



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our Spring term, we are thankful for our supportive families, wonderful children and hard-working, dedicated staff. There have been numerous occasions this term when I have been reminded of our good fortune in being part of this great community.

You will all be aware of the tightening of funding for schools: I am delighted to say that, with your support and the innovative fundraising, (such as the Easter Extravaganza) we remain in a strong position, but need to be very careful with our budget in the coming years. With my teaching role, the staffing cost reduction has made a big difference and I have enjoyed it immensely. During the coming terms, we hope to fund another teacher to share this teaching role.

Other staffing news: after two extremely successful years which have launched her teaching career, Miss Hall is spreading her wings to try teaching overseas, in Madrid. She has given such a lot in her time with us and has been a fully involved member of our team. With the many strings she has to her bow and the skills she has built here, I know she will be an asset to the school and we wish her the very best of luck. She will be with us until the end of the Summer term. We are, of course, really sorry to lose her, but have already advertised for another teacher, and have had lots of interest. We will be informing the children today, and seeking their involvement in the interview and appointment process; our governors will be supporting us closely with this.

So, we are moving into our Summer term with so much to look forward to: Summer sports, sunshine, eating outside, outdoor learning, SATs, new clubs, our whole school production and topic on WATER, PTA BBQ and Sports day to mention a few things!

The week ahead..... April 2019

Monday 22nd: Easter Monday

Tuesday 23rd :

Wednesday 24th:

Thursday 25th:

Friday 26th : STEM maths at Bognor Uni Campus (selected children)

Class Assembly Dates—Summer Term

Apple Class - Thursday 23rd May

Maple Class - Thursday 6th June

Beech Class - Tuesday 11th June

Chestnut Class - Thursday 20th June



Easter Eggstravaganza

Thank you to everyone who

Supported us with our Tombola and Raffle;

for donating eggs and buying tickets. Our School Parliament have raised an amazing

£265.00:

£80 from the Tombola and £185 from the raffle.

This money will be held by the 'Treasurer' ready for parliament departments to bid for the funding for things that they would like.

Don't forget to read as much as you can over the Easter holiday for our **Easter Readathon**. You will have already received a Readathon pack with the details. The sponsorship raised will be added to our Eggstravaganza total.

Environment Day and Forest School Plans

Please do come and join in with our environment day on Thursday 23rd May, straight after Apple Class assembly.

We will have a list of jobs to do in the environmental area and our grounds so any time, skills and expertise that you are able to give would be very much appreciated.

Please do let us know if you are available and willing to help us out.

We also have plans for Forest School activities over the coming terms, and will have 'jobs' to do in preparation for this, both on 23rd May, and leading up to/ following this.



School Parliament News: Finance & Fundraising

Our 'penny' jar is still in the reception area and we have currently collected £12.65 in small change. Please do keep looking in your pockets for any loose change that you can help to keep our jar full—thank you for your support.

Don't forget to join The Giving Machine Community Fund and select West Dean as your chosen cause when shopping on-line.

John Lewis - Community Matters Scheme.

We have been very lucky to secure a 'tube' in the John Lewis store in Chichester as part of their 'Community Matters' Scheme. This Scheme allows for 3 good causes to have a tube in the store and each time you spend a certain amount of money you are given a green counter to place in the tube of your choice. At the end of the 3 month period each cause has a share of the £3000 dependant upon how many counters they have. If you do happen to be shopping in John Lewis between February and April and you are offered a green counter, please do place it in our West Dean tube and tell your family and friends too. This is part of our ongoing fundraising by the School Parliament Finance department.; thank you to Ashton and Rafi

Goodwood Racecourse—tickets

We have 4 tickets for the Family Race Day on Sunday 9th June for the Gordon and Lennox Enclosure worth £15 each, children are admitted free to this event.

If anyone would like to make a donation to school for these tickets please do come in and ask at the office.



AAA Coaching Dates Available:

AAA Coaching will not be running during the Easter Holidays.

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (Inset)

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th July 2019 (Summer)

Please contact ben@aaacoaching.co.uk for further details and to book places. Please could we ask that places are booked and paid for in advance of the day to enable Ben to plan for appropriate staff cover. We would like to avoid children turning up on the day expecting a place to be available.

News from our PTA:

It's been a quiet but fun term so far for the PTA! In our last meeting we discussed how we could use some of the funds raised by parents. Proposals include Forest School Sessions, Singing/ Choir sessions and repairing our PTA shed, tbc soon. We really welcome ideas from everyone for both fundraising and using our funds!

If you can spare any time, even an hour a term, we would love to hear from you! We are always happy to have younger children along to events and meet ups where possible, and we love to include as many ideas from as parents as possible.

Our next project is the Summer Fete! It's always an amazing day, and a lot of hard work goes into making it happen. If you can spare any time or skills, no matter how small, it would be wonderful to keep our Fete the event of the year! Please come and say hello to any of us, or drop us an email at office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Ricky and Emma (joint secretary)

Sincere **thank yous** to everyone who chipped in for our staff gift following our recent Ofsted Inspection. It was a very kind gesture, very much appreciated by all of us.

We are looking forward to a lovely evening and meal at The Richmond Arms in West Ashling together.

Diary Dates 2019

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

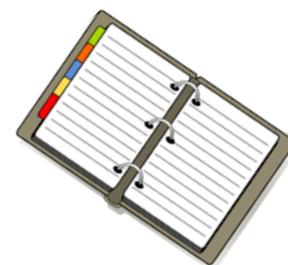
Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

2018/19 INSET days

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Friday 26th April, 9.30-4.00 - STEM maths at Bognor University (selected yr 5/6)T

Tuesday 30th April 1.30-3.30—Sports Partnership Cricket Event at Goodwood (selected yr 3 & 4)

Friday 3rd May, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quadkids event, selected Yr 3 & 4

Monday 6th May - School Closed—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected)

Thursday 9th May, 1.30-3.30—Sports partnership Tri-Golf at Chichester Golf Club Yr 3/4 selected

Friday 10th May - World Athletics Championship Event at Oakwood

Friday 17th May, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership event, Quadkids Athletics (selected year 5/6)

Tuesday 21st may, 1.45-3.45 - Year 4/5 STEM event at Ditcham Park

Thursday 23rd May, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 24th May, 2.30-4.30 - Community Café

Tuesday 4th June - Year 4 Maths event at Oakwood

Tuesday 4th June, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected)

Thursday 6th June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 7th June - Sports Partnership—Girl's Football Tournament

Tuesday 11th June, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Monday 17th June - Yellow School Photographs

Thursday 20th June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Monday 24th June—Friday 28th June - Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 1st July, 1.15 - Year 6 Leaver Service at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 9th July, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected)

Acorn Awards
Friday 5th April 2019

Jessica - for being focussed in her activities and becoming an independent learner

Emie - for super creative writing in literacy

Daisy - for perseverance and application in maths

Elizabeth - for a superb final piece of writing based on Pompeii—great vocabulary choices and use of punctuation

Emmy - for successfully using her plan to help her write in paragraphs

Sidney - for his very good learning behaviours in lessons, careful listening and independence helping him to make progress

Hepzi - for her kind and caring nature towards her classmates, always noticing when someone might need help and going out of her way to support



West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Summer 1

Summer Term 2019

First half of summer term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year
Monday					
Tuesday	Miss Hall	14	Girls Football	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Prudence	9	K'NEX	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5
Wednesday	Matt Horstead	10	Football x3	£ 15.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Summer Sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6
	Mrs Plackett	10	Yoga	£ 25.00	Yr 1 & 2

Club Dates:

W/C 22nd, 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May x 5 weeks

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

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.

Please Note: Football club will only run for 3 weeks this term:

24th April, 1st and 8th May. No Football club 15th or 22nd May

[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.



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)

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.