



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break - we seem to be healthier and rested, ready for our favourite term in school! Our clubs have started and it has been super to see children playing string instruments together, debating, painting, cooking and being active outside. We are all immersed in new topics as well as in preparation for SATs week which is coming up for Y6 pupils. We have an exciting whole school production in the advanced planning stages - we are now ready to hand over to the children who will be the stars as we write scripts, make scenery and props and begin to rehearse after half term. Please see the calendar for all these exciting dates.

NEW COMMUNITY CAFÉ DATE - Friday 19th May, from 2:30 until 3:30

Weald & Downland Open Air Museum - RSPB Day, Year 5.

On Tuesday, Year 5 went to the Weald & Downland for an RSPB day. We walked there from school and we saw lots of lambs. As soon as we got there we went on a walk around the museum to see what birds we could see and hear. We saw these birds: Rook, Wood Pigeon, Robin, Blue-tit, Chaffinch, Black Cap, male and female Blackbirds, Buzzard, Goldfinch, Great-tit, Wren, Pheasant.

We learnt about what the birds sound like and how they look. Some of the birds were very hard to spot. Rob (RSPB Instructor) told us a special word for a Robin, which was gregarious; this means that you are very good at talking to people and very lively.

After our tour of the museum we split up into two groups; one group was making bird feeders and the other group were writing a story together about birds.

We really enjoyed the day and I think I would be able to recognise some birds now if I saw or heard them.

Jamie Edwards - Year 5



Calm Club - today was our very first club: every Friday lunchtime at 12.30, the children are invited to Calm Club. The club will be run by Ms Pleasance and is open to all children. Activities will include reading, mindful colouring and quiet board games. No need to sign up, just come along and join us for some calm, quiet time.

It's the final week to collect **Active Kids** vouchers from Sainsbury's. Please do dig deep in your pockets, bags and purses for any stray vouchers that you may have hidden there.

AAA Coaching will be available during the half term holiday, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June in addition to the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August.

Please contact Ben for information and to book places.

ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

School Money Payments - please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.

We have some new welcome additions to school this week:

Welcome to Frankie Osborne who has joined us this week in Apple Class.

We also welcome our family of ducklings on the pond in our environmental area, our new fish in Maple class and our butterflies.



Acorn Awards - Friday 28th April 2017

Frankie V - for amazing reading of all his letter sounds

Teale - for using the dictionary so confidently in our reading group

Otto - for working so hard at your writing - well done! You are proving to yourself that you really can do it

Amelie - for listening carefully, especially in maths and following steps carefully to overcome mathematical problems

Holly W - for being very persuasive in your vocabulary choices when you have been trying to sell Mr Wilcox a house

Katrin - for confidently sharing your ideas with the class and your knowledge of subordinate clauses!

Oscar - for your positive attitude towards your work and imaginative use of vocabulary in your sentences

Dates for 2017

Summer Term Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Wednesday 3rd May, 2.30 - chestnut Class CFT visit, 40 Years On

Thursday 4th May - Election Day School open as normal

Thursday 18th May - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 19th May - **NEW COMMUNITY CAFÉ DATE** - run by Chestnut Class from 2:30 until 3:30

Thursday 25th May - Racing to school at Goodwood - Year 6

Friday 26th May - **INSET**

Thursday 8th June am - Governor Visits

Thursday 8th June - Election Day School open as normal

Monday 12th June - Yellow School Photos

Wednesday 14th June - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral - information to follow

Saturday 17th June - School Fete

W/C 19 June - Parent Evenings Year 1, 3, 5

Friday 23rd June 1.15pm - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 4th July - GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 5th July - **INSET**

Monday 10th July - Cricket at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th July - Whole School Production - evening show for all children (details to follow)

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

Wednesday 19th July, 9.00 - Sports Morning

Thursday 20th July, 9.00 - Sports Morning Reserve

Our PTA are considering dates for a potential **family walk and picnic/ BBQ** on the weekend of the 7th May, and a possible **family and friends sponsored run** in September, as we are facing a PTA year without the Apple Affair, which will no longer be in the West Dean calendar.

Keep your eyes peeled for more PTA news as we welcome new parents and friends onto the committee and into our team.

| 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. |
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| Summer Term Clubs and Care Bears  | <p>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!</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> <p>Information is now available regarding clubs for the summer term.</p> <p>The timetable for summer term 1 clubs is attached for your information.</p> |
| | <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. Current events available to book are Forty Years On and summer term care bears</p> |
| Class Open Mornings | <p>Class Open Mornings -</p> <p>Summer Term Open Mornings will be announced soon</p> <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> |
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