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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term, we hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and had chance to rest over the break. The staff would like to say a huge thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts received; your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to some exciting things happening in school during this term; forest school activities, Alive & Kicking week, a wide variety of after school clubs, swimming galas, United Voices massed choir at Chichester Festival Theatre, sports events, Dancehouse performance, and visits to Marwell and The Natural History Museum.

As always, we are looking for people to support children with their reading, and in other ways in the classroom and outdoors too. If you feel that you have time available and would like to help, please do let us know.

After School Clubs for the Spring Term

Spring term clubs start next week for 5 weeks. Please see attached timetable for the dates and clubs available.

Class Assembly

Dates:

Apple Class:

Tuesday 10th March

Maple Class:

Thursday 2nd April

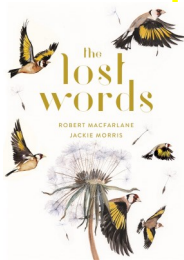
Beech Class:

Wednesday 26th February

Chestnut Class:

Tuesday 3rd March

Please do come and join us for our class assemblies at 8.45.



One of our most exciting resources for this term and next, for all classes, is the wonderful book '**The Lost Words**'. This is well worth buying for home and is easily available.

The week ahead..... January 2020

Monday 13th Jan : - Dance Club, 3.00, Andrea Gill

Tuesday: 14th Jan : - K'Nex club, 3.00, Mrs Prudence
Westbourne House Swim Club, 6.30, Mrs Goacher and Mrs Johnson

Wednesday 15th Jan United Voices rehearsal at Parklands school for Chestnut Class, 9.15-11.30

Cookery club, 3.00, Mrs Muggeridge and Mrs Boxall

Thursday 16th Jan: Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut, 9.30-11.

Judo club, 3.00, Michael Pring

Friday 17th Jan:- SATS meeting for Year 6 parents, 2.30

AAA Football Club, 3.00, Ben Johnson

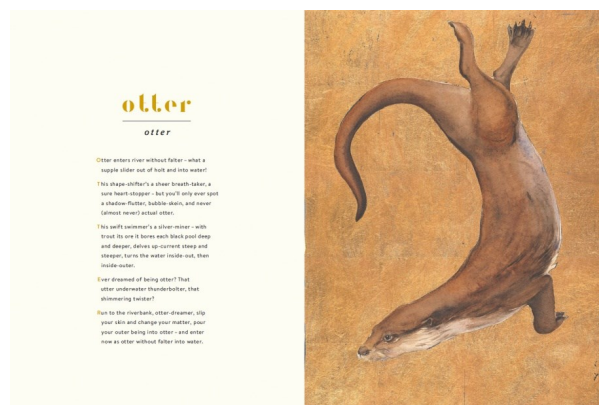
Saturday 18th Jan: - **Grounds Day**: all welcome, please do come along and join us.

Forest School

We have had a lovely end to our first week back in school, using the school grounds to inspire us and support our learning. Each class has had a session with Mikey and Ms Boxall, and it has been delightful to see them so engaged and active out there.

The area behind the Pavilion is transformed and much more usable, although we still have more to do and hope you can help on our **Forest School Grounds Day**, open to all, when we will tackle some of the school grounds. We will prepare for the Spring and Summer terms and build a fire so that we can have a fun lunch together—look out for more details! Keep the date: **Saturday 18th January!**

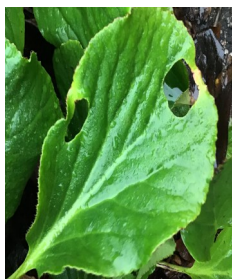
All the classes have circulated their information about routines and learning for this term. You will see that each class will continue with Forest School work for half term periods over the coming year or two, so that they experience a variety of seasonal learning, and so that we keep this fresh, relevant and exciting.



Forest School Activities

This week we have had Mike Pearce in to work with us and the children to further improve our forest school activities. Miss Boxall has been working closely with Mike and will continue this work throughout the school with the children.

Each class has had a half day session looking at different habitats and environments and taking part in a variety of activities. The weather has been a bit of a mixed bag but the children have all coped really well, thank you for supporting us with appropriate clothing.



RSPB—Big Garden Bird Watch Weekend

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January

[Www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch20](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch20)



The children have all immersed themselves in the activities; making popcorn, treasure hunting, willow sculptures with their own interpretation and making fires. The children all displayed brilliant teamwork.



Diary Dates 2020

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

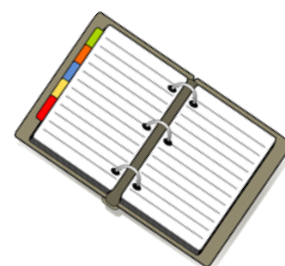
Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July



Wednesday 15th January, 9.15 - United Voices rehearsal at Parklands School for Chestnut Class

Thursday 16th January, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 17th January, 2.30 - SATs meeting with Mrs Prudence for Year 6

Wednesday 22nd January, 9.30-12.00 - United Voices rehearsal at CFT for Chestnut Class

Wednesday 22nd January, 6.30 - United Voices performance at CFT for Chestnut Class

Thursday 23rd January, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Wednesday 29th January, 1.30 - SSP Cross Country event for year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa

Friday 31st January, 1.00-2.30 - Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral for selected year 5/6

Friday 31st January, 9.00 -3.30 - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 6th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Monday 10th February, 9.30-2.30 - Time Team at Chichester Cathedral for selected year 5/6

Thursday 13th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 14th February, 2.30-3.30 - Valentine's Themed Community Café

Tuesday 25th February, - Chestnut Class visit to The Natural History Museum (further details to follow)

Wednesday 26th February, 8.45—Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th February, 1.30—3.00 Dancehouse rehearsal at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor (Dance club)

Wednesday 26th February, 6.30 - Dancehouse performance at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor (Dance club)

Thursday 27th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Monday 2nd March, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral (selected year 3)

Tuesday 3rd March, 8.45—Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 5th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Saturday 7th March, 6.30 - Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate

Tuesday 10th March, 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Thursday 12th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 13th March, 1.00-3.00 - SSP Hi 5 Netball event at Bishop Luffa

Tuesday 17th March, 3.00-5.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th March, 3.00-6.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 2nd April, 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Acorn Awards
Friday 10th January 2020

Bronte - for being so enthusiastic in learning about dinosaurs and for being a brilliant palaeontologist

Kaitlyn - for being a fantastic example to others, respecting your friends and adults

Leo - for being so enthusiastic about Forest School, putting in 100% and building the most amazing and innovative adder habitat

Amelia - for a great attitude in class, being a supportive friend and always being ready to help everyone

Elizabeth - for super multiplication work in maths this week and challenging yourself to do more

Kitty - for super improvement in the accuracy and speed of times tables, all the practice at home has paid off

Cameron - for fantastic improvement in accuracy and speed when completing times tables, this will make such a difference



After School Clubs
Spring Term 2020

Spring 1
first half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall	20	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs Prudence	10	K'Nex	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Box-	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
	Mr Chambers	10	Chess/Strategy	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Thursday	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Football	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 13th, 20th and 27th January and 3rd, 10th February 2020

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

Our swimming club 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.

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

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.

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.

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 £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:

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.