

West Dean Church of England Primary School West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ Telephone/Fax: 01243 811247 Headteacher: Mrs G. Moss Newsletter 9 13th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers.

We have had a busy week of learning and I will be delighted to share a virtual school art gallery and lots of information about the learning, next week. We are planning a walk around the college grounds and to visit the trees in the arboretum there, as this is a magical place to spend a little time and it will support our topic:

'If Trees Could Talk—Journeys through time'.

Beech Class are visiting the Trundle next week, as part of their learning about the Stone Age, and we are all busy indoors and outdoors - more information to follow next week!

Cheerful Children in Need.

Friday 13th November—Spots or stripes and anything bright,

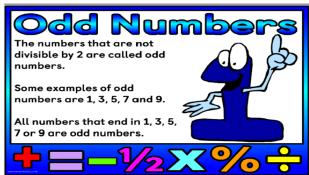
Thank you for supporting us with Children in Need today. We had a vibrant, jolly and colourful assembly together and enjoyed the maths challenge: each class made a line of coins, estimated and measured the length. Some children also counted the money, using their maths skills; working out sub-totals and totals and have a go at writing pounds and pence accurately. Some children will use this data for maths next week too.

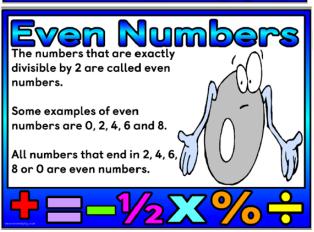


This picture is from our assembly —please scroll down to see more pictures!

We will let you know, next week, the total amount that we raised

Maths Word of the Week





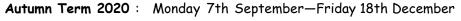


PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Look out for details coming next week about the amazing hampers that our wonderful PTA have arranged. There will also be a silent auction for a fabulous Fortnum and Mason hamper, further information to follow.

Raffle tickets will be on sale on schoolmoney.co.uk.

Diary Dates 2020



Half term holiday: October 26th-30th

Spring Term 2020: Monday 4th January

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Thursday 19th November - Hugo Van Driel, Whole School Assembly Zoom

Thursday 26th November, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 8th December - KS1 Drama Workshop—Fairytales and Fables tbc

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

TBC—Other Christmas events

WARM CLOTHES

We are ventilating the school well, which means the classrooms will be much colder than usual. Please do make sure children have extra layers to wear inside. This is a Covid-19 precaution.

Remembrance Day Assembly:

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for our Remembrance Day Assembly. The staff and children all joined together as a whole school, with parents and governors 'Zooming' in from home too.

Doing this by Zoom appears to have been a success so thank you for coming along. We had some lovely comments on screen during the assembly but we are unable to capture them as we were mid-filming! If you have any feedback we would be grateful, as it represents a leap into the unknown for us, in terms of the experience at home.

We are in the process of planning our Christmas events and adapting them to what we feel is sure to be a similarly restricted time, in terms of inviting visitors into the school and church.







Acorn Awards

Friday 13th November 2020

Casper - for your great understanding of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and learning how to write them

Matilda - for being an amazing role model in class. You work hard, listen well and always do your best!

Beatrix - for your super instruction writing. You thought about how to make them clear and easy to follow. Great Work!

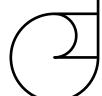
Felix - for being ready to learn, having a positive attitude in class and supporting others

Sidney - for your amazing range of vocabulary and your ability to explain the meaning of words in a clear and concise manner

Evie - for your consistently positive and conscientious attitude in class. You are a super year 5 role model.

Nell - for an excellent non-chronological report about the heart. Your report is of a very high standard showing your understanding of how this important muscle works









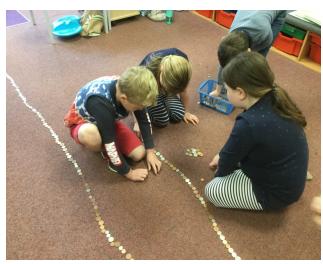
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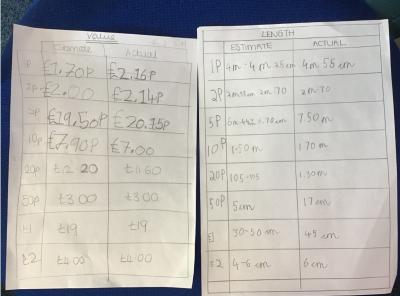
Maple Class











Beech Class



News from Chartwells:

We are pleased to announce that **The Super Yummy Kitchen** are launching the below resources **this** week!

WHAT'S ON?

- MONDAY Brand new child-friendly cook-a-long videos and recipes every Monday, with the theme of SCHOOL MEALS!
- TUESDAY Activity/Informative posts
- WEDNESDAY Wellness Wednesday
- THURSDAY Planet A/Sustainability
- FRIDAY Food Fact Friday.

SCHOOL MEALS

- The purpose of the school meals theme is to help **to reduce stigma of school meals**, show how they have changed over the years to be much healthier, exciting and to bring our love for school meals **into family homes**, **for children to learn and make themselves**.
- Please share the channel/posts on your school media channels, **parent mail and of course your teachers-** the resources are there to be used!
- We encourage all to take photos/video clips, post them on your own social media accounts and TAG SUPER YUMMY! There is some really delicious stuff on there.

Online Links:

YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyu3g1IGSmMJAqGQGOJr7MA
Twitter: @TheSYKitchen → https://twitter.com/TheSYKitchen

Instagram: @thesuperyummykitchen → https://www.instagram.com/thesuperyummykitchen/

Facebook: The Super Yummy Kitchen \rightarrow <u>https://www.facebook.com/thesuperyummykitchen</u>

We really hope you enjoy the free resources. Thank you.

Kind Regards *Kerry Scott* Area Manager

Current Useful Information and Reminders: September 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the *Chichester District Foodbank*; we 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.

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.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on Schoolmoney.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of $\pounds 1$. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

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



PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Governing Body News:

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community.

We are currently recruiting for two new parent governors—see above for details—we would love to have you on board!

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin', on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.