



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our PTA coffee mornings are going really well, with another planned for Thursday 19th October - a relaxed opportunity to

chat and stop for a moment with a cup of **tea or coffee and a biscuit**. Our PTA committee are doing a super job of arranging this and are keen to continue to make this a regular event.

We have a **welly walk and lunch**, planned for Sunday 15th October. Information about dates and times are included here and flyers were with last week's newsletter. We also have a **Casino Night** lined up (Friday 10th Nov), where we hope lots of you will help us to raise school funds and enjoy a night out in the process! Please do come along if you can - everyone will be made welcome.



Harvest Festival Assembly

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Assembly this week, and for all of the lovely goods that were brought into school. These will all be donated to Stonepillow - St Joseph's Shelter in Chichester, to help the homeless. We had a collection at the end of our assembly and raised £22.89 and 5 Euro - thank you for your donations.

Late Arrivals

We have a number of children who are arriving late, either occasionally or regularly and frequently. I cannot impress upon you enough the impact that this has on the children's start to the school day and on their learning. If you can imagine arriving to an event when everyone else has already had a few moments' social chat upon arrival to help you to settle, and then they have organised their coats and bags, received instructions and are immersed in a task..... and then you arrive..... probably a little unsure of what you should be doing..... And you have to quietly come in and find out where your group are up to. Sometimes the input and discussion for the class, or for your group has already happened and you have to have a quick resumé of this, before you begin your work. We constantly teach the children how important it is to be 'ready to learn': to have a positive mental approach, to be well hydrated, to be happy and relaxed, and wide awake. A late arrival results in children being far from 'ready to learn', despite our best efforts as grown ups to help them to settle quickly. It also disrupts the learning of other children, which is something we encourage children to avoid.

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 9th 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.

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.





West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks Display - Friday 3rd November 2017.

West Dean are holding their traditional, free, bonfire and firework display for local families, West Dean staff and students on the front lawn of West Dean College. The West Dean Arms cash bar will operate from a tent on the front lawn from 5.00pm and suitably warming food will also be on sale to give everyone a chance to quench their thirst and get something to eat before the bonfire is lit at around 6.45pm. Queues can grow quite long, so don't be afraid to come along in good time. The firework display will start at around 7.15pm. Please come in via the West Dean College entrance.

Adult Volunteers

Thank you to all of our adult volunteers for giving up their time to come and work with us and the children in school. This is very valuable support for the children and we have quite a full timetable and rota of helpers now.

Young Reporters

Beech Class go to Haslemere to see Egyptian Mummies!

On Wednesday 20th September, Beech class went to Haslemere Museum as part of our topic on the Egyptians. We went by coach and we had to bring our packed lunch. We saw lots of things there including a real Mummy at the museum! You can check out the mummified baby crocodiles, cats and a wooden cat coffin! Did you know that if the death mask's face is dark reddish, then the person was a boy and if yellowish brown, then it was a girl? We learned lots of facts during our visit.

Next to the mummified animals, there were toys and teddies. Everyone in Beech class brought a teddy to the museum and we wrapped them up in a type of bandage and wrote something in hieroglyphs on a sort of reed (the Egyptians used paper called papyrus) and stuck it onto our mummified teddies. After that, we drew a death mask and stuck it to them as well.

We had a great day and it was really fun to see how the Egyptians mummified people and animals.

Fact File

Did you know:

- That the great pyramid of Giza is over 140 m tall.
- That Tutankhamun ruled Egypt when he was only 9 years old.
- That the Egyptians mummified animals too.
- That the great pyramid of Giza took 20 years to build.
- That the Egyptians worshipped over 2000 Gods and Goddesses.
- That the Egyptians fed the slushed up brain to their cats.
- That if a coffin has a pale face on it, it's a girl ; if it has a darker face on it, it is a boy.
- That the bandages on Egyptian mummies stretch over a mile long!



Leo Malan - Year 4 - Beech class
West Dean Primary School

Help:

Please could you save any red, green and blue bottle tops for Beech class maths. There will be a box in Reception from Monday to collect them.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

Acorn Awards - Friday 13th October 2017

Benny - for making such huge progress learning to write his name

Frankie O - for working hard in her Funky Numbers group with numbers 11 - 20

Harry C - for being a team player and working really well with his group to produce an excellent gymnastics routine

Tilly - For her determination to remember and use her number facts

James - for his curiosity and love of learning - full of interest and questions!

Hepzi - for persevering and showing resilience with her learning this week

Alex - for focused work in maths and challenging himself, also for writing super word problems

Dates for 2017/18

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

Half Term - Monday 23 - Friday 27 October

Sunday 15th October, 10.00 - Harvest Service in West Dean Church

Sunday 15th October, 11.00 - PTA Welly Walk

Friday 20th October, 2.30-3.30 - Community Café

Tuesday 31st October - Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Friday 3rd November, 6.45 - West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks

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

Friday 10th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Friday 10th November, 8.00 - 11.00 - PTA Casino Night

Friday 17th November - Children in Need (Details tbc - School Council)

Monday 20th November - Yellow School Photographs

Monday 20th November - 'Mysterious Manuscripts' at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Wednesday 29th November, 9.30-12.00 - Locality Enrichment Day at The March School (selected pupils)

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

See below for dates for Open Mornings, Class Assemblies and Parent/Carer Information Sessions.

| | Current Useful Information and Reminders |
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| 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 places 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 log-in 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> |
| | |
| 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> |



October Half Term **MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS**



£16 per day
(7 hours of sport)



Facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

**Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th**



@AAA_Coaching

@ West Dean Primary School



9am - 4pm

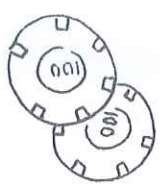
Football - Indoor Hockey - Dodgeball - Boxing (non-contact) - Baseball - Mini Olympics - Cricket
Mini Golf - Tag Rugby - Tag American Football - Volleyball - Basketball - Fitness Games - Gymnastics
Table Tennis - Netball - Badminton - Tag Games - Team Games - Relay Races - Tennis - Archery

To register your child email: ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

www.aaacoaching.co.uk

£10 per Ticket

WITH
FREE DRINK
& POKER CHIPS



at: The Dean Pub, West Dean

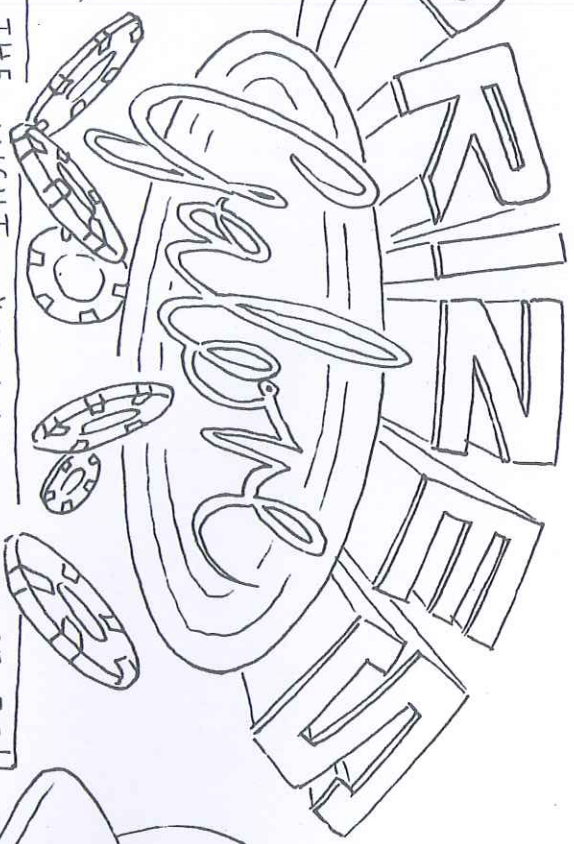
7.00 Friday 10TH NOVEMBER

CRAPS TABLE, ROULETTE, POKER, BLACK JACK & MORE.

STARS NIGHT

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DRESS
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CASH

BUY
TICKETS ONLINE
FROM
SCHOOLMONEY
"SHOP"



WINTER WELLY WALK

**West Dean CE Primary School Winter Welly Walk through West Dean Gardens on Sunday 15th October
11.00 Walk and 12.45 lunch at school .**

**If you and your family and friends are interested in coming please let us
(Leisa Chambers or Louise Shaw)
know.**

**Bring your own picnic or reserve a
jacket potato £2.50**



Money raised will go to a children's charity



6th October 2017

Maths Matters - Have a go for homework!
subtraction

Each of these questions is taken from age-appropriate maths resources and will give you an idea of the sort of maths we are doing in school with each class.

They are the sort of questions children will tackle in the end of year tests.

Children - have a go and bring in your answers/solutions to Mrs. Lock by Wednesday morning to win a chance of earning 5 house points and appearing in next week's newsletter:


only neat, accurate answers will be considered! Any correct answers will earn you a house point. ☺

Year 2

28 There are 55 cakes.

20 boys and 19 girls each take a cake.

How many cakes are left?



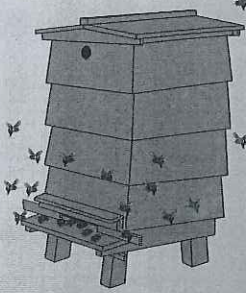
Show your working

cakes

Year 3

364 bees live in a beehive.

206 bees fly away.

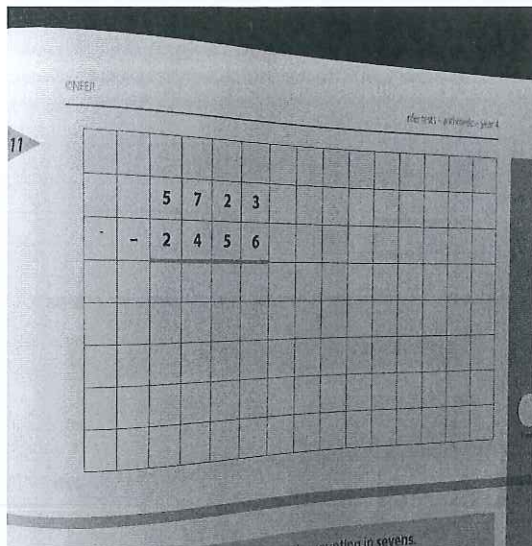


How many bees are still in the beehive?

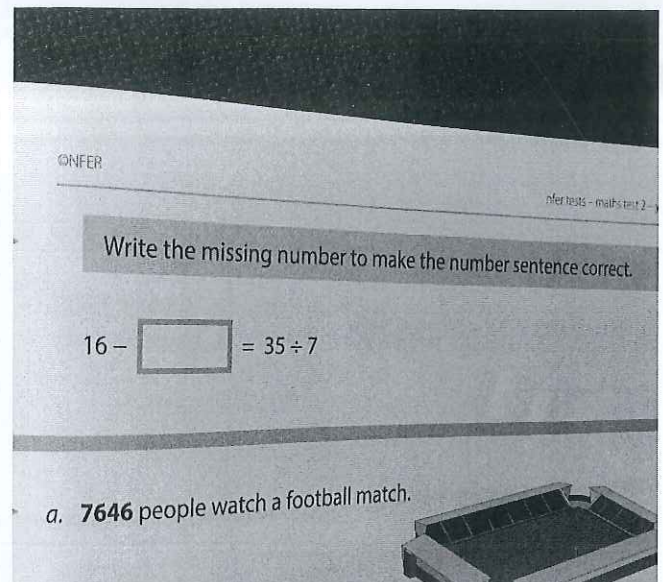
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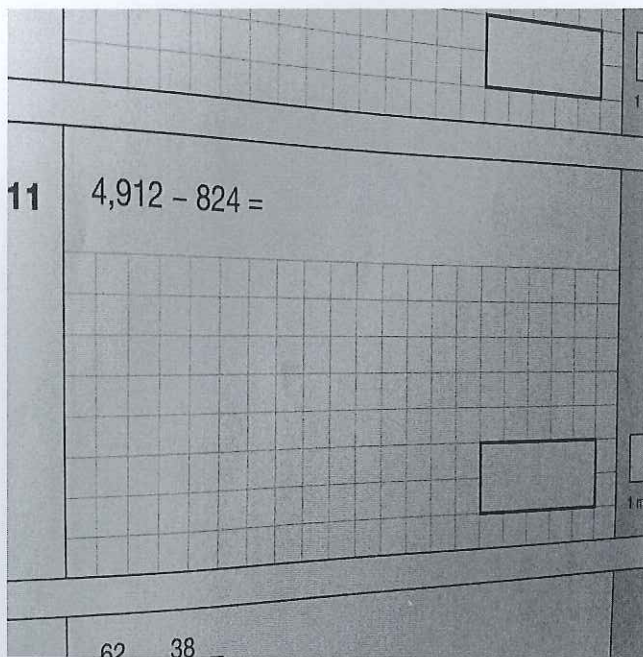
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



You could work on your own paper, or print this sheet out and use this space for working out.

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 2
Second half of autumn term x5 weeks

| 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 |
| Tuesday | Mrs Moss | 10 | Art | £ 10.00 | Yr 2 & 3 |
| | Mrs Goacher/Mr Cruttenden | 14 | Swimming | £ 25.00 | Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| | Mrs Lock | 14 | Aerobics | £ 10.00 | Yr 4, 5, 6 |
| Wednesday | Mrs Pearmaine | 14 | Debate | £ 10.00 | Yr 5 & 6 |
| | Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall | 8 | Cookery | £ 10.00 | Yr3, 4, 5, 6 |
| Thursday | Mrs Holder | 14 | Dance | £ 15.00 | yr 3,4, 5, 6 |
| | Mrs Garfield | 8 | Christmas Craft | £ 10.00 | Yr 4,5,6, |
| Friday | AAA Coaching | 14 | Football | £ 15.00 | Yr 1, 2, 3 |
| | AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson | 14 | Sports | £ 15.00 | Yr 4, 5, 6 |
| | Miss Urquhart | | Strings | £ 25.00 | musicians |

Club Dates:

W/C 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec

No Clubs W/C 30th Oct, 11th Dec or 18th Dec

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

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.