



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 20 9th February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Community Café yesterday and that you all have a super half term. We also hope that all the 'bugs', which have been a feature of the last few months, will have dispersed before we return, and we will focus our first week back on how to keep healthy, happy and safe:

This will take the form of our **Alive and Kicking Week** - We have arranged lots of visits and visitors, activities and lessons, which have a cost attached. We are, therefore, asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.50 per pupil, to help us to cover the costs of transport, workshops, resources and the admission to Cass Sculpture Park. Please log into school money to make payment, and to give your consent for your children to travel by coach and private car, as soon as you are able. (see overleaf for more details)

Things you need to know!

- We will be taking part in physical activities throughout each day of the week, so we will all be wearing **sports gear all week**. Please send children into school dressed appropriately, wearing trainers, tracksuit bottoms/comfortable trousers, sweatshirts etc, with waterproof coats and wellies in case of wet weather.
- On **Wednesday**, the arrangements are different to normal: we are visiting Cass Sculpture Park, and will be outdoors for half the day, so please send children dressed warmly - see attached information. **Drop offs and collections will be different** so please check the details carefully and let us know if this causes any difficulties. KS2 children will require packed lunches (PLEASE **CANCEL KS2 CHARTWELLS ORDERS FOR THAT DAY**) and KS1 children will have lunch in school as normal.
- We may take photographs for newspapers and for promotional materials for our visitors - please do **let the office know immediately** if you would prefer your child not to appear in any of these.

There will be lots of things you can support with at home. Most importantly, just talking to your children about the content and messages will help make sense of things. We will be sending home information about on line safety etc during the week, and hope that this will help you to be informed too.

February



The week ahead..... **SPORTS GEAR ALL WEEK!**

Monday 19th:

Clubs: Think Tank- Mrs Prudence (Yr4,5,6) French - Mrs Crombie (Yr3,4,5,6)
Craft - Mrs Garfield (Yr 1,2,3)

Tuesday 20th:

Clubs: Gym - Miss Hall (Yr 2,3,4) Swimming - Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (selected pupils) Art - Mrs Moss (selected pupils)

Wednesday 21st: Cass Sculpture Park Visit - warm waterproof clothes and footwear

Clubs: Change for Life - AAA Coaching (Yr 2,3,4,5,6,) Cookery - Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall (Yr3, 4, 5, 6)

Thursday 22nd: Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut

Clubs: Lego - Mrs Pearmine (Yr 3,4,5,6) Fun Fit (Yr2,3,4,5)

Friday 23rd:

Clubs: Tag Rugby - AAA Coaching (Yr 4,5,6) Multisports - AAA Coaching (Yr 1,2,3) Strings - Miss Urquart (selected pupils)



ALIVE AND KICKING WEEK 19 – 23 February



Our activities/visitors/visits include:

- Teambuilding and outdoor/adventurous activities organised by Cobnor Activity Centre staff & W.D. staff
- NSPCC workshops about staying safe on-line, bullying, and speaking out to stay safe
- Guinness World Record Dance workshops, culminating in taking part in the record breaking dance attempt later this term
- 52 Lives School Kindness Project workshops
- Visit to the Cass Sculpture Park
- Keeping germs at bay workshops
- Nutrition workshops: Five a Day Caterpillar, Sugar Swaps Healthy Snacks, Balanced Breakfasts, Knife and Fork Skills (Queen's Tea Party)
- Fairtrade assemblies and poster making workshops
- First Aid workshops
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Fitness First and taster session sports with AAA coaching
- Juggling Workshops
- Healthy Minds and Bodies workshops
- Inspirational assembly – from a hopeful Tokyo 2020 Paralympian - 'The Road to Tokyo'
- Swimming at Westgate
- Power Your Pulse – Daily Mile inspired aerobic activities throughout the week

We will be using these activities not only to educate our children on how to stay healthy, but also to give us stimuli and a purpose for 'problem solving' maths, data handling and exciting writing in a range of genres.

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. Rich Lush from the Foodbank visited school and talked to the children about the work that they do.

Community Café

This was another hugely successful event, with a number of special themed offers, including:

- ✚ Feel Good February stuffed pitta
- ✚ Cup of Peace including a book of poetry
- ✚ Frosty February Meal Deal
- ✚ Generous raffle prizes
- ✚ Musical entertainment throughout

.....as well as an amazing selection of cakes, biscuits and beverages to have in the café or totake away.

You will all be wondering how much pofit the café made..... so are we!

The children will work out the profit by subtracting all the costs from the total income, and you will be informed as soon as these calculations are complete!



MATHS MATTERS

The workshops on calculation methods have been warmly received and we will now put our energies into publishing the support leaflets and other resources/games to support at home. We hope to run a further maths workshop to introduce some of these games and resources later this year.



After School Clubs These are filling up very quickly - we are delighted to offer such a wide range of quality clubs and to be able to vary them each half term.

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

19th - 23rd February - *Alive and Kicking Week* as we kick start our learning about healthy lives

Thursday 1st March - Christ Hospital Maths Challenge (selected pupils)

Friday 2nd March, 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Monday 5th March - Maths Enrichment at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Wednesday 7th March, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

5th - 9th March - Cycling Proficiency/Bikeability Week - Y6 pupils in the afternoons

Friday 9th March - Maple Visit to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 15th March - Governor Meeting

Thursday 15th March - PTA Film Night

Thursday 15th March - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Friday 23rd March 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd March - Guinness World Record Dance Attempt

Week commencing 26th March - Parents' Evenings & Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 29th March 8.45am - End of term Easter Assembly

Monday 16th April - Art on a Postcard closing date

Monday 23rd April - Thursday 26th April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

Thursday 24th May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Thursday 14th June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Monday 18th June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19th June - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Monday 3rd September - Wednesday 19th December

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

NB: Autumn term INSET days are yet to be decided

Christmas Dates for 2018!



Friday 14th December- Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)

Monday 17th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

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



Acorn Awards
Friday 2nd February 2018

George – for being so keen to read and making super reading progress

Robert – for being so enthusiastic to share his learning


Claude – for being thoughtful and inquisitive in Science

Kitty – for her wonderfully vivid account of being digested

Mason – for his sensible ideas and approach to our village filming. A film maker in the making?

Tristram – for good use of compound adjectives (hyphenated words) in his effective description of his bedroom.

Alessandro – for showing positive learning behaviours – integrity, determination and initiative – at all times. You are a good example for others.

	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.
Care Bears 	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. 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.
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 schoolmoney.co.uk .
	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.
Late Arrivals	Just to clarify our timings: from 8:20, 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 8:35, when the bell is rung. At 8:40, 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. From Monday 9 th October, we will have a 'late arrivals' 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 parental responsibility. 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. This enables lessons to be 'in full swing' by 8:45 at the latest, and means that we make good use of the time we have in school. Late Collections 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.
	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)

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2018

Spring 2
second half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French	£ 30.00	Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 1,2,3
Tuesday	Miss Hall	14	Gym	£ 10.00	Yr 2,3,4
	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	selected
	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	selected
Wednesday	AAA Coaching	14	Change4Life	£ 15.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£ 10.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Lego	£ 10.00	yr 3,4, 5, 6
	Various External Coaches	20	Fun Fit	£ 10.00	Yr 2,3,4,5
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Tag Rugby	£ 15.00	Yr 4,5,6,
	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Multisports	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
	Miss Urquhart		Strings x4	£ 25.00	musicians

Club Dates:

W/C 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March and 19th March

No Clubs W/C 26th March as this is Parents' Evening week.

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 9th February, which is an Inset day.

During February half term - Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February.

During the Easter Holiday Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April.

To book a place please contact Ben Johson ben@aaacoaching.co.uk



STORY FACTORY

A FUN and CREATIVE workshop for children
aged (approx.) 6-13* exploring STORYTELLING
through WORDS, ART,
INTERACTION and MUSIC.

10.00-4.00, Sunday 4 March 2018

Arundel Town Hall,

Maltravers Street, Arundel, BN18 9AP

Theme for this session: **Royals and Wrong'uns**

With special guests:

Music Practitioner **Mike Fry**

Historian and Writer **Mark Phillips**

**Crammed full of activities based around
creating and telling stories; bring your
imagination and let it fly!**

Gratefully supported by:





STORY FACTORY

10.00-4.00, Sunday 4 March 2018

£30.00 per child includes:

- Sessions in creative writing, storytelling, illustration and performance from 10.00-3.30 led by special guest practitioners
- Fresh fruit and water/squash all day
- Workshop materials and equipment (children can bring own pencil cases)
- A Story Factory goody bag sponsored by **Chichester Copywriter**
- A finished Story Factory project to take home

The day will conclude with a sharing of work for parents/guardians** at 3.30.

Email Katy@ChichesterCopywriter.co.uk or call **01243 533421** for a booking form.
Places allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis, so please return your completed booking form with full payment promptly to secure your child's place.

This is a not-for-profit venture organised by writers **Vicky Edwards** and **Katy Lassetter**.

*We suggest this age range as a guide, each child works at their own pace/level.

**Space restriction allows up to two guests at the end of day sharing per child.

A limited number of discounted places are available to low-income-families. Please contact us for more information.

Story Factory Chichester April and October!

Save the date, we're planning for our next workshops to be...

Friday 13 April and 26 October at St Wilfrid's Hall, Chichester.

Email Katy@ChichesterCopywriter.co.uk for more information.