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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a busy time of year and we hope that you are enjoying sharing lots of events and activities with us.

The Fantastic Elastic European Travel Show – C'est Fantastique!



What a super show! I was delighted not only with the show, but with the children's approach and behaviour throughout our preparations and rehearsals. I'm sure you will all agree that the children did an amazing job, as did the staff, in bringing the whole show together and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we all did. It is such a privilege to work alongside the children to bring all of our ideas to life, resulting in a performance such as this. We couldn't have done it without you all! Thank you to all of our PTA, staff, museum staff and adult & parent helpers for all of their hard work in helping with the organisation and logistics beforehand and on the day.

Thank you for all of your kind words and positive feedback; all of the feedback is taken on board, to make it even better for next time. We already have an 'even better if' list ready for next time! I was a little disappointed to hear that some people made a special effort to let us know about the things that didn't go quite so well - all our staff have worked hard to go the extra mile with this, to have high expectations and to do something really worthwhile - not easy, but worthwhile. Logistics and safety on site, throughout the day, were handled well, although we are aware that we need to have adults ready well before children are due to be dropped off, because, as always, some arrived much earlier than planned! We will also have more people available at the start of the day outside the site, as well as inside.

DVDs of the show are available to purchase through school money as a shop item, priced at £5.00 each, if you would like a keepsake of the evening. It was a truly memorable event which your children will be chatting about as grown ups, and probably telling their own children about someday! I hope that the messages about collaboration and sharing the world come through, along with the reminders about our learning behaviours, now and in their future. Well done everyone!

Sports Afternoon

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our sports afternoon on Wednesday 19th July. This will have a similar format to previous sports mornings, although we have made some 'tweaks' in response to pupil, staff and parent feedback. Refreshments will be available for visitors from 12:45, when children will be getting changed for their events.



We aim to start at 1pm, and to finish for 3pm. This is an event where we love to have an audience, so we really hope you can join us!

The children will need full PE kits in school EVERY DAY please.

Following the sports afternoon, we will have ice creams on sale

(suggested donation £1.50 at the vintage ice cream van) and our PTA BBQ, from 3:15 - 5 pm approx



Please do stay on at school and join in this lovely, relaxed social occasion, which is always an enjoyable and memorable one for the whole family.

Our lovely PTA have arranged for food to be available at a very reduced cost (just to cover overheads) and will be able to provide an easy 'tea' of burgers and sausages in buns, meat and veggie, or you will be able to bring your own food to eat and BBQ too. Please bring your own drinks, especially if it is a warm day, as tea and coffee will be available earlier in the afternoon only. If you would like to help in the organisation of this, then please let us know. Please look out for PTA information about the BBQ!

On Monday 24th July, the next to last day, we have a 'transition afternoon', when our new entrants will visit school and all pupils will have a taster session in their classes for 2017/18. Our new entrants' and other new parents will be welcome to come for refreshments in the pavilion. If you would like to support this and be available to welcome our new parents, then please let us know and we will see you from 1:30 - 2:45 in the pavilion.



Tuesday 25th July is our last day in school and we will have end of year assembly at 8:45am - you are all welcome to join us for this. It is a particularly special day for our Y6 pupils and our PTA and staff would like to mark it with a photo booth, which our PTA have kindly offered to organise. There will be a small cost for a photo of them with their buddies in front of a special backdrop, which we are currently creating! More information will be available soon.



Leavers' Service

Friday next week, 21st July is our **Leavers' Service** in West Dean Church at 1.30pm. This is where we have the opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and wish them luck for the future in their secondary schools. You are welcome to join us.

Please note that parking is limited in the church car park.

REPORTS

Our new electronic reports will be ready to share with you all on Tuesday 18th July. They will show you, in video clips, text and images, and with pupil and teacher voice, the progress your child has made in school this year. The reports have been in progress during the year and capture some examples of your child's work in English and Mathematics, as well as other areas of the curriculum and aspects of learning. We continue to celebrate the learning behaviours as this is so important throughout school and beyond. For pupils where the report represents the end of a Key Stage (ie: YR = end of EYFS, Y2 = end of KS1, Y6 = end of KS2), we will send a summary of statutory test and teacher assessment judgements home separately, by email. **THIS WILL HAPPEN TO CO-INCIDE WITH THE REPORTS.**

In order to collect your child's electronic report, we are offering the following methods:

- For those parents and carers with Apple technology (iPhones/iPads), please download the 'Book Creator' app, and enable your device to accept air dropped items. If you come into school, we can then air drop the report from our device onto yours, in a matter of seconds. This will enable you to manipulate the content and add to it, as well as to view and print it. Please let our office staff know when you would like to come into schools to do this: we have set aside the week commencing 17th July for this.
- For those parents and carers without such devices or who prefer to access the report as a video, please let us know and we will upload it onto the school's website. We will then notify you that it is ready to view/save/print. This access will be password protected: this is a system which worked well for our Y3 reports in the Spring term, but we need a little notice to do the uploading.
- Please either email the school office: office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk entitling your email 'report collection' to let us know your preferred method, or pop in to let us know.

Our plan for next year is that you will be able to view the reports prior to the parents' consultation evenings, as a 'work in progress', with a view to publishing them in July for **all pupils**. So, in July 2018, all pupils will have a report which will have been developed throughout the year from September 2017, so that they will provide an even fuller picture of progress. We plan to have a parents' consultation session in the Autumn and Spring terms, with the option of coming into school to discuss reports in the Summer term too. This is in response to parental feedback in our surveys.

SWIMMING

The **swimming pool** has been in use a great deal this half term, for lessons, and after school some days too. Information is available on the swimming pool gate regarding the PTA rota for summer holiday swim sessions. Please do sign up to help if you are able to, the children love the opportunity of a fun swim. We aim to be open for the first couple of weeks. Without enough adult helpers, we cannot keep the swimming pool open after school and through the holidays, so please do support us in keeping this super resource financially viable.

Children will need to have their swimming kit in school every day for the rest of term please. Swimming kit should be named and in a named bag.

Acorn Awards - Thursday 13th July

Rupert - for always giving his best in everything he does

Harry - for his coil pot, taking his time with each layer

James - for his curiosity and questioning - always keen to think for himself!

Solomon - for thinking so carefully about how he performs on stage throughout Wednesday

Esther - planning her police report effectively, creating a great conclusion and appropriate punishment for the criminals

Stan - for always thinking carefully about his work and approaching every task with maturity and enthusiasm

Joe - for always being a fantastic role model for the younger children; showing patience, kindness and maturity at all times

Dates for 2017

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

Monday 17th July, 2.30 - Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 18th July - Maple Class visit to the beach (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th July 1.00-2.30 - Chestnut class visit to Titanic Exhibition - S-M Kusunoki

Wednesday 19th July, 12.30 - Sports afternoon

Wednesday 19th July, 3.00 - PTA Picnic & BBQ/Rounders event - all welcome

Thursday 20th July, 12.30 - Sports Afternoon Reserve

Thursday 20th July, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 21st July, 1.30pm - Leavers' Service at West Dean Church

Monday 24th July - Transition afternoon and New Entrants' Visit

Tuesday 25th July - Last day of term



Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September - Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September - Term begins for children

INSET days 2017/18

Inset Days

Monday 4th September

Friday 9th February 2018

Wednesday 4th July

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 23rd July 2018

Please remember to turn off the lights in the changing rooms after PTA use after school - thank you.



'Race for Life'

Mrs Moss and Mrs Shears took part in the Portsmouth 10k 'Race for Life' on Sunday 9th July on Southsea Common to raise money for Cancer Research. "We were awesome and completed the course in 1 hour and 10 minutes, even though the temperature was pretty high". There was a brilliant atmosphere with everyone supporting each other.

Thank you for all of your support, you can still make a donation on-line at <https://fundraise.cancerreaserchuk.org/page/merrills-race-for-life>.

News from this week in school:

Primary Space Festival - Chichester University. Our year 4 & 5 children attended this event on Thursday:

"It was a busy day and we had to make a tower structure; it was quite hard at first because this was the last activity that we did so we were quite tired at that point and we weren't sure how to structure it". We started by making one square and adding to it, we had to reach a limit of 65cm. It was made out of spaghetti sticks, which could snap quite easily, and marshmallows. It was really good fun, I was in a team with Ashton, Rafi, Charlie T and Charlie G, Tristram and Jamie. At the end we were allowed to eat the marshmallows!

Jack Clemens

Music Concerts

On Friday afternoon we held our music concert when the children celebrated their successes with their music lessons and instruments this term. We had our clarinetists and violinists playing a selection of music that they had been preparing with Alex Urquhart and Julie Schofield.

Cricket:

Some of our year 5 & 6 children took part in a GAS cricket tournament at Boxgrove School. Our very own Mrs Graham accompanied our children and was 'manning' the scoreboard. The children had a super time and came 'joint second.' ☺

West Dean Church:

Maple class visited West Dean Church where they learned about some church vocabulary, Rev Kev explained to the children about the Eucharist and why Christians need a Church if God is everywhere! The children also had the opportunity to take turns to ring the bells, maybe you heard them?


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.



CLUBS FOR NEXT TERM

Look out for the clubs timetable which will be available next week.

	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.
Summer Term Clubs and 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>
	<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	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.
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available in the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places.</p> <p>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>
Lost Property	Don't forget to look for lost property - this is located in the drawers on the decking outside of the pavilion.



14th July 2017

Maths Matters - Have a go for homework!

SHAPE

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.

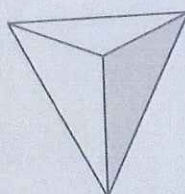
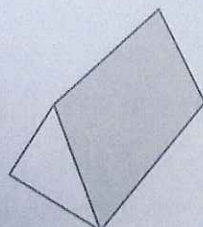
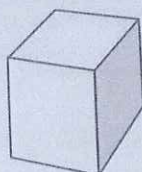
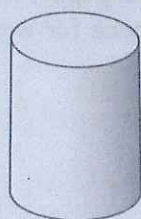
Children - have a go and bring in your answers/solutions to Mrs. Lock by Wednesday morning to win a chance of earning 5 house points and appearing in next week's newsletter:

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

Year 2

Two shapes have **more than 8** edges.

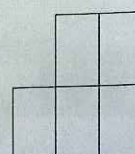
Tick them.



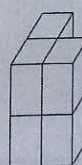
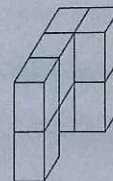
Year 3

11/15

This is a face on a 3-D shape.



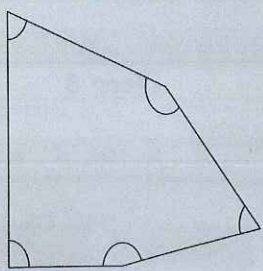
Tick (✓) the 3-D shape with this face.



Year 4

11 16 Complete the table to show how many angles of each type are in this shape.

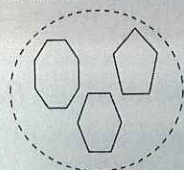
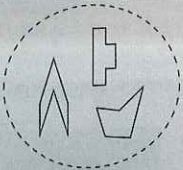
Number of right angles	Number of acute angles	Number of obtuse angles



1 mark

Year 5

11 17

Emma's shapes Jenny's shapes

Tick (✓) the two properties that make Emma's shapes different from Jenny's shapes.

Each of Emma's shapes has ...

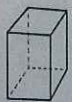
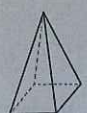
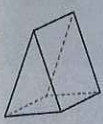
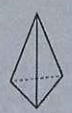
- right angles. ☐
- all sides the same length. ☐
- only one line of symmetry. ☐
- parallel sides. ☐
- equal sized angles. ☐

1 mark

Year 6

12 Here are diagrams of some 3-D shapes.

Tick each shape that has the same number of faces as vertices.

-  Cube ☐
-  Square-based pyramid ☐
-  Triangular prism ☐
-  Triangular-based pyramid ☐

2 marks

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



7th July 2017

Maths Matters - Have a go for homework!

Fractions

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.

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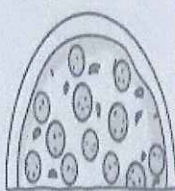
only neat, accurate answers will be considered! Any correct answers will earn you a house point. 😊

ANSWERS

Year 2

Ben ate half a pizza.

Which fraction shows the amount he ate?



Circle it.

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{2}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

Year 3

12

$$\frac{3}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

Year 4

numerical tests - maths test 1 - year 4

Write these values in order from the lowest to the highest.

$\frac{3}{4}$ 1 0.25 $\frac{1}{2}$

lowest \longrightarrow highest

0.25 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ 1

Year 5

numerical tests - maths test 2 - year 5

Sanjay drinks $\frac{3}{10}$ of his milkshake.

What percentage of his milkshake is left?

70 %

Year 6

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

26 $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} =$

$\frac{1 \times 5 = 5}{4 \times 5 = 20}$

$\frac{1 \times 4 = 4}{5 \times 4 = 20}$

$\frac{1 \times 2 = 2}{10 \times 2 = 20}$

$\frac{11}{20}$

$$\frac{5}{20} + \frac{4}{20} + \frac{2}{20} = \frac{11}{20}$$