



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our year 6 children have been taking part in West Sussex 'Bikeability' Scheme at Singleton School.

This course is designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads and on successful completion of the course the children will receive a badge and a certificate.



West Dean Dream Team - ESSA Gala

On Wednesday 7th March, 4 of our swimmers; Kitty Hogg, Alessandro Schmitt, Jamie Edwards and Charlie Gran, travelled to Horsham with Mrs Goacher and Mrs Cruttenden. Our team swam two relays; freestyle and medley. The small schools section was by far the busiest with 11 entries; so we did really well coming 5th in freestyle with an impressive time of 1.15 beating our personal best by 4 seconds. We came 6th in the medley with a time of 1.24.

We are looking forward to another Gala on the 28th March and in the meantime we hope that all our new young swimmers continue with their training until next year when we hope to smash another record.

Please see attached report from the **Cormorants Swimming Gala – Westgate Centre, Saturday 3rd March**
It was a fabulous event : thanks to Mrs. Goacher, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cruttenden for their support.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have placed an advertisement on 'West Sussex Works' for a part time KS2 Teaching Assistant/Mid-Day Meals Assistant. If you would like further information contact the school office or you can visit <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk>.

Goodwood Race Tickets

We have x4 race tickets for the Lennox Enclosure at Goodwood for Sunday 10th June. We are inviting 'silent' bids for these tickets. If you would like to submit a bid, please send it into the office in a sealed envelope, to be opened and awarded on Friday 16th March. Bids can be for single tickets or for all four.



March

The week ahead.....

Monday 12th:

Teaching Assistant Application closing date

Clubs: Think Tank- Mrs Prudence (Y4,5,6) French- Mrs Crombie (Y3,4,5,6) Craft- Mrs Garfield (Y1,2,3)

Tuesday 13th:

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

Wednesday 14th:

Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament (selected Yr 5/6)

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

7.00pm - Parish Council Meeting - Mrs Moss & School Council

Thursday 15th: Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut

1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers - Westgate Centre (selected pupils)

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

5.30pm Governing body Meeting

5.15-7.15 PTA Movie Night - Paddington II

Friday 16th:

Teaching Assistant interviews

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

Curriculum and Learning

All our teachers are working together to send home some resources for you to use to support home-learning.

This week, we are attaching some **spelling activities**. Other curriculum areas will be supported over the coming weeks. We are also **trialling an APP for spelling** in school - there is a cost to this and we are currently evaluating it as it would be £4 per year per pupils. Do **let your class teachers know** if you think a spelling app for home use is something worth investing in: we would use it in the classrooms too.

With spelling, remember that using **joined, cursive writing** really helps children learn the letter strings/blends/ prefixes and suffixes which make up words. Writing a word **correctly**, over and over again, in joined up writing, develops **muscle memory** as well as **visual memory** for the word.

Exploration of patterns and rules develops an understanding of how our language works. Learning lists by rote is generally much less useful.

<https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en-gb>

Books for School

We are delighted to be able to offer our **£5 Book Tokens** for you to shop for classroom library books with your child - pop into the office or email us to let us know you are planning a shopping trip and we will send a voucher home - please see the attached information for a reminder of the details.



We will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** in school on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March, 3.00 onwards, to co-incide with Parents' Evenings.

Please do come along and have a look at the lovely selection of books on offer.

If you would prefer to **spend your book voucher allocation** at our **Book Fair**, please do let us know and we can make sure that you can make a selection for our library.

This would also **benefit the school** because we can earn commission on books sold at the Fair which will enable to choose additional books for our library.

We hope that the information we have shared on **internet safety**, with the links and the booklet, and the parent training, has helped: the above is a further website link which you may find interesting/useful.

PAT Electrical Safety Testing



Do we have any of our parents out there with PAT testing expertise? If you think you might be able to help us with this please do let us know.

Acorn Awards Friday 9th March 2018

We didn't celebrate Acorn Awards today, we had a visitor in our Assembly who talked to us about

Fairtrade.

Please see information attached inviting you to design a poster to celebrate 'Fairtrade Fortnight' and to promote Fairtrade.

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

Wednesday 14th March, 1.30-3.30 - Quicksticks Hockey Tournament, Regis (Selected yr 5/6)

Thursday 15th March - Governor Meeting

Thursday 15th March, 5.15-7.15 - PTA Film Night - Paddington II

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

Tuesday 20th March, 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 28th March 3pm - Pre-school bake sale

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

Friday 28th April - Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class

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, 8.45am - 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

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

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)

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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 	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)



Cormorants Swimming Gala

Usually, we ask the children to write our reports but Mrs Johnson and I wanted to write this one because we wanted everyone to know how very proud we are of all of our swimmers, both in training and their performances at the Chichester Cormorants Primary Schools Swimming Gala.

We will start by saying that 12 weeks ago some of our younger swimmers were only just managing to swim a width (12m) of the pool; not on Saturday - on Saturday, they **raced** 33m!

Please do not under-estimate what is required to be part of a swimming gala. First, you have to make sure your stroke is legal and you can swim it continuously for the length required (how many of you could swim 33m of front crawl, let alone 33m butterfly?), then you have to remember the rules for starts and finishes to ensure you are not disqualified and all your effort wasted. When you have mastered that, you have to learn all the whistles and commands to start a race, and to stay in the water until you are asked to get out; there are also the relay takeover rules to learn too! Then when you think you have learnt all that you have to be brave enough to stand alone, in your swimmers, in front of everyone, ready for your race - there is nowhere to hide!

All of our swimmers not only achieved all of the above, but did so with a huge smile, heaps of determination and an enormous amount of effort. Every single swimmer tried their hardest, but more than that, they showed great sportsmanship towards each other and other schools too - high 5-ing all the winners as they went past. Of course we went out to win, but it is much more than that; it is about having a winning attitude, about knowing that we were not going to win the event and still trying our hardest and doing our best and in the words of Charlie Gran and Jamie Edwards: 'We can't expect to win every year, it is great that Bosham have won - we will just have to try even harder next year!' Kitty Hogg said 'Everyone was amazing and I am very proud to be involved'

We came fourth this year. Bosham Primary School had a very well deserved win with Jessie Younghusband coming a strong 2nd place, The March School was 3rd and we were very close behind them, followed by St Richards and then the Central School.

We are continually grateful for the support from all the parents - 'Squad Training' couldn't happen without you giving up a Tuesday evening! - thank you so much. Also, a huge thank you must go to Mrs Cruttenden, Sebastian Hadnett and Jack Goacher for their help too.

If anyone is interested in swimming more competitively, Chichester Cormorants Swimming Club will be holding its next assessment on 14th April, look on their website for more details.

Alternatively, if you are considering lessons and want to improve your swimming skills we highly recommend Chichester Cormorant Swim School. (Come on West Dean get swimming so we can grow a swim team for the future!)

We have 2 more swimming events heading our way. ESSA Relay Gala on March 7th so please wish our team: Kitty Hogg, Jamie Edwards, Charlie Gran and Alessandro Schmitt the very best of luck, and the School Sports Partnership Yr5/6 Gala being held at Arun Leisure Centre on 28th March so look out for the results of these soon...

All that is left to say is 'WELL DONE SWIM TEAM WEST DEAN, we are very proud of you all and hope that you are all very proud of yourselves too'.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Goacher



ART ON A POSTCARD

WEST DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXHIBITION

PRIVILEGE WITH APPRE-
CIATION 20TH APRIL 9 AM

SALVATION ARMY OF WORK
THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 9 AM

MOVIE NIGHT

PADDINGTON 2



Thursday 15th March
5.15 - 7.15pm

Tickets £2.50 on sale from PTA
after school from 26th February.

POP ON YOUR

PJ'S, BRING A

BLANKET OR

CUSHION & COME

UP AND ENJOY!



Your choice of sweets or popcorn
included, to be made at time of
ticket purchase.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



DESIGN A POSTER TO PROMOTE FAIRTRADE

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Fairtrade Fortnight and design a Fairtrade Poster.

The lucky winner will receive a Family Ticket to Tulleys Farm



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Name:

Age: Class Year:

School:



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