



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super start to the Summer term, with the introduction of our text free books. The children will no doubt tell you about 'Quest', our whole school book, and about some of the other books which we will use to stimulate our story telling and writing - they really are beautiful new resources and we look forward to sharing the work with you later in the year, when we will open the school as a 'Gallery of work'. We celebrated Easter and also, belatedly, April Fools' day, as Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Pinnington and I spent a week in France over the holidays, learning about teaching languages and improving our French. We also visited schools on April 1st! We still have some chocolate *Poissons d'Avril* left if any governors or parents would like to amaze us with their French speaking! If this makes no sense to you, then I hope the children can explain all!

Class letters informing you about the learning and routines for the term will be with you soon. Please do ensure your children have coats and PE kits in school every day. This is causing some unnecessary disruption to lessons.

Church School Inspection

You will have read about our forthcoming inspection. Rosemary Appleby will visit us on Tuesday 19th April to share all the lovely things we do in our Church of England School. Do let us know if you have any information/opinions you would like to make her aware of, or come and join us for the parent meeting at 8:45am. Just let the Office staff know you wish to come along and we will be happy to hear your views. We have analysed the on line survey and we are really grateful for your input.

BUILDING INFORMATION

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe during the work so far. Despite the most awful rain today, the contractors have made really good progress throughout the week and in the holiday. The majority of the repair and painting of woodwork is completed. Much of the scaffolding has been removed. Windows have been replaced and we are awaiting window winders to be fitted. The flat roofs and numerous roof lights and sun pipes are still in the process of being replaced. This is already making a huge difference in terms of light quality and weatherproofing.

I know that the presence of scaffolding, hot work on roofs, builders and skips on site can cause concerns regarding the safety of the school. Please do be assured that the health and safety of the children, staff and visitors is our priority at all times. We have had a different emergency evacuation plan for almost every morning/afternoon! Following our fire drill just prior to the holidays, we have ensured that everyone in school knows how to behave and we are constantly discussing the safest and most effective way to get this important work done. I am really grateful for your patience. The children have been fantastic, although it does remind us how much we appreciate our routines and the familiar faces of school grown-ups!

Do please contact me immediately should you have any concerns or queries.

Lost Property

A visitor to site has reported losing some keys. It was a long keychain on a lanyard with extra loom band keychains and a miniature black Ugg boot. If anyone has picked them up or happens to see them, please let us know in the office.

In addition to this, a pair of glasses has been mislaid on site. Please do return them to the office if you find them.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
SIAMS Church School Inspection	Our Church School Inspection will be carried out on Tuesday 19 th April. If you are available to come into school, as part of the inspection, between 8.45 - 9.15, please do let the office know.
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. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Clubs and Care Bears After School Childcare Provision	Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
Assembly	You are invited to join us on Friday 22 nd April where you will be introduced to 'text free books' which will be a focus for us during the summer term. Please do come and join us at 2.30 in the hall.
Maple Class	Visit to West Wittering Beach on Wednesday 27 th April - please see letter for further details.

Acorn Awards Friday 15th April 2016

Joshua – for fantastic writing every day, you are working so hard!

Raife – for working so hard at home on your sounds

Max - for working so hard with Miss Boxall and at home on all his sounds and sight words – doing really well!

Skye – for trying hard on her handwriting and getting more written down

Jamie - for being such a supportive and kind friend in our class

Amelie - for settling into Chestnut Class so well and meeting the challenges of joining a new school with a mature and responsible attitude.

Lucas – for working hard on spelling patterns in your holiday – it shows in your writing

Dates for 2016

Easter Holidays Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Monday 18th April - First Aid Sessions for the children in school with HS First Aid

Tuesday 19th April - SIAMs Church School Inspection

Thursday 21st April - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 22nd April 2.30pm - Assembly - Book share with parents - all welcome

Tuesday 26th April am - Governor Visits

Wednesday 27th April - Maple Class Visit to West Wittering Beach

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday, School Closed

Tuesday 3rd May - Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers End

Thursday 5th May - Election Day

W/C 9th May - Test Week, Year 2 and Year 6

Monday 9th May pm - Governor Visits

Thursday 19th May am - Governor Visits

Thursday 19th May - Year 6 'Racing to School' at Goodwood

Wednesday 8th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - All welcome

Thursday 9th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photo's - Classes & Leavers

Wednesday 15th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Friday 17th June 10.30am - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings

Thursday 23rd June - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 28th June - Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

Tuesday 5th July 1.30-2.30 - GAS Sports - selected pupils

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed

Thursday 7th July - GAS Sports reserve day - selected pupils

Monday 11th July 9.45-2.30 - Cricket at Boxgrove - selected pupils

Wednesday 13th July 9.00am - Sports Morning

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

After School Clubs
Summer Term 2016

w/c			11.04.16	18.04.16	25.04.16	09.05.16	16.05.16	
Monday		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 1-3

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w/c			06.06.16	13.06.16	27.06.16	04.07.16	11.07.16	
Monday		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
		S Goacher	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Yr 1-2
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball		Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft		Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 4-6