



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 4 28th September 2018



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone who helped with all of the jobs during our grounds afternoon: grown-ups and children all worked really hard to help to keep our lovely grounds tidy for everyone to enjoy. We also have a couple of parents/grandparents/carers who regularly help us out with reading, making teddy bears etc. - this makes a huge difference and the children love it.

All the classes are in the midst of their topic work for this term and we are already working really hard to prepare for class assemblies, trips and visits, parents' evenings and all the events which the Autumn term brings, including the harvest service and our 'WWII Revival' themed Community Café. Do keep an eye on the calendar for all our dates. Class assemblies, Open Mornings and Parents' Evenings are also coming up soon.

ROAD SAFETY

I am sure that you are all aware of the dangers the busy road outside school poses for us all: many of you will be aware of the incident at the junction on Thursday (yesterday) morning. Although there were only very minor injuries and shock to the passengers of the three cars involved, three of whom were primary school children, this was serious enough to warrant police and ambulance attendance. The cars were damaged to varying degrees and it was only thanks to the common sense shown by many of our families and other road users that the situation was not much worse. We ensured that the cars were out of the way of oncoming traffic and that all pupils were safely brought into school, with minimum drama and danger. However, even during this incident, some parents and children were crossing in a dangerous manner, away from the safer crossing area south of the junction. The area directly outside The Dean and on the crossroads is obviously the most dangerous part of a dangerous road where cars travel far too quickly and visibility is less than ideal. Please please do not cross in this area, and teach your children to always find the safest places to cross, even if it means walking an extra few metres.

Following this incident, we propose that our Healthy and happy Lives Department work with some interested parents/carers to put together a new campaign for a safer road outside our school. Please do let us know if you would be able and keen to help. We are coming to the time of year when the light will fade quickly soon after home time, the weather and visibility will deteriorate and our roads will be more treacherous. We really want to do all we can to keep our pupils and school community safe now and in future years.

We really do value the support of relatives, parents and people in the community - support with grounds, reading, craft & practical lessons, sporting lessons and events. If you are available and would like to come and join us please do let us know. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The week ahead..... October 2018

Monday 1st October:

Clubs: STEM Mrs Prudence (Yr 4,5,6), Dance - Mrs Holder (Yr 1,2,3)

Tuesday 2nd October:

8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Clubs: Netball Miss Hall (Yr 4,5,6), Swimming at Westbourne Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Wednesday 3rd October:

Clubs: Cookery Mrs Muggeridge & Miss Boxall (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Thursday 4th October:

Chestnut Visit to Amberley Museum

Clubs: Dance Mrs Holder (Yr 4,5,6) Art Mrs Moss (Yr 2,3) Quilm Mrs Pearmaine (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Friday 5th October:

Clubs: MultiSports Mr Johnson (Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6)

We will be holding Class Open Mornings and have agreed that this would be more effective after the half term holiday. Please do put the dates in your diaries and come along and join us. We would still like to offer a Crèche facility so please do let us know if you are able to help with this.

Class Open Mornings 8.45 - date change

Apple Class - Thursday 15th November

Maple Class - Wednesday 14th November

Beech Class - Tuesday 13th November

Chestnut Class - Monday 12th November



Music News:

Clarinet lesson - Mrs Schofield has space for new clarinet pupils for Group lessons of 3 or 4 pupils. The cost is £8 per 30min lesson. There is a Bursary Fund available for help with this cost. If your child is interested, she will organise a free taster session. Please contact her at julie.schofield@westsussexmusic.co.uk.

Violin Lessons There are currently limited spaces to learn violin with our visiting violin teacher, Alexandra Urquhart. As well as being fun and engaging, learning an instrument involves and encourages many skills, including social skills, active listening, independent learning, maths, English, creativity and self-expression. If you would like to secure your child's place for weekly lessons (group or individual), please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk, go to 'Making Music' and then click 'Apply for Lessons' or follow this link: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=music-lessons-at-school>. If you have any queries regarding lessons, please email Alexandra: alex.urquhart@westsussexmusic.co.uk. There are currently limited spaces to learn violin with our visiting violin teacher, Alexandra Urquhart. As well as being fun and engaging, learning an instrument involves and encourages many skills, including social skills, active listening, independent learning, maths, English, creativity and self-expression. If you would like to secure your child's place for weekly lessons (group or individual), please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk, go to 'Making Music' and then click 'Apply for Lessons' or follow this link: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=music-lessons-at-school>. If you have any queries regarding lessons, please email Alexandra: alex.urquhart@westsussexmusic.co.uk.

Head Lice have been seen in some of the children's hair. Information is attached with details of 'Bug Busting' - please do be vigilant and treat your child's hair if necessary. Even if no head lice are found it is still very worthwhile conditioning and combing the hair as a cautionary and preventative measure. Combs are available from the school office.

Our **pre-loved uniform** sale raised £30 towards PTA funds. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Nicky Healey for organising. If you have items of uniform that you have yet to pay for please call into the school office to make a payment.

Thank you to everyone who went along to Priory Park on Saturday for the Priory Park 100 Poppies; part of the centenary commemoration of the Park as a war memorial to the fallen in WW1. Elizabeth Shaw (Year 3) went along and has written a news article for us all, which is attached.



Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in school during the week commencing 8th October 2018. Look out for letters giving details of on-line booking arrangements.

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.

France Residential Visit - March 2019

For children in Chestnut class, payment is now available on school money for the France residential visit taking place in March 2019. The total amount is £359 but this can be made in instalments; just select the amount that you wish to pay and the balance will reduce accordingly.

West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop.

Welcome to our new West Dean Wear it Well Shwop shop; please see attached details of our first event which will take place during w/c 12th November. The event will culminate in 'Wear it Well for Children in Need' on Friday 16th November, where children and adults are invited to show case their 'shwops' on our non-uniform day. All of the details are in the attached letter so please do have a look and see what you can find.

School Lunches:

We continually monitor our Universal Infant Free School Meals to ensure that waste is limited as much as possible and have routines in place to make our lunch times run smoothly for all of our staff and children.

If your child brings a packed lunch, could we please ask that you consider the quantity of food in addition to the quality for your child. We appreciate that all children are different but sometimes they can miss out on their lunch time play if they have a large quantity of food in their lunch box.



The Giving Machine

We have exciting fundraising news.

You can now help raise donations for the TheGivingMachine Community Fund without you even leaving your sofa and it doesn't cost you a penny!

TheGivingMachine Community Fund on TheGivingMachine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>.

TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, Next, Thomas Cook, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Waitrose, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

In order to start raising free donations please go to:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>

It takes just a few minutes to install on your web browser and means that every time you log on to a retailer that supports this scheme you will get a prompt asking you to donate.



Please see attached further information. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates 2018/19

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

Half - Term - Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Tuesday 2nd October 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly - all welcome

Thursday 4th October - Chestnut Class visit to Amberley Museum

Tuesday 9th October - Flu Vaccination - Yr's R, 1,2,3,4,5

Tuesday 9th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th October, 3.00-4.00 - Football team trials with Matt Horstead

Thursday 11th October, 1.30-3.30 - Tag Rugby at Chichester Rugby Club (selected Yr 5/6)

Sunday 14th October - PTA Welly Walk

Monday 15th October - Chestnut Class Midnight Gang Workshop in school (CTF)

Thursday 18th October 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October, 8.45 - Harvest Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October 2.30pm - Chestnut Class Community Café - all welcome

Tuesday 30th October - Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre (Midnight Gang)

Thursday 1st November 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 6th November, 10.00-11.30 - GAS Football Event at Chichester High School (selected yr 5/6)

Thursday 8th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 9th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly, all welcome

Friday 9th November 10am - Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service - Beech Class

Monday 12th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Open Morning

Tuesday 13th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Open Morning

Wednesday 14th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning

Thursday 15th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning

Friday 16th November - 'West Dean Wear it Well' for Children in Need

Wednesday 28th November, 9.30-11.30 - GAS Maths Enrichment Day at The March (x4 yr 5/6)

Monday 19th November - Yellow School Photos - individuals & siblings

Thursday 29th November - Governing Body Meeting

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 19th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 7th 2019



	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.
	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)

Acorn Awards
Friday 21st September 2018

Poppy - for always listening well

Benny - for a huge improvement in his cursive writing

Daisy - for her concentration and control in gymnastics

Harry - for a mature approach to learning and always being ready for a challenge

Otto - for careful Maths layout which is really helping his calculations

Sidney - for settling into Chestnut Class so well and being "ready to learn". You have earned lots of house points for your house!

Harry - for effective use of language and sentence structure in his writing

Acorn Awards
Friday 28th September 2018

Ollie - for being an 'amazing apple' and settle so well into school

Emily - for careful use of her sounds when writing sentences

James - for using great description to build up excitement in his story writing

Mia A - for showing independence and perseverance with her work for the class assembly

James W - for being positive, enthusiastic and helpful

Oliver - for focus in maths and knowing when to ask for help

Holly - for the care and consideration shown towards others in Chestnut

Centenary of World War One

Saturday 22nd September 2018

We made some poppies and took them to Priory Park. We put them down in the big Poppy Wave.

In the park there is a giant wave, half on the mound.

It wasn't just Poppies though, there was an announcement from the Chichester Major, a big cake with three tiers, lots of stalls and an old fair. There were lots of people from the School.

We did it to remember the soldiers who fought in WW1 and its has been 100 years since the Park was given to the town.

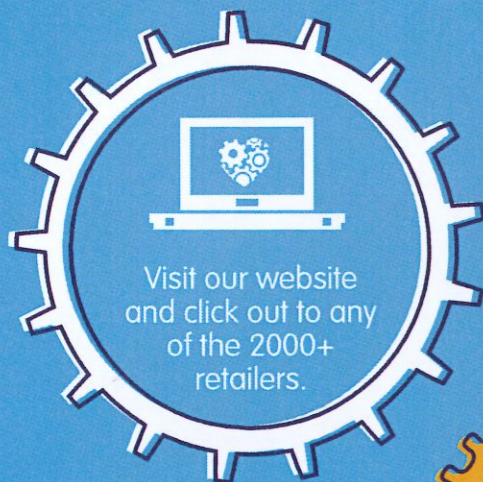
Elizabeth Shaw Y3



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West Dean 'Wear it Well'

Dear Parents and carers

We are holding our first ever 'Wear it Well' Shwop Shop in preparation for our **Wear it Well for Children in Need.**

The idea is that everyone brings in some items of good quality clothing/shoes/accessories that they no longer wear, like, need, or have outgrown, suitable for adults and children. We will set up our 'pop-up shwop shop' in the pavilion and sell the items to raise funds for our school parliament.

This will be in line with the Children in Need 'Bring & Buy' theme and we would like to ask that you wear something on Friday 16th November, Children in Need Day, that you have purchased from our shwop shop if at all possible, for a small, suggested contribution of £2, which will be donated to the Children in Need Appeal.

Nicky Healey, (Mabel and Tallulah's mummy), has agreed to help us set this up as she has expertise in the fashion industry. If we are successful, then we will look at continuing this in the future. Any items left over will either be stored for further sales or donated to a charity shop.

We very much hope that you will join in the fun and find a fashion bargain to enhance your wardrobe.

The dates for our 'Shwop Shop' will coincide with our Open Mornings in school:

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th November, 8.15 - 8.45am, with Children in Need on Friday 16th.

Any suggestions for improvement are very welcome and we hope to see you all there.



Was your child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?

If so then he or she is eligible to
start school in September 2019.

Apply online!

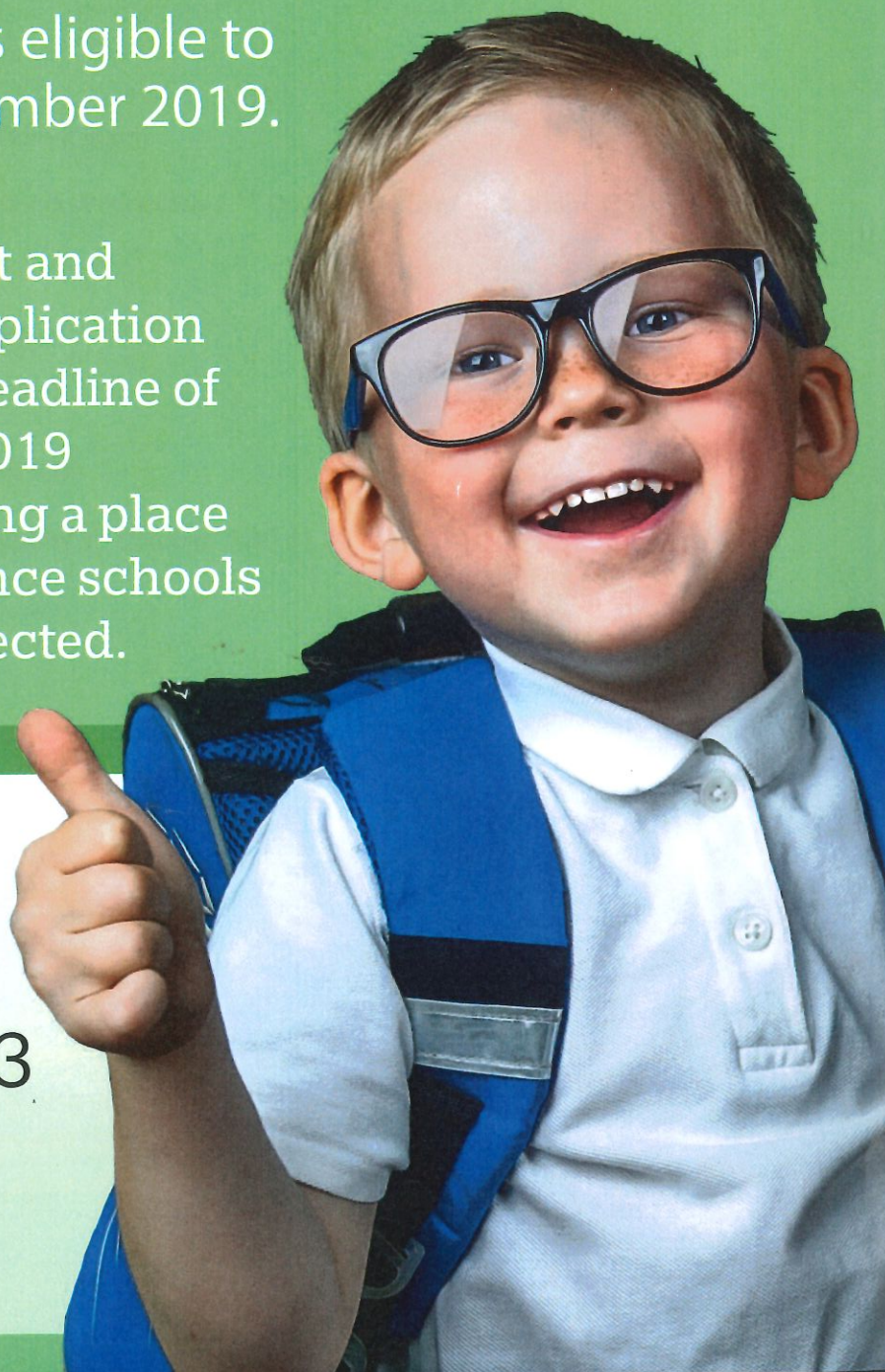
It's simple, convenient and
timesaving. If your application
is received after the deadline of
Tuesday 15 January 2019
your chance of securing a place
at one of your preference schools
could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 1 October 2018.
If you would like further
advice or information contact:

 **03330 142 903**

Free internet access to apply
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



Apply online at:

☐ www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Deadline: Tuesday 15 January 2019



Open Days/Evenings

Bishop Luffa

OPEN EVENING - Wednesday 3 October 2018 6.00pm - 8.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS - Tuesday 9 October & Wednesday 10 October 2018 9.15am - 11.00am (by appointment)

Midhurst Rother College

OPEN EVENING – 27th September 6.30pm-8.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS – Tuesday 9th October & Wednesday 17th October 9.30am – 11.30am

Chichester Free School

OPENING MORNINGS - 15th – 16th October

Chichester High School

OPEN EVENING – 27TH September, 5.30-8.00

Open Mornings – Thursday 4th and Tuesday 9th October, 9.30-11.20