



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is an extremely busy time of year with lots going on, both for the children in school and for you as families to be involved in as well. Please do keep the diary dates handy so that you don't miss anything! Information about end of year reports is below.

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

We have made amendments to the logistics – please see the **red text** in particular.



This will take place on **Wednesday 12th July; at 6pm at The Gridshell building at The Weald and Downland Museum. We are extremely grateful to everyone at the museum for their support in letting us use this super performance space.** Tickets will be available via School Money, as with clubs and trips etc. There will be a limit to tickets, unfortunately, as we have to conform to fire regulations at the museum: this has really limited our audience size. **There will initially be two tickets per family for sale, with additional tickets available on a 'first come first served' standby basis, once the formal booking has closed on Monday 10th July at 12 noon.**

Tickets will automatically entitle you to a 'drink and nibbles' upon arrival, whilst we prepare the children for the show. The tickets will be in the form of a programme, which will have a number on it. This will determine your seat, so it is important that you bring it with you! We won't be able to admit anyone without a ticket, again, for fire/health and safety reasons. There will be a seating plan available in Hambrook barn, so do make a note of where you are sitting whilst you enjoy your drinks and canapés.

The **timetable for the day** will be that we will not be in school at all during the day: children should be dropped off at The Weald and Downland Museum, at 8:30, please. They will all need a **packed lunch**, please. We have contacted Chartwells to let them know, so any children who usually have a hot meal will have sandwiches provided. At 3pm, children will need to be collected from the museum, and returned for 5:30 (we will collect them at 5:30 from the designated area – more details to follow). **We strongly suggest CAR SHARING as the parking is limited and it is likely to be extremely busy at 3pm.**

Our musicians will need to be in place for 5:30 so will need to arrive at 5:20 please. We anticipate the show lasting a little over an hour – around 7:15 – and, at the end of the performance, you will be able to take your children home directly from the class teacher. **Please note: there will be no clubs or care bears on Wednesday afternoon.**

We would be grateful for some parental support on the day, as the logistics are complex! We are liaising with our friends up at the museum regarding this, but we would like at least one parent per class to act as a 'representative' for the class. This role would involve making sure that all parents from children in the class are parked together/waiting together, so that we can then bring children out a group at a time to be returned to you after the rehearsal, at 3pm. It would also require you to collect the children from that class together at 8:20/8:30, in the designated area, so that staff can then come and collect a group at a time. It may be that we will need a responsible adult volunteer to walkie talkie up to the Gridshell to let us know which parents have arrived. We will brief our adult volunteers on Tuesday afternoon, once these arrangements have been finalised with the museum.

If you would be happy to do this, and/or to act as a host, pouring drinks and organising nibbles, and ushering people up from the refreshment area to the Gridshell performance area, then that would also be extremely helpful. Any parents/Carers taking on these roles will have **priority access to seats** at the front of the audience, reserved so that they can deal with the logistics whilst other audience members take up their seats. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact the office by email, entitling your email 'FEETS Support Offer'. We will then let you know – if we are inundated with offers, then this may have to be organised on a 'first come first served' basis too!

The show will be filmed, and DVDs will be on sale for £5 after the show, with some pictures of the preparation and possibly some out-takes too! Therefore, we respectfully ask that **no photography** or filming occurs during the performance, so that we respect the children as they are on stage and protect them too. This will help us to cover the cost of the DVDs and help pay for the costs of the production.

We are really excited about the show and very much looking forward to it: it does not completely exist yet, as scripts are still being written by the children, props designed and made, and technology worked out. We have a few 'cameo' roles for friends and parents who have links to our European countries, so look out for the children and teachers approaching you about this. If you feel you have something we may be able to use, in terms of ideas, resources or expertise, please please let us know as soon as

REPORTS

Our new electronic reports are almost ready to share with you all. 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.

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.

School Review and INSET day

We had an extremely productive In Service Training Day on Wednesday: this is the time when we share the analysis of our surveys of parents, staff, pupils and governors. We also consider the data and messages from test results, our knowledge of the progress made by individuals, groups and cohorts of children. We consider our plans for the future and adapt them to ensure we are addressing the right things to make sure we constantly improve outcomes for our children.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this survey - as our governors will tell you, we take our role in responding to this very seriously, and it helps us to constantly evolve.

A summary of some of the key findings and actions planned/in place follow:

- More opportunities to find out about **children's progress**
- Maths appears to continue to be a weaker subject in school, so we plan to provide clearer information about **how we teach maths**, so that grown ups at home can better support learning
- Increased curriculum time, focus and more targeted teaching of **mathematics** including **fluency** (eg: Maths Matters Challenges and Sumdog)
- Increased consistency in the teaching of spelling; we will share our phoneme referenced guide for parents, for example, as well as using some new resources.
- We will stop sending the Learning Journals home in book bags, but will put these on the website, so that we can all refer to them - this is how we can all be clear about the expectations for each year group.
- We have introduced our Reading Bookworm Awards to encourage and reward regular frequent reading.
- We have timetabled some of our volunteer parent helpers in the afternoon, so that children have reading opportunities
- We will **clarify** our approach to **behaviour** and bullying next year, as some parents are *unsure* about how we do this
- We will maintain and further develop our **cross curricular, holistic approach** so that we don't focus too narrowly on core areas
- We will focus the spending of the school's **capital budget** on improving the cloakroom facilities for Apple, Maple and Chestnut classes, providing shelter from strong sun/wet weather for Apple and Maple outdoor areas and streamlining the offices. This is planned for the coming 18 months.
- We have simplified the **club timetable** so that it is easier to access.
- Our **newsletters** will remain long as there will continue to be a lot of news!
- We will have **'Brain Booster' groups**, particularly for KS2 children, in the afternoons. These groups will address any barriers the teachers and children feel that there are in learning: this will be for individuals and small groups of children. These sessions will be short (10 minutes long) and very focused. Some of the areas we will focus on include: working at pace, being happy to learn from errors, using feedback to improve work, improving fluency in number, developing talk for writing etc. These sessions will be led by staff and qualified/experienced volunteers, and guided in terms of content and approach by Mrs. Canning, Mrs. Prudence, Mrs. Prudence, Mrs. Johnson or myself.



- We will focus our teaching of **PE/Sport** more so that we develop entries in a few key sports (including swimming!) - we aim to have a football team, for example. For this, we would really appreciate parent volunteers to run/support clubs.
- We are trying to find a way of getting a **daily run** in place, to build fitness levels and develop an understanding of healthy living.
- We are improving our **staff room notice board** so that our communication is better as it gets too full!
- We will continue to **select pupils for events** dependent upon the event: sometimes this is based on the most 'elite' sportspeople, in swimming, for example, when we train a team to take part in galas. For these events it would be bad for the children to experience floundering in the pool. For other events, we select pupils to give them an experience they might not otherwise have - a sort of taster session. On other occasions, we select children who have shown good sporting behaviours and will represent us well in this way. We ask parents to accept our professional judgements on these decisions - not everyone can take part in everything! Our children are very very fortunate!
- We will pursue a **lollipop person** for the A286, which we are always aware is a hazard. We will continue to appeal to parents and carers to park and drive safely - there are many who share my concerns about this.
- We will revisit our code of conduct and supervision with all pupils and staff, as we do each September.
- We will use parental offers of support and expertise to develop the orchard, pond area, chicken area etc
- Chestnut Class will visit Cobnor outdoor adventure centre (or similar) for a day in September, for team building and adventurous outdoor challenges, in addition to our visits to France.

If anyone had a particular query which they feel has not been dealt with by this feedback, then please do come and let me know.

SWIMMING

The **swimming pool** has been in use a great deal this week, 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. 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.

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 will be taking part in the Portsmouth 10k 'Race for Life' on Sunday 9th July on Southsea Common to raise money for Cancer Research.

If you would like to support us you can make a donation on-line at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/merrills-race-for-life>. Thank you for your support.

This week in school:

We are pleased to welcome our two Korean teachers who are visiting us this week and next; Ms Kuk, Kuong Hee and Ms Ko, Tae Yeon. They will spend most of their week with Chestnut Class, but will spend some time with other children too.

Dance Workshops

The children have been doing dance workshops with Ellie Holder. Ellie has been working with the children devising dance sequences to form part of the C'est Fantastique show and also practising the 'Refugee' performance with the children who were involved in Dance House.

Tennis Taster Sessions

We also had a visit from Justin Pollard who coached the children with some tennis sessions. Justin is the parent of two of our former pupils and is involved with the Chichester Lawn Tennis club. We are very lucky to be able to give the children these fantastic opportunities.

New Entrants

We have welcomed our children and parents who will be starting with us in school in September. The children spent some time in their new classroom while the parents had the opportunity to find out about us and ask questions, complete lots of paperwork and order their uniform. They will visit again on Monday 24th July, when all our children will, once again, 'move up', as part of our transition support.

Music Concerts

On Friday afternoon we will be holding our music concert when the children will be celebrating their successes with their music lessons and instruments this term. We will have our clarinetists and violinists playing a selection of music that they have been preparing with Alex Urquhart and Julie Schofield. Please do come along and join us if you can at 2.00 - 2.45 on Friday 14th July.



Acorn Awards - Friday 7th July

Bonnie - for being so sensible and ready for Year 1!

Willow - for trying really hard with tennis

Ava D - for working hard on our Greek research. Trying hard to read for meaning and sharing her understanding

Ewan - for great mathematical thinking over the past weeks, challenging yourself and being adaptable when you become stuck to overcome any issues

Holly W - Always listening to feedback in maths and checking through your work carefully

Charlie - for great use of a number line for decimal subtraction, Very confident and accurate work

Gwen - for subtracting decimal numbers using a number accurately and in confident jumps!

Sports Afternoon

Our sports afternoon will have a similar format to previous sports mornings, and 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 approximately.



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 follow about this.



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.



Dates for 2017

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

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

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

Fantastic Elastic Travel Show! C'est Fantastique!

Thursday 13th July, 10.00-1.30 - Primary Space Festival, Bognor Campus (year 4/5)

Thursday 13th July, 1.00 - Maple Class visit to West Dean Church

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

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

Current Useful Information and Reminders

Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	<p>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.</p>
<p>SummerTerm Clubs and Care Bears</p> 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. 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>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.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
<p>Class Open Mornings</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>
<p>AAA Sports Coaching</p>	<p>AAA Coaching will be available in 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</p>
	<p>PTA News: 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>
<p>Lost Property</p>	<p>Don't forget to look for lost property - this is located in the drawers on the decking outside of the pavilion.</p>



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.

They are the sort of questions children will tackle in the end of year tests.

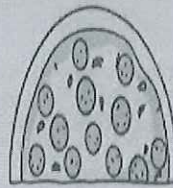
Children – have a go and bring in your answers/solutions to Mrs. Lock by Wednesday morning to win a chance of earning 5 house points and appearing in next week's newsletter:

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

Year 2

Ben ate half a pizza.

Which fraction shows the amount he ate?



Circle it.

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

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

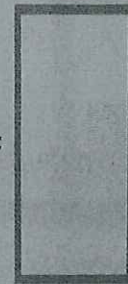
$$\frac{2}{4}$$

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

Year 3

12

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



Year 4

infer 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
→
 highest

Year 5

infer tests - maths test 2 - year 5

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

What percentage of his milkshake is **left**?

%

Year 6

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

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



30th June 2017

Maths Matters - Have a go for homework!

Multiplication

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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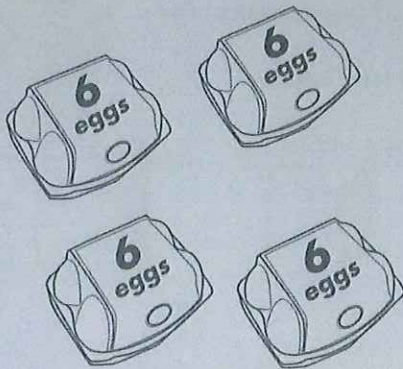
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ANSWERS

Year 2

Ben has 4 boxes of eggs.



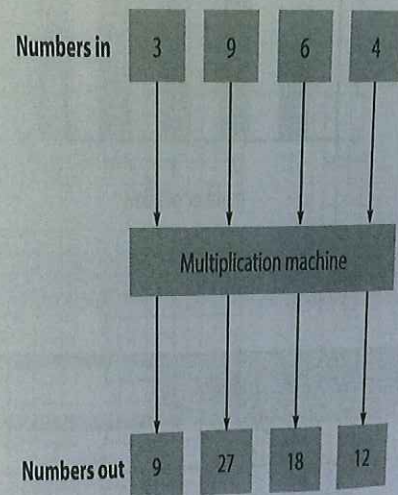
Write a number sentence using \times and $=$ to show that Ben has 24 eggs altogether.

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$

Year 3

11/10

The numbers going into the machine are all multiplied by the same number.



What have all the numbers been multiplied by?

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$9 \times 3 = 27$$

$$6 \times 3 = 18$$

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

EMMY LAMB

Yr 2

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

5 house points
for Emmy Lamb

Year 4

12 12 12

Circle all the multiples of 9

(18) 29 44
 (54) 98 (108)

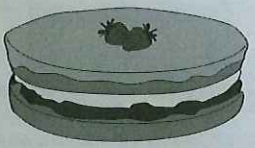
9 x table knowledge

Year 5

Emma needs these ingredients to make one cake.

One cake

- 3 eggs
- 200 g flour
- 150 g butter
- 125 g sugar



She wants to make five cakes.

Write how much of each ingredient Emma needs for five cakes.

Five cakes

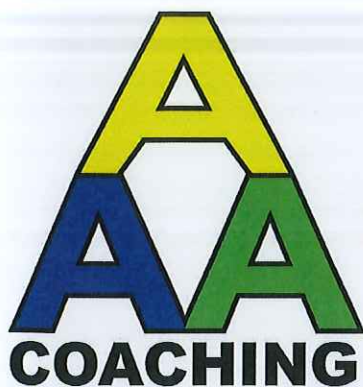
- 15 eggs
- 1,000 g flour
- 750 g butter
- 625 g sugar

Year 6

$$\begin{array}{r}
 418 \\
 \times 46 \\
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 2508 \\
 16720 \\
 \hline
 19228
 \end{array}$$

19,228

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



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Monday July 31st

Tuesday August 1st

Wednesday August 2nd

Thursday August 3rd

Friday August 5th



@ West Dean Primary School

9am - 4pm

School Years: R - 7

Football - Indoor Hockey - Dodgeball - Boxing (non-contact) - Baseball - Mini Olympics - Cricket

Dance - Tag Rugby - Tag American Football - Volleyball - Basketball - Fitness Games - Mini Golf

Table Tennis - Netball - Badminton - Tag Games - Team Games - Relay Races - Tennis

To register your child email: ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

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