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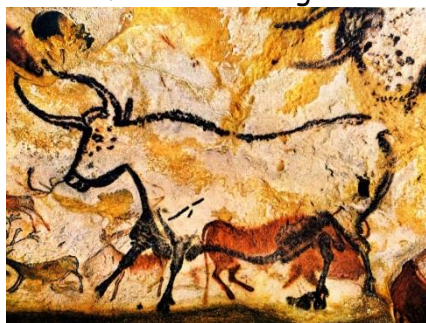
Newsletter 29 12th May 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our YR children who raised £34.22 thanks to our lovely PTA, who organised the event. Please see our PTA news box below for details. Their chosen charity was Canine Partners

Maple Class have had a very informative visit to West Dean Gardens, today, with Mrs. Cannig, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Pinnington. They learnt a lot about leaves and plants, as well as enjoying the beautiful surroundings.



Beech class children had a visit from local historian, Paul Ulson, who explored Stone Age history with them, in a very 'hands on' and exciting way. "We acted out what happened and travelled through time, stopping off in the Palaeolithic; Mesolithic and Neolithic while learning how Britain changed.

We created a man called Ugg and acted out his life of killing animals, discovering new weapons and being a Nomad" Keturah Peirson (Year 4)

"Paul Ulson showed us some different types of animal fur and told us all about them. He showed us some bags made out of different animal skins" Holly Wilburn (Year 4).

This week we have had a strange timetable in school as our KS2 children did their tests, and our Y6 pupils did their SATs tests. I must congratulate all of the children for the positive approach they had to this. We have put a new scheme of Y2,3,4 and 5 tests in place to give us information to help track progress and identify next steps for children. This has not been possible until this year due to the change of curriculum and assessment methodology, but we feel that these tests, which are closely aligned to the Y6 tests and give us a standardised score, will support our teacher assessment judgements and give the children valuable practice of tests.

Chestnut Class have watched part of Beauty and the Beast, this afternoon, after gaining the consent of Mrs. Moss. They did this by writing persuasive letters, pointing out how hard they have worked, how much the film will help them in their writing, and how it will aid them in understanding the genre and plot of Cyrano de Bergerac and similar stories. Mrs. Moss was impressed by their letters, pleased that they appreciated her dedication to every West Dean pupil, and keen to support their learning. Please see a sample of the letters below.



Ms Pleasance will be absent from Apple class following the death of her mother. Mrs Chilton will be in Apple Class full time for the foreseeable future, with additional support.


If you would like to send a card or make a donation for Ms. Pleasance, please do pop into the office.



Congratulations to some of our children who received their **music certificates** this week. They successfully took their clarinet exams and were awarded their certificates during assembly, when we were all able to congratulate their hard work and achievement and celebrate with them. Please see below for details.

We are proud to have our **art work** back on display in school: these pieces of art, produced by Beech and Apple Class, were on display in the Oxmarket Gallery in Chichester, in support of the Canine Partners Charity. Please use this link <https://caninepartners.org.uk/> to find out more about what they do - the children were fascinated by the skills these amazing dogs have and by the people they help to live independent lives. Our thanks, as ever, go to Sharon-Michi Kusunoki, our school governor, for all her support in this. We also thank Mrs. Gill Garfield, without whom we could not have achieved this super standard of work. Some of the pieces will soon be exhibited in Chichester University and then in Chartres as part of the Chichester twinning competition.



The **swimming pool** will be up and running ready for our return after half term. Information will be available shortly regarding the PTA rota for after school use. Please do sign up to help if you are able to, the children love the opportunity of an after school swim. We have a poolside first aid course running for any helpers who would like to be involved - please do ask at the school office for details if you are interested. Let's keep our fingers crossed for some lovely sunshine. 

Our **congratulations** go to Mr. Wilcox who has secured a teaching position in Bournemouth for September 2017, where he and his fiancée will move in the Summer. We are **interviewing** for a new teacher on Tuesday and will let you know how we have got on in our next newsletter. We are very pleased with the applications and look forward to sharing good news with you all then!

Acorn Awards - Friday 12th May 2017

Frankie O - for settling into Apple class so well

Wilf - for fantastic joined up handwriting and spelling

Emmy - for great photography work and descriptive writing about the flower

Leo - for writing a brilliant letter of complaint in your target, focussing on contractions

Harry - for focusing really hard on your 'chunking' in maths and laying this out neatly

Hester - for constructing a very persuasive argument in your letter to Mrs Moss

Madeleine - for commitment and enthusiasm in music when learning our 'Evensong' songs

Our successful clarinetists were:

Noah Peirson - Grade 3 Distinction, Oscar Mathias - Grade 4 Merit,

Sophie John - Grade 2 Merit, Kitty Hogg - Grade 1 Merit,

Katrin Hugason-Briem - Grade 1 Distinction, Milly Lewis - Grade 1 Distinction



PTA News:

Sunday 7th May - West Dean Welly Walk.

The welly walk was a great success! It was a fabulous walk through the gardens and the sun was shining! We had a great turnout from Apple class along with the other usual suspects! We all gathered back at school for tea, cake and scones. Keith Garfield was fabulous, as ever, and we sent him home with a bag of scones, cream and strawberries.

We raffled off the Goodwood race tickets for June 11th and a Stirling effort by Hester Martin and Sophie John raised £51. We are still totting up the money raised from refreshments.

Total raised for charity from money in the wellies was £104.04. Congratulations to Reception who raised the most money and can chose the charity that they would like to receive the money.

Committee News:

Following our AGM last night our new PTA chair is Leisa Chambers, our thanks to Claire Mitchell and her team for all of her hard work and support. Claire is still here with us until the end of term and will be our guiding light through the Fete! We now have a new team of Committee members.

'What's App' groups have been set up for committee members and helpers. There are a great group of helpers but we are always looking for people to join us.

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)

Please make sure you have the fete date in your diaries! **Saturday 17th June**



Dates for 2017

SummerTerm Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

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

Wednesday 17th May, 6.00 - Dance House Highlights Event - Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis

Thursday 18th May - Beech Class visit to St Roches Hill (Trundle) information to follow shortly

Thursday 18th May - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 19th May- NEW COMMUNITY CAFÉ DATE - run by Chestnut Class from 2:30 until 3.30

Monday 22 May, 1.00-2.30 - Pool side First Aid training session (selected attendees)

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

Friday 26th May - INSET - AAA Coaching available

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 **No clubs this week**

Thursday 22 June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 29th June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 28th June - New Entrants Visit

Tuesday 4th July, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 5th July - INSET

Thursday 6th July - New Entrants Visit

Friday 7th July, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

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, 12.30 - Sports afternoon

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


Thursday 20th July, 12.30 - Sports Afternoon Reserve

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

Monday 24th July - Transition afternoon and New Entrants Visit



**We have another new family in West Dean; we have
'pigeons in the shed'.**

	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. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! 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. 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 Please email the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Information is now available regarding clubs for the second half of the summer term.</p> <p>The timetable for summer term clubs is attached for your information.</p> <p>Letters have been sent home this week regarding club provision for the next half term and clubs will be 'live' on schoolmoney.co.uk on Monday 15th May.</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	<p>Class Open Mornings - 8.45</p> <p>Apple - Tuesday 27th June 2017</p> <p>Maple - Tuesday 20th June 2017</p> <p>Beech - Friday 16th June 2017</p> <p>Chestnut - Friday 9th June 2017</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>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>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.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will also be on site for our Inset day on Friday 26th May.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places.</p> <p>ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>