9th February 2018

Wednesday 4th July

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Secondary School Open Mornings/Evenings:

These are opportunities for year 6 children to visit the secondary schools in preparation for transition.

Chichester High School	Wed 27 Sept, 5.30-8.00	Thurs 5 th & Tues 10 th Oct, 9.30-12.00
Midhurst Rother College	Thurs 28 Sept, 6.30-8.30	Tues 10 th & Wed 18 th Oct, 9.30-11.30
Bishop Luffa	Thurs 5 Sept	Tues 10 th & Weds 11 th Oct
Chichester Free School	Wed 11 Oct, 7.00-9.00	Tues 17 th Oct, 9.30-12.00

MATHS MATTERS

Are you and your children making the most of the Maths Matters Challenges, Sumdog on your computers/tablets and the sample questions at the end of the newsletters? If you take advantage of these things, you will really be supporting your child's development well.

Newsletter questions will begin again next week.



Lost Property

Don't forget to check for lost property - this is located in the drawers on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything that is not claimed will either go to our pre-loved uniform or to the clothing bank.

Beech Class Visit to Haslemere Museum by Leo Malan and Nell Stringer

We went to find out about ancient Egyptians and mummification and we looked at a time line.

We played some games and did some sketching and we had to decide which Egyptian figure was a relic and which was a copy.

We had a dummy and took its organs out with a hook. The organs were embalmed and put in jars.

The lady had a pop out Tutankhamun book.

We took our own toys which we mummified. We each got a roll of bandage and wrapped it around our toy and put some sequins in as treasures, we made a death mask for them using yellow card. "This was my favourite part", said Leo.

We also stuck a reed of plant which we had drawn hieroglyphics on and we wrapped it in bandages. (the Egyptians used linen).

Some interesting facts:

Did you know that sun and sand can mummify people?

Cleopatra was not an ancient Egyptian.

Did you know that mummification comes from the word mummia which is what they used to stick the bandages down?

We hosted a GAS Cycle Event at West Dean School led by Cobnor Activity Centre. Four children from each of the GAS schools were invited to take part and we had two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The weather wasn't quite so kind for the afternoon group.

Account - by Charlie Gran

Before we went out we went on to the top field and did some games to practice, cycling in and out of cones and limbo, which was fun. We were with other children from the GAS schools. We brought our own kit to wear but Cobnor brought bikes and helmets for us.

We had to push our bikes up the slope to get onto Centurion Way, which some of us found a bit difficult.

We went along Centurion Way to the Centurions and then cycled back. We had a really good day.

Acorn Awards - Friday 22nd September 2017

Freddie - for super work with French with Mrs Johnson

Darcy - for fantastic independent work in literacy (using books to check spelling) and supporting other children with their work

Ava D - for making a real effort to contribute in class and volunteering some of her great thinking

Matilda - for her great attitude to her school work. Always ready to learn and keen to improve

Hester - for being focused and independent, a super role model. What a great start to the year

Will - for working hard to create a super piece of writing for our picture book. For being motivated and independent, great work

Dates for 2017/18

Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2017

Half Term - Monday 23 - Friday 27 October

Monday 25th September - Chestnut Class Viking Workshops in school

Tuesday 26th September - Maple Class visit to Novium Museum and Waterstones

Monday 2nd October, 2.15 - 2.55 - Parent Information Session for all parents

Friday 6th October, 8.45 - 9.20 - Parent Information Session for all parents

Friday 6th October - Flu Vaccination programme for years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4

Monday 9th October, 12.30 - 2.45 - Chestnut class School Friends Service, Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 10th October, 3.10 - 5.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Wednesday 11th October, 3.10 - 6.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Friday 20th October, 2.30-3.30 - Community Café

Tuesday 31st October - Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Tuesday 7 November, 9.45 - 11.45 - GAS Football Tournament (selected pupils)

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Monday 20th November - Yellow School Photographs

Thursday 30th November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 12th December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)


Wednesday 13th December, 9.15 - KS1 Production

Monday 18th December 12.00 - ~Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Monday 18th December, 1.30 - Christingle Making in School (volunteers needed please)

Monday 18th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church

Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00.</p> <p>Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please email the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247)</p> <p>Thank you for your support in this matter.</p>
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 place on schoolmoney.co.uk .
	<p>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.</p> <p>Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
Class Open Mornings	<p>These are dates when you will be able to spend 20 - 30 minutes in the classroom, finding out about how we learn and teach some specific concepts and skills. We hope that you will join us to aid you in supporting your children.</p> <p>Apple Class: Tuesday 3rd October Maple Class: Wednesday 18th October Beech Class: Wednesday 27th September Chestnut Class: Monday 18th September</p>
Class Assemblies: 8.45am	<p>Apple Class: Tuesday 14th November Maple Class: Tuesday 28th November Beech Class: Friday 1st December Chestnut Class: Thursday 23rd November</p>
Parent Information Sessions	<p>Monday 2nd October, 2.15 - 2.55 Friday 6th October</p>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available in the half term holiday: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places. ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>
	<p>PTA News:</p> <p>If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa (leisa.chambers55@gmail.com) or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)</p>



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Helping your children at home

The staff and I have been working hard to produce materials and information to support you in helping your children with their learning at home. The parent information letters and sessions have been very thorough, and the open mornings are very well worth attending whether your child is in YR or Y6, or somewhere in between! Research shows that help and engagement from parents has a huge impact on children's learning and life chances (more than most things we do in school!), so please do take time to make sense of the plethora of information and support available.

In addition to this information, we have produced a termly focus for **reading** chart, which will enable you to give more specific feedback to your children and in the reading records. This 'Book Worm Award Chart' explains some of the aspects of teaching reading with some suggested questions for you to focus on at home too. Our focus in the Autumn term is very much a **word and sentence** level focus, with the areas later in the year shining the spotlight on **non-fiction** and **inference** skills, for example. We will send these out with the newsletter, so that you have the appropriate support sheet for your child (there is one for each class). Please do use them to target your comments in the reading diaries/reading records: staff are rewarding children whenever they show that they are concentrating on the skills for that half term.

We will also send home a **spelling** support sheet - this is designed to be double sided. One side supports **phonetic spelling** (sounding words out) and the other supports children's growing awareness of **words which are commonly muddled** (eg: there, their and they're). In school, these laminated sheets are available in the classrooms so that we can all respond to any spelling confusions in a consistent way. For example, if a child is struggling to find the correct way to spell the 'f' sound in the word *elephant*, then we would remind them that it is spelt in a similar to the word *photograph*, which appears on the sheet. We might, for example, if they ask us how to spell *flick*, say that the 'c' sound at the end is the same as the 'c' sound in the word *duck*. Some sounds (**phonemes**) can be spelt in several ways (**graphemes**) eg: the long vowel 'o' sound can be spelt 'o' as in *no*, 'oa' as in *goal*, 'ow' as in *bow*, 'o_e' as in *bone* and 'ough' as in *dough*. The colour coding and picture clues on the sheet help children learn these options and help them to recall their options.

We will also explore how, for example, the ck grapheme is always after a vowel and usually at the end of a root word, eg: sack, sacked, ransacking (where sack is the root word from which other words can be formed). This **explorative method** is much more effective than children merely learning a list of words. If children can understand that other words work in a similar way to sack, with the ck phoneme/grapheme, for example, they will be more likely to be able to spell and read words such as hacked, thickened, stacking, tricky, trickiest, etc. You will find that the spelling 'homework' and activities in class are largely around exploring and understanding how words work, and using them, rather than learning lists for simple 'tests'. Putting the words into sentences to demonstrate understanding, even just orally, is a good way of working with the words at home too. Linking spellings to handwriting is vital too. If children learn the 'letter string' which spells *ing*, they can add this to other words almost without thinking about it - 'muscle memory' supports learning too, and they learn that it 'looks right'.

This work on spelling and developing the associated reading and writing skills will be the focus of our **parent information sessions**, available and relevant for **ALL PARENTS from YR to Y6**, so that we can all consistently support children in becoming skilled and independent with their word skills. Please do come along if you are able. The dates for this term are:

Monday 2nd October from 2:15 - 2:55 pm and **Friday 6th October**, from 8:45 - 9:20am. You will also be able to find out more at the Parents' Evenings, where we will have some resources in the hall, along with the Report Books, for you all to preview.

We hope that you will all find these sessions and resources helpful. Our next information focus will be maths again, and we will circulate dates and information about this soon.

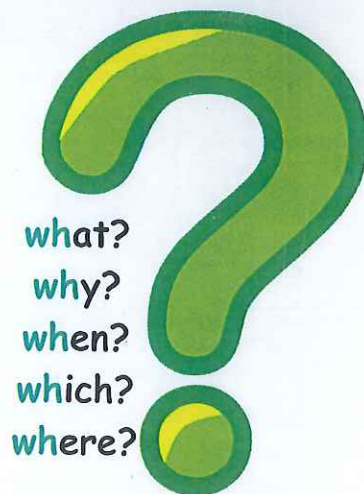
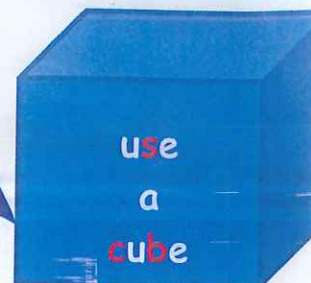




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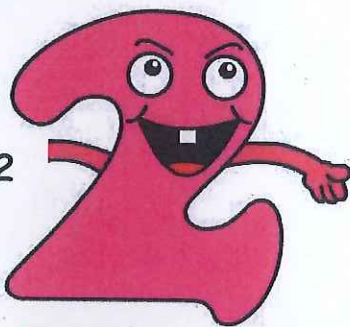
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**West Dean
CE Primary
School**

What's happening...

PTA News

Autumn Term

**Coffee
mornings
in the
Pavilion**



**Pop in for a
hot drink
and a chat
8.40 -9.20
Dates to
follow**



**West Dean
Winter Welly Walk**
morning of **Sunday 15th
October**, with lunch
(baked potatoes) at school
Raising a little money for a
children's charity .
Reserve a potato on **10th
October!**
More details to follow.

Back by popular demand!
Casino Night @ The Dean pub
Friday 10th November
tbc
Tickets on sale soon
More info to follow!

**See Leisa and the PTA team to get involved in PTA events
or for more information on what's happening this term!**



The Handprint Tree

Keeping the parents of West Dean Pre-Schoolers informed about what their little learners have been up to!

All things new...

Welcome back to a brand new term...it's going to be a busy one! We are so delighted to have lots of new children joining us this autumn and pleased to report that they are already settling well and showing us their unique and wonderful characters. The fun and learning is already in full swing! And we're proud to say that our BIGGER kids are already showing what great role models they can be - we've seen some super kindness, sharing and collaboration in just the first few days.

This half term brings lots of adventure. We'll learn about 'signs of Autumn' and get out and about looking for special things for our nature table. We'll be thinking about the colours red, orange and yellow and enjoying songs and stories that teach us about harvest time and changing weather. And the week beginning 25th September we'll be meeting our new class pets at the Discovery Table.....can you guess who's joining us at pre-school?

Away from the classroom the work continues to make a success of our new afternoon sessions. Our wonderfully enthusiastic staff and tireless committee have made the extended hours a reality, and we are now open until 2.30pm everyday. We are all desperate to make these sessions a success, but as with anything new it may be a slow start to build numbers. We have a plan in place that will allow us to run these sessions at a loss until they get going...but the clock is ticking so please get the word out wherever you can to help us boost numbers and secure the future of the afternoon session. We have lots of

promotional material to hand out, so please ask staff or committee for flyers to distribute.

News will follow of our autumn fundraisers, and we'll be asking parents to join us in organising some of these fun and vital activities. At this time the committee is very much in need of someone to act as Bake Sale Co-Ordinator for this academic year, so please ask staff or committee to find out what's involved and let us know if you think you might like to take this on. This half term will also bring us the autumn AGM, so please do come along and share any fundraising ideas you might have and lend us your skills. Pre-school is entirely parent/committee run.....it really is ALL in our hands so your help is always needed!

As ever, we continue to welcome parents into pre-school to share special skills or just to support a craft or play session. The children really benefit from the stimulus of experiencing new things. If you can WOW them with your singing, art, music, dance, cooking, languages, knitting or anything else then please do come in and share. This can be done in a very relaxed and informal way.....you could bring in a collection of thimbles and still guarantee that at least one of them would proclaim it to be 'the best thing they have seen in their life'!

West Dean Pre-School is a registered charity governed by a Parent Committee. While the Committee executive is made up of five registered Trustees/ Directors the parents/carers of every child are automatically part of the Committee.

The day-to-day operations of the school are overseen by the amazing staff. The administrative and financial duties of the business are the responsibility of the Parent Committee.

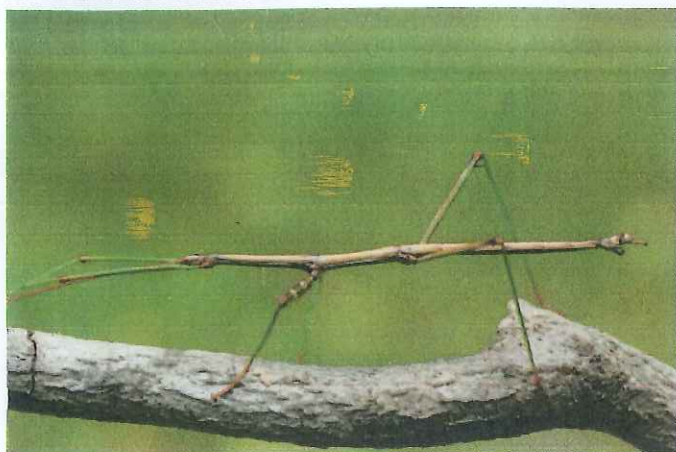
To get more involved with the Committee email us at:
westdeanpreschoolinfo@gmail.com



Welcome Carol

You may have noticed a new but familiar face in pre-school this term. We are delighted to welcome Carol (AKA Buddy's Mum) to the West Dean Pre-School team. In addition to being a parent (Buddy graduated from pre-school in July), Carol comes to us with a wealth of experience and skills that will be a great asset to our setting. Carol is a qualified childcare practitioner and brings with her buckets of enthusiasm and energy.

HELLO! NEW THIS TERM ARE ... Tilly, Hetty, Solomon, Oliver, Rosanna, Phoebe, Jack and Eloise



It is a bird?... Is it a plane?... No, it's **STICK INSECTS!**

West Dean Pre-School will be welcoming some other new additions to the classroom ... a family of Stick Insects.

They may look like sticks but they are much more fun to watch! Our Stick Insects will live in a special container that provides them a humid but ventilated environment. As herbivores, they will eat a variety of plants.

The children will be able to learn about Stick Insects and participate in a number of activities themed around our new pets.

TERM DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

September

5th First Day of Autumn Term

29th World Heart Day

October

4th – 10th Space Week

10th – Porridge Day

23rd – 27th Half Term

31st Halloween

November

18th BBC Children in Need Appeal

27th – 30th Tree Week

December

13th Hannukah

20th Last Day of Term (Party)

SPRING TERM

4^h January – First Day Spring Term

9th February – Inset Day

12th-16th February – Half Term

29th March – Last Day Spring Term

SUMMER TERM

16th April – First Day Summer Term

7th May – Bank Holiday

28th May – 1st June – Half Term

20th July – Last Day Summer Term

THE SNACK BOWL

Here are some ideas for the snack bowl...

Exotic fruit (pineapple, watermelon, mango), vegetables (cucumber, carrot sticks, peppers), seasonal produce (apples, pears, peaches, nectarine, grapes), breadsticks, crackers, dried fruit, cereals.

ARTS AND CRAFT SUPPLIES

West Dean Pre-School is always grateful for the donations it receives. We are so thankful to Samuel's parents for donating a huge bundle of art and craft supplies and educational games to the pre-school. The kids love all the giant colouring books and colourful card stock.

West Dean Recipe Books

West Dean Pre-School published it's first recipe book last term. It was a hugely successful fundraiser for the setting.

We would like to thank **Tod Anstee Hancock** for sponsoring the printing of the books. Their generous and ongoing support of the pre-school is very much appreciated.

There are a few copies of the books still available. With the holidays just around the corner, they would make excellent stocking stuffers.



FEES PLEASE! Invoices for school fees will be distributed at the end of September. Fees are to be paid termly in advance. We ask if all parents/carers could please pay the fees electronically via a BACS transfer from their bank to the pre-school account.

Relevant details are set out on the invoice. We would like to remind parents that a late payment fee has been added to our billing process.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan or alternative method of payment, please email the treasurer at westdeanpreschoolinfo@gmail.com

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 1
First half of autumn term

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French	£ 30.00	Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
Tuesday	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	Yr 2/3
	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Debate	£ 10.00	Yr 3 & 4
	Mrs Garfield	8	Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 1,2,3
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£ 10.00	Yr3-6
Thursday	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Pearmaine	14	Rounders	£ 10.00	Yr 2-6
	AAA Coaching	14	Sports	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
Friday	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Miss Urquhart		Strings	£ 25.00	musicians

Club Dates:

W/C 11.09.17, 18.09.17, 25.09.17, 02.10.17, 16.10.17. **No clubs w/c 09.10.17.**

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.

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

Our swimming club will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm (tbc)

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.