



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the generous sunshine this summer and the six weeks without busy school routines. What a super start to our new school year we have all had! Our team have all worked hard to ensure everything was prepared and the children have come back with a positive and enthusiastic approach - all a little taller and more grown up!

On Monday of next week, we will welcome our new YR children to Apple Class, and our PTA are providing hot drinks and refreshments for new parents - I am sure you will give them all a big 'West Dean Welcome'! This week, our staff have visited their homes so that we can support them really well when they start.

We are delighted to announce that **Chestnut Class cloakrooms** have been completely refurbished: they are clean, fresh and bright. They also appear much more spacious as the use of space is better and they are much lighter as we have light from the roof lights and new windows, as well as improved lighting. We have electric hand driers and expelair fans, hot and cold water, and plenty of storage. Perhaps the most exciting improvement is that they are heated and insulated. All in all, we are delighted with the work and so pleased that the children have a better school environment. Our thanks go to our governors for their continued support in this, especially Tim Clemens, and to Mr Garfield, who oversaw the project throughout the summer holiday.

You may have noticed that our **outdoor area** has been tackled too. **Southern Water** are working in partnership with us and brought in a team of staff, with equipment, to remove a huge amount of overgrown foliage and clear a substantial area. They have also put a door into the swimming pool changing room: our vision is that this could be further improved and then used for external visitors using the pavilion, playtimes etc.

Southern Water will continue to support our topics during the year, and we have lots of exciting plans in place!

There is still work to be done! We are hoping to hold a **GROUPS DAY**, when each class will take responsibility for an area of our outdoor environment: Apple Class will tackle their outdoor area; Beech Class will tackle the garden; Maple Class will tidy up the orchard and Chestnut Class will make the pond and wilderness area more accessible for lessons. If you are able to help at all, then please put **TUESDAY 18th September** in your diaries and come along to join in from 1 - 4pm (or as much time as you are free). If you feel you could support us on another day, or in another way, please do let us know. We need all the help we can get to make our lovely grounds ideal for learning!

There is a lot to look forward to this year, for each class, and particularly for Chestnut Class, who will visit France in March. Thank you all for your support in getting everyone back into school ready for another busy year of learning!

Thank you to everyone who has visited Waitrose during the summer holiday: our 'tube' raised £209 for the school. Our 'Finance and Fundraising Committee' of the Pupil Parliament will write thank you letters and let you all know how we choose to spend this money.

The week ahead..... September 2018

Monday 10th September:

Reception children to start

9.00 PTA Coffee Morning in the Pavilion

2.30pm - Beech Class Parent Information Session

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

Tuesday 11th September:

2.30pm - Maple Class Parent Information Session

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

Wednesday 12th September:

2.30pm - Apple Class Parent Information Session

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

Thursday 13th September:

2.30pm - Chestnut Class Parent Information Session

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

Friday 14th September:

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

Clubs: clubs begin this week. Care Bears will run every day, 3.00-4.00, please make sure you have booked

We will be holding open mornings in school for each class during the week commencing 24th September. We would like to organise a 'Crèche' facility for those parents with younger siblings to enable them to attend the mornings.

If you would be available to volunteer to help out with this facility on one or more of the mornings, your help would be greatly appreciated and would then allow access to the open mornings and information for more of our parents.

Please do let us know if you would be available and willing to help.

CHILDCARE

If you need child care before or after school, we have some contacts which may be useful. Please ask in the office for further information.

Maple Class had a visitor in school today; as part of their work on planets we had an Alien who dropped in - ask the children all about it!



We have been invited to take part in the **Priory Park 100 Centennial Event**.

The children will be making poppies in school which will be taken to Priory Park to form part of the big display on the 'Mound' in the park to recreate our own wave of poppies along with many other local schools. More details will follow but more info can be found on <https://priorypark100.com/about/>

We would like to ask for a donation of £1 per child, which will cover the cost of the poppy kits and also allow us to make a donation to the British Legion.

A poster is attached giving details of the events taking place and details of the day in Priory Park when the poppies will be displayed.

We very much hope that you will support us in this and that you will be able to take the time to visit Priory Park on Saturday 22nd September.



Acorn Awards **Friday 7th September 2018**

***Felix** - for coming back to school being so ready to learn*

***Anu** - for being so kind to all the children in Apple Class*

***Rupert** - for his mature approach to year 2 maths, thinking carefully about his explanations*

***Teale** - for thinking deeply about her contributions in lessons*

***Joshua** - for contributing powerful weather words for our vocabulary list*

***Ewan** - for a great start to year 5; knowing how to focus and showing effective learning behaviours.*

***Charlie** - for coming back to school with a smile and a focused approach to your learning*

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

Monday 10th September 2.30pm - 3pm - Beech Class Parent Information Session

Tuesday 11th September 2.30pm - 3pm - Maple Class Parent Information Session

Wednesday 12th September 2.30pm - 3pm - Apple Class Parent Information Session

Thursday 13th September 2.30pm - 3pm - Chestnut Class Parent Information Session

Thursday 20th September 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

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

Wednesday 10th October - Parents Evening

Sunday 14th October - PTA Welly Walk

Monday 15th October - Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre

Thursday 18th October 8.45am - Maple Class 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

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

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 - 8th 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 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We still have spaces available in some of the clubs; if you would like to book your child in please log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk.</p>
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 .
	<p>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.</p> <p>Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.</p> <p>Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
	<p>PTA News:</p> <p>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)</p>

Priory Park 100 Centennial Year

Saturday 22 September



- Poppy display build up on Mound from 9am
- Opening Ceremony at 11 am
- Chichester Day *Hands around the Park* with local organisations from 11.30 am
- Art in Action 10.00 am-4.00 pm at the Guildhall. Local artists and crafts people demonstrate their work, some on a WW1 theme
- Parachute Jump at 2.00 pm
- Live music from 4.00 pm

PRIORY PARK100 Centennial Year

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Anniversary Week 22nd-30th September 2018

www.priorypark100.com



Comparative photograph by Benjamin Graham

On 30 September, 1918, the 7th Duke of Richmond and Gordon generously gave Priory Park to the people of Chichester, for their recreation and as a perpetual memorial to the fallen in the First World War.

The Friends of Priory Park are celebrating the centenary with events throughout 2018, culminating in the Anniversary Week from 22 to 30 September. An exciting programme of events is planned reflecting the history of Priory Park (See reverse.)

PRIORY PARK100

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Programme

See website www.priorypark100.com for more information

Date	Time	Event
17–24 July		Excavations of Roman Villa in the Park
Mon 10 Sept onwards		Exhibition at the Novium

Anniversary week *(all events free entry except for the Play)*

Sat 22 Sept	11am	Chichester Day. Cake cutting; Poppy display
	10-4pm	Art in Action in the Guildhall
	2pm	Parachute display by RN Raiders
Sun 23 Sept	11am	Sealed Knot display in the Park
	2pm	Re-enactment of Siege of Chichester 1642
	10-4pm	Art in Action in the Guildhall
Mon 24 Sept		Vintage Bowls
Tue 25 Sept	pm	Astronomy in the Park
Wed 26 Sept	pm	Vintage Hockey. 7pm Play in the Guildhall
Thu 27 Sept	11am	Rolls Royce Cars. 7pm Play in the Guildhall
Fri 28 Sept	pm	War Games in the Guildhall
	3:30pm	Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park
Sat 29 Sept	11am	Priory Park Centennial Cricket Match
Sun 30 Sept	11am	Drum Head Service; 100 Choir
	3pm	Evensong and blessing in the Guildhall

The fully illustrated book: "Priory Park, Chichester. The Story in 100 Objects" by local historian Alan Green will be available in early September.

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 1
First half of autumn term

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	10	STEM	£ 25.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
Tuesday	Mrs Hall	14	Netball	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Goacher	14	Swimming WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 25.00	yr 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 25.00	Yr 2/3
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Qualm	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Multi-sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates: 10th, 17th, 24th September and 1st, 15th October.

There will be no after school clubs during the week commencing 8th October,

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.

We require a minimum of 4 children for Care Bears to be viable, less than this and we will not run.

Westbourne House Swimming is 6.30-7.15pm

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.

£2.35

CHILDRENS CHOICE MENU

Thursday 4th October 2018

Choose a main...

Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips

OR

Veggie Nuggets & Chips

On the side...

Baked Beans

or Salad

and Ketchup

For dessert...

Banana Marbled Sponge with

Chocolate Sauce

or

Melon Slices

For a drink...

Blackcurrant Squash,

Milk or Water

