



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Community Café this afternoon and enjoyed afternoon tea with us. The children are learning so much about real life maths etc through this and through activities such as making smoothies: Apple Class sold out in record time despite the drizzly conditions and Chestnut Class have been very careful with profit margins, following last term's café's high costs!

We are looking forward to sharing our whole school topic for next half term: 'Duende'. Some classes are already beginning their work and learning about some famous artists, including Gaudi and Dali: you may have heard about the constructions taking shape in Beech Class already.

Today, in our assembly, we said farewell to Ms Pleasance who will be leaving us to pursue other avenues in her life. She will still be involved in school for the rest of this term, as she supports Miss Hall and loves to pop in!

Thank you once again for your support and have a super half term break with your families!

## PTA Fete News

Please try hard to sell all your **raffle tickets** - there are more available please ask at the school office.

We thought, this year, that we would ask families to bring in specific items on a weekly basis leading up to the fete. This way we thought we might get more items in and that it would be clearer what was needed and when. As such, we are asking:

W/c 4th June - **teddies**

W/c 11th June - **Jam jar filled with goodies**

W/c 18th June - **items for the cafe. No nuts.**



**Bric a brac** can come in as and when.

We will be having an '**own clothes**' day on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** and would ask that in return you 'bring a bottle' for the fete.

## The week ahead.....

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June:

Bring in Teddies for PTA Fete

Clubs: Think Tank-Mrs. Prudence (Y4,5,6), French-Mrs. Crombie(Y3,4,5,6)

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

8:45am - extra-ordinary governors' meeting

Clubs: Gym -Miss Hall(Y2,3,4), Art -Mrs. Moss(Y4,5,6),

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June:

**KS2 visit to Southampton University - STEM Nano Tech Day**

Clubs: Change for Life -AAA Coaching (Y2,3,4,5,6), Cookery-Mrs. Boxall & Mrs. Muggeridge (Y3,4,5,6)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June:

Clubs: Baseball - Mr David Morris (Y3,4,5,6), Spanish-Mrs. Wilson (Y3,4,5,6)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June:

Clubs: Strings-Miss Urquhart (selected musicians), Summer Sports-AAA Coaching (Y1,2,3,4,5,6)

### School Parliament – Environment Dept

**Help beat Plastic Pollution** - we are taking part in the West Sussex Schools Home Plastic Recycling Competition.

You have received your Plastic Pollution homework sheet, which, you have hopefully, completed and returned. Thank you.

Please also remember to have a go at **designing a playpark for West Dean College**. The children very kindly sent the information home earlier this week. This is a competition with prizes for individuals and for the school too.

### Art Club News

We have selected and sent six pieces of art to be exhibited and entered into the South of England Show in Ardingly: this takes place from 7 - 9<sup>th</sup> June, and we are delighted to be able to take part in their competition..



We also have several pieces which will be exhibited in Chichester University and in Chartres, later this year, when they will be judged against other schools' work in the Chartres Twinning competition.

You may have seen the Cathedral Festival of Flowers advertised: we are exhibiting art work for this too, and hope that you will have the opportunity to see it all on display.

Well done to all our artists!

## Please see attached information regarding Password Security

**Save Our Swimming Pool:** Thank you to those of you who have very kindly contributed the suggested £10 to help us with the cost of keeping the swimming pool up and running, just a reminder that this will allow you 'free' use of the pool during the times that it is open. Thank you to those of you who attended our First Aid training session this week, this will help us to open the pool for as many sessions as possible.

Thank you to all of our 'Pool Tidy' helpers, Again this has helped us to get ready for The pool to be open after half term.

Please do make sure that you sign up on the rota if you are able to help with any of our swim sessions. This means that your children will have access, to safe, supervised fun swim sessions after school and in the holiday.

For parents who have opted out of the £10 'free swim' payment, a 'pay as you go' system will be in operation for other children wishing to use the pool. A charge will be made for each swim session of £2.50 and children will only be able to swim if payment is received, no IOU's will be permitted. We feel that this is a fair way of making sure that all of our children can have the best use of the pool.



Year six pupils went **Racing at Goodwood** on Thursday and were very privileged to access private members' and jockeys' areas. They used their maths to great effect and had a great time too, despite the weather! More news from the children next time!

**AAA Sports Coaching will be available**

**On our Inset Day,  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

This will also be running for the first week of the summer holidays so if you would like a place please make sure you book in advance by contacting [ben@aaacoaching.co.uk](mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk)  
07788661316

### SCHOOL CLUBS

Information regarding after school clubs for the second half of the summer term has been sent home.

Please do remember that clubs are popular and become booked up very quickly.

You will notice that it has become necessary to increase the cost of our club provision but hope that you will agree that it is still extremely good value for money and we will try to continue to give the children as many opportunities as possible.

## *Acorn Awards*

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018*

***Ewan** - for enthusiasm in all his learning*

***Amelia** - for a huge improvement in her reading*

***Raife** - for his enthusiasm towards his learning and being able to put a positive spin on everything, which has had a great impact on his maths in particular*

***Tilly** - Always keen to learn and help others, delighting in all our learning*

***Oliver** - Sensible and efficient collaborative work. Our visiting adult commented on his helpfulness and courtesy*

***Tristram** - for his enthusiasm and interest in creating our Dali collages. He was really inspired by this activity*

***Martha** - for her respectful and exemplary behaviour on the trip to Goodwood yesterday, setting a mature example for others*

## Summer Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - BACK TO SCHOOL!**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 'Nano' Tech day at Southampton University**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Maple class visit to Wahacca in Chichester**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Chestnut class visit to the Houses of Parliament in London**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Beech Class Big Camp**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Whole School Photographs**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Own Clothes Day - Bring a Bottle for the Fete**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 8.45 - Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Summer Fete**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1.15-3.30 - Year 6 Rounders at Bishop Luffa (selected children)**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Maple class visit to West Dean Church**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00 - 4.00 - KS2 Softball Tournament in Oaklands Park (club children)**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.15-14.30 - Yr 6, God and the Big Bang Science Day at Chichester Cathedral**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected children)**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day - school closed to children**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - AAA Coaching**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected children)**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Reserve date for GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected children)**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July - GAS Cricket event (Selected children)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1.15 - 3.30 - Yr 1 & 2 Multi-skills sports event at Bishop Luffa (selected children)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00-4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00 - 4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-2.30 - Year 6 Leavers' Service in West Dean Church**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Reserve date for Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome**

**Summer Term 2018: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Inset Days**

**Autumn Term 2018: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Inset Day**

**Half term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**NB: 2019 INSET days are yet to be decided**

**Christmas Dates for 2018!**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)**


**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church (children arrive 4:40 please)**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome**



|  | Current Useful Information and Reminders   |
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| Chichester District Foodbank   | Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the Chichester District Foodbank; we are going to continue to have a box in the Reception area to collect any items that you would like to donate and Mrs Jen Rogers has very kindly agreed to make regular deliveries of our goods.  |
| 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<br> | Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00.<br><b>Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a>. 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.</b>  |
| 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 <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a> .  |
|  | <b>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments</b> enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.<br>Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.<br><br><b>Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</b>   |
| Late Arrivals  | Just to clarify <b>our timings</b> : from <b>8:20</b> , 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 <b>8:35</b> , when the bell is rung. At <b>8:40</b> , 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.<br>From Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October, we will have a ' <b>late arrivals</b> ' 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 <b>parental responsibility</b> .<br><b>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.</b><br>This enables lessons to be 'in full swing' by <b>8:45</b> at the latest, and means that we make good use of the time we have in school.<br><b>Late Collections</b><br>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. |
|  | <b>PTA News:</b><br>If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact <a href="mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com">westdeanpta@outlook.com</a> or contact the school office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> )   |
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