West Dean Church of England Primary School

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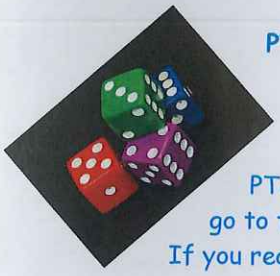
Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has had a theme of remembering running through some of our lessons and assemblies, culminating with our Remembrance Assembly today: thank you to everyone who came along to make the occasion so poignant and meaningful for the children. Hearing the messages from children seems to enhance the meaning, somehow, and we are pleased that we are able to develop this respectful, age-appropriate understanding. A special 'thank you' to the children who read for us: Pip, James and Tilly in particular read beautifully and helped us in our silent thoughts.



PTA Casino Night - It is tonight!

Please see attached information regarding the PTA Casino Night at the Dean on Friday 10th November, 7.00

Tickets are available to purchase on schoolmoney.co.uk priced at £10 each.

PTA will be running a taxi service at the end of the evening in return for a donated fare which will all go to the school.

If you require a taxi service please contact Leisa Chambers in advance: leisa.chambers55@gmail.com.

Staffing News:

After Christmas we will be saying a temporary "goodbye" to Ms. Pleasance for the remainder of the academic year. Ms. Pleasance is going to take on a full time "mummy" role with her family after losing both her mother Sheila, and best friend Emma within two weeks of each other in May 2017. Having put so much of her energy and care into the community at West Dean, it now feels appropriate for Ms. Pleasance to spend time with her family during this time of readjustment after such a devastating loss.

She will be coming into school to work with us on an informal basis so you may see her around and about. We will look forward to seeing Ms Pleasance back in her role of Apple Class teacher in September 2018.

I am delighted to be let you know that, during this absence, Mrs. Laura Plackett will take Ms. Pleasance's role in the classroom. She and Mrs. Chilton will lead the team for the remainder of the year, with Mrs. Chilton teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays all day, and on Wednesday mornings. Mrs. Plackett will lead on Thursdays and Fridays: she will also teach on Wednesday afternoons when the children also have their music lesson with Mrs. Oldman. Throughout the week, the children will continue to be supported by Mrs. Boxall and Mrs. Muggeridge. Mrs. Plackett is already known to the children and part of our teaching team, as she has covered classes on several occasions and is very keen to join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Pleasance and Mrs. Chilton for their constant dedication to the school throughout these challenging times: we have always put the welfare and education of the children first and continue to do so. We look forward to getting to know Mrs. Plackett better and welcoming her properly into the school. You will see her in school over the next few weeks as the transition takes place.

Pre-School Bonfire Bake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone for contributing so generously to the Pre-school Bonfire Bake Sale last Friday. We raised a whopping £179.10! It simply would not have been possible without the kind donations of amazing cakes and bakes we received and the continued kindness of the wonderful West Dean parents and staff. Thank you. (Money raised earmarked for an upgrade to the outside area at pre-school).

Help please:

Thank you to those of you have supported in this already. **Please could you save any red, green and blue milk bottle tops for maths** throughout school. There will be a box in Reception from to collect them.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

MATHS MATTERS - *come into school and find out how we teach calculation!*

Following on from our well-received parent support for spelling, we are shining the spotlight on maths for the rest of the term and into the Spring. We are offering

PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

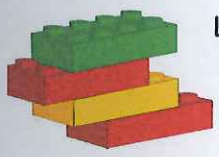
where we will be demonstrating how we teach calculation. This will be a really valuable opportunity to find out which vocabulary we use and how we move children on from working with small numbers to solving complex maths problems at the end of KS2. Do you know how to **partition** numbers? Can you **multiply** two digit numbers? How would you help your child **dividing** numbers? Come and find out how practical resources, pictures and an understanding of **mathematical vocabulary** supports learning. and how you can help at home. We will be providing materials to help.

In the meantime, 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.
We are repeating each workshop/session three times: we hope that this enables everyone to come to one session for each of the four operations/rules of number/calculations.

Please don't be put off by any of the content, even if you don't know how to do long division!
We won't be putting anyone 'on the spot' but will be demonstrating maths
and how we do it at all levels from YR to Y6.

We will also be providing some booklets showing how you can support at home,
guidance on how to explain things, support with which vocabulary to use
and a clear picture of the progression from basic counting to manipulating complex numbers.

Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops			
	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	5.45 - 6.30
Addition	Tuesday 21st November	Monday 20th November	Monday 13th November
Subtraction	Tuesday 5th December	Thursday 7th December	Wednesday 29th November
Multiplication	Thursday 11th January	Monday 8th January	Thursday 11th January
Division	Tuesday 6th February	Tuesday 6th February	Wednesday 31st January



Lego Club Plea

We are hoping to be able to start up a Lego club after school in the spring term and would like to put out a plea for any 'pre-loved' Lego that you might have in the loft or garage that you would be willing to let us have. Please do have a look so that we can keep our club Lego separate from the classroom resources.

Look out for information attached regarding **Children in Need - Friday 17th November**. School Council and Mrs Chilton are, once again, leading this. Let's all make it Spotacular!

Class Assemblies: 8.45am	**Apple Class: Tuesday 14th November** **Maple Class: Tuesday 28th November** **Beech Class: Friday 1st December** **Chestnut Class: Thursday 23rd November**

GAS Football Tournament Victory

10 children from years 4, 5 & 6 took part in the GAS Football Tournament on Tuesday this week at Chichester High School. Mrs Graham and Mrs Mcleod very kindly took the children and cheered them on.

Report by Stan Graham – year 6

On Tuesday 7th November West Dean football team went to the Chelsea Football Foundation at Chichester High School to play a football tournament.

We played against 5 Goodwood Area Schools in short, 15 minute matches which ended in a final between the top two teams. The two teams were West Dean and The March.

We were 2-0 down but managed to come back to an astonishing 3-2 win and took the trophy home!

All the schools played some great football and did well despite the rain!

We are looking for a **sports helper** to accompany our children to our various sports partnership events. If you might be interested and available to help support us, please do let us know and we can provide further details.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Monday 18th December

As in previous years Chartwell's will be providing a festive menu for the children. Please see attached details for menu options. For Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 please log into School Money to order and pay for your child's meal if required (this date is blocked on the Mealselector website and dinners can only be ordered and paid for via School Money or the school office). For Reception, Year's 1 and 2 please could you let the school office know if you would like a meal ordered for your child as this is covered by government universal infant free school meals. The deadline for ordering is Monday 27th November. If you decide not to order from the festive menu your child will need to bring in a packed lunch for that day.

Swimming Lessons:

We already have lots of strong swimmers at West Dean and we are proud of our achievements and provision. If you would like your child to have swimming lessons outside school, **Westgate Leisure Centre** are recruiting now:

Everyone Active Westgate Leisure Centre

Everyone knows how important it is that children have the opportunity to feel safe and confident around water. Our group swimming lessons allow your children to learn while having fun and the continuous development programme will help them move on and up the scheme as quickly as they can once achieving certain awards. With swimming lessons 6 days a week we have something that hopefully everyone can book into. Our Interactive Aqua Passport allows you to see progress and help see what skills they need to develop in general swimming session to reach the next target. We have spaces available now for you to join your children (or yourself should you wish too). For more information please contact stephendumville@everyoneactive.com and we can contact you with all the information you need to know and get your little one/s (or yourself) started as soon as possible.

If you join on lessons before the end of November you will be entered in to win a Children's Bike for the child doing swimming lessons and one for you as the parent!!! Don't miss out this is a great prize!!!!

There are no **acorn awards** today as we celebrated Remembrance Day in our Assembly.

Dates for 2017/18

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

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

Monday 13th November - World Kindness Day

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

Friday 17th November, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Rowing Event at The Regis School Yr 5/6

Monday 20th November – Yellow School Photographs

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

Friday 24th November - End of term music concert, Beech & Chestnut (time tbc)

Tuesday 28th November, 10.30-12.30 – Small School Football Tournament, The Regis (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 December12.00 - 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 Class Assemblies and above for Maths Matters Workshop dates.

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018

	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	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. **Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Please make sure that you let us know, if you have booked a place and are collecting your child at 3.00, we are then able to release your Care Bears place to another child.**
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.**
	Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables 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. Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.
Late Arrivals	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.
AAA Coaching	**AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place.**
	PTA News: 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)

The BIG BBC Children in Need SPOTACULAR with LLOYDS BANK

Dear Parents / Guardians

As you may already know, **Monday 13th November** is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Our school is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme, the
Big BBC Children in Need Spotacular, with Lloyds Bank.

We will be taking part in spotty-themed fundraising activities, including:

- a non school uniform day (wear something spotty if you can!) on **Friday 17th November** - £2.00 minimum donation to participate.
- We are taking part in 'Pudsey's round pound countdown' and will be able to accept the old round pound coin so if you have any left please bring them into school! There will be a spotty tin in the office for your round pounds from **Monday 13th** until **Friday 17th.**
- School Council will also be selling spotty ribbon for 50p and also providing spotty face painting for £1.00 during morning and lunchtime playtimes on **Friday 17th November**.

This is where we need your help!
You can help us make this a memorable event that raises as much money as possible, by supporting the fundraising activities in our school.

We are aiming to raise even more this year to support disadvantaged young people across the UK.

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children in the UK.

Thank you for your continued support.

From Emily, Freddie, Wilf, Sonny, James S, Tristram and Katrin from School Council

Save the date!
Appeal Week starts
13 November

BBC Children

WEST DEAN PRIMARY FUND RAISING

CASINO NIGHT

£10 per Ticket
WITH
FREE DRINK
& POKER CHIPS

DRESS CODE:
Casino

BUY TICKETS ONLINE FROM SCHOOLMONEY "SHOP"

at: The Dean Pub, West Dean.

7.00 Friday 10TH NOVEMBER

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

PRIZES Galore

ADULT COLOURING COMPETITION
COLOUR THIS FLYER ... BRING ON THE NIGHT ... YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!

AAA COACHING

Christmas Holidays

MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

£16 for one day

£32 for two days

(7 hours of sport)

December 21st & 22nd

Find us on: facebook

Facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

follow us on twitter

@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

Monday 18th December

£2.30

Festive Menu

Choose a main meal...

Roast Turkey
with Stuffing Ball, Chipolata & Gravy

or

Quorn Fillet
with Stuffing Ball & Gravy

on the side...

Roast Potatoes
Peas and Carrots

for dessert...

Shortbread Christmas Tree

for a drink...

Fruit Squash
Milk
Water

To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please hand £2.30 to your school office by Friday 1st December or order at www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 10th December

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Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE

Chichester Library
Christmas Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st December
10.30am - 11.30am

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and mince pie to celebrate the festive season!

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Chichester Library
Tower Street
PO19 1QJ
01243 777351

Christmas

Christmas Storytime

Chichester Library
Saturday 23rd December
11.00-11.30am

Join us for Christmas stories and songs and also meet our special guest.

Come in fancy dress if you would like to!

Parents and carers are asked to remain
with their child during this activity

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www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries

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.