

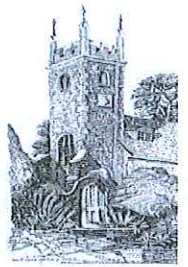


West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had World Kindness Day where we have all tried extra hard to be kind to someone and to share a random act of kindness. We had Apple Class Assembly, where we were able to celebrate and share all the lovely learning happening in the classroom. The children were confident and very able to tell us about their art work, their maths and even sang a song to help us with our punctuation!

Today has been Children in Need day and we have been amazed by the popularity this year: we thought we were going to run out of ribbons and lots of children have donated money to have their faces painted too! Mrs. Moss has made a commitment to donate a lot of money, but the children have lots of work to do to find out just how much - see the information at the bottom of the letter to find out more!



MATHS MATTERS - come into school and find out how we teach calculation!

This is the area of the curriculum where parents most often ask for help, and the area we really want to improve in school, so please do **come along to all four sessions**.

Following on from our well-received parent support for spelling, we are shining the spotlight on maths for the rest of the term and into the Spring. We are offering

PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

where we will be demonstrating how we teach calculation. This will be a really valuable opportunity to find out which vocabulary we use and how we move children on from working with small numbers to solving complex maths problems at the end of KS2. Do you know how to **partition** numbers? Can you **multiply** two digit numbers? How would you help your child **dividing** numbers? Come and find out how practical resources, pictures and an understanding of **mathematical vocabulary** supports learning.



and how you can help at home. We will be providing materials to help.

In the meantime, are you and your children making the most of the Maths Matters Challenges, Sumdog on your computers/tablets and the sample questions at the end of the newsletters? If you take advantage of these things, you will really be supporting your child's development well.

We are repeating each workshop/session three times: we hope that this enables everyone to come to one session for each of the four operations/rules of number/calculations.

Please don't be put off by any of the content, even if you don't know how to do long division!

We won't be putting anyone 'on the spot' but will be demonstrating maths and how we do it at all levels from YR to Y6.

We will also be providing some booklets showing how you can support at home, guidance on how to explain things, support with which vocabulary to use and a clear picture of the progression from basic counting to manipulating complex numbers.



Please let Mrs Bailey know which sessions you are attending, by phoning, emailing or popping in, as soon as possible, as the sessions require quite a bit of preparation. Ideally, you will attend one session for each of the four maths operations, so that you are confident in supporting addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops			
	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	5.45 - 6.30
Addition	Tuesday 21 st November	Monday 20 th November	Monday 13 th November
Subtraction	Tuesday 5 th December	Thursday 7 th December	Wednesday 29 th November
Multiplication	Thursday 11 th January	Monday 8 th January	Thursday 11 th January
Division	Tuesday 6 th February	Tuesday 6 th February	Wednesday 31 st January

We were due to hold our first session last Monday: unfortunately this event had to be cancelled as too few parents 'signed up'.

School Review Meeting

We had our **School Review Meeting** in school this week, with three of our governors, a consultant from WSCC and a consultant from the Diocese. The teachers and I, supported by Mrs. Shears and Mrs. Baliey, presented the school, the data on progress and attainment, information on our development plan etc really well. The visitors toured the school and were impressed by every aspect of school life here. The few minor points for improvement were gratefully received, as we always do all we can to improve. This will help us to present our school favourably if and when Ofsted visit to inspect us, and gives us a valuable external perspective on how things are going. I would like to thank all the staff and governors for their dedication to the school, and also to thank the children and families for working hard together to support us.

PTA Casino Night -

Thank you to everyone who came along to Casino Night at The Dean last Friday. We were very fortunate to have hugely entertaining croupiers who kept the evening full of anticipation and excitement. It was a great opportunity to have a lot of fun whilst raising over £700 for the school.

Anyone who has ideas for any future fund raising/social events please

let me and the PTA know, we loved Casino Night:

what a brilliant suggestion!

Thank you!

Leisa



Help please:

Thank you to those of you have supported in this already. Please could you save any **red**, **green** and **blue** milk bottle tops for maths throughout school. There will be a box in Reception from to collect them.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

Parking Permits

Please ensure that, if you use our car park, you have a parking permit. Our Chair of Governors regularly carries out spot checks in the car park to ensure our children and adults are safe. Parking permits are available to collect from the school office; you may have more than 1 per family if you have other people collecting your children regularly.



Lego Club Plea

We are hoping to be able to start up a Lego club after school in the spring term and would like to put out a plea for any 'pre-loved' Lego that you might have in the loft or garage that you would be willing to let us have. Please do have a look so that we can keep our club Lego separate from the classroom resources.

Hairdryer plea!

If anyone has an old, unused hairdryer in school, art club would love to add it to their resources, as it helps us to dry the paintings quickly and do our next layers.

Class Assemblies:
8.45am

Apple Class: Tuesday 14th November
Maple Class: Tuesday 28th November
Beech Class: Friday 1st December
Chestnut Class: Thursday 23rd November

We are looking for a **sports helper** to accompany our children to our various sports partnership events. If you might be interested and available to help support us, please do let us know and we can provide further details.

A set of keys have been handed in which were found on the playground - if you think they might be yours, do call into the office to collect them.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Monday 18th December

As in previous years Chartwell's will be providing a festive menu for the children. Please see attached details for menu options. For Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 please log into School Money to order and pay for your child's meal if required (this date is blocked on the Mealselector website and dinners can only be ordered and paid for via School Money or the school office). For Reception, Year's 1 and 2 please could you let the school office know if you would like a meal ordered for your child as this is covered by government universal infant free school meals. The deadline for ordering is Monday 27th November. If you decide not to order from the festive menu your child will need to bring in a packed lunch for that day.

Sports -

The Year 5 & 6 children have had their second Squash session in school this week with Mike Phillips from the Chichester Squash Club. They will have a further two sessions in school and then 8 children will be selected to form a team to play in the competition which will be held at the club in Chichester. A selected group of children were able to go along and experience the indoor rowing machines at an event held at The Regis School today. - Thank you to Nick Stringer for accompanying the children. Look out for their report next week.

Acorn awards - Friday 17th November 2017

Marina – for such confident work on the PE apparatus

Rupert – for super handwriting and spellings of “er” words e.g letter/ladder

Raife – for his perseverance in maths and conquering mixing pounds and pence

Nell – for being a delight in the classroom – so keen to learn and to improve, always ready to embrace new ideas

Lauren – for her “stickability”! For example when her “tomb walls” were going wrong she took a deep breath and got stuck in!

Ka’ci – for showing focus and application of new strategies in mathematics

Kitty P – for effective use of checking strategies in mathematics, showing links and independence

Dates for 2017/18

Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2017

Monday 20th November - Yellow School Photographs

Monday 20th November - 'Mysterious Manuscripts' at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Friday 24th November, 2.30 - End of term music concert, Beech & Chestnut

Tuesday 28th November, 10.30-12.30 - Small School Football Tournament, The Regis (selected pupils)

Wednesday 29th November, 9.30-12.00 - Locality Enrichment Day at The March School (selected pupils)

Thursday 30th November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 8th December, 2.30 - Strings Concert with Alex Urquhart

Tuesday 12th December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)

Wednesday 13th December, 9.15 - KS1 Production

Monday 18th December 12.00 - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Monday 18th December, 1.30 - Christingle Making in School (volunteers needed please)

Monday 18th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church

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

See below for dates for Class Assemblies and above for Maths Matters Workshop dates.


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

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018

Look out for details attached from Mel Robinson with lots of information about events run by the Church.



**Look out for details attached for our PTA Christmas Craft evening
- come along for a lovely evening with carols,
share a glass of prosecco and
make a wreath and table centre decoration to take home.**

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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.
AAA Coaching	AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 21 st and Friday 22 nd December. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place.
	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)

Children in Need 2017

Mrs. Moss's pledge to CiN 2017



I promise to donate:

- ✓ 2p for every £1 raised by Chestnut Class
- ✓ 5p for every 50p raised by Maple Class
- ✓ 5p for every £1 raised by Apple Class
- ✓ 1p for every 50p raised by Beech Class
- ✓ 3p for every old pound coin donated if.....
- Maple Class can provide us with a sub-total for each class and a grand total for the amounts combined
- Chestnut Class can present the total I need to donate in a manner which is easy to understand and is accurate



Signed by Mrs Moss

Look out for information on how we did in
next week's newsletter!



West Dean Primary School PTA invites you to

An Evening of Festive Floral Fun

Thursday 7 December, 7.30 - 9.30pm

The School hall will be brimming with Christmassy hedgerow greenery and berries, bubbling with prosecco and full of scrumptious Christmas nibbles for you to enjoy while you create a beautiful homemade wreath and gorgeous table centre piece to make your home complete this Christmas.

Absolutely no experience required. There will be a team of knowledgeable folk around to help guide and inspire you!

Price £20 to include refreshments and all materials to make your decorations to take home with you.

Tickets are available on school money.

Any questions speak to Jenny Anstee (Rupert's mummy).

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 2
Second half of autumn term x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French	£ 30.00	Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	Yr 1 & 2
Tuesday	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	Yr 2 & 3
	Mrs Goacher/Mr Cruttenden	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Lock	14	Aerobics	£ 10.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Debate	£ 10.00	Yr 5 & 6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£ 10.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	yr 3,4, 5, 6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Christmas Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 4,5,6,
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2 , 3
	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Sports	£ 15.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Miss Urquhart		Strings	£ 25.00	musicians

Club Dates:

W/C 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec

No Clubs W/C 30th Oct, 11th Dec or 18th Dec

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.

What's on...



Parents & Toddler Group

Usually run Every 1st Tuesday of the Month.
Christmas Party on 5th December, 10am – 11.45 am
Singleton Village Hall

£1 per child to cover costs of drinks & snacks etc

Craft Club

Usually run Every 4th Tuesday of the Month
2pm – 4pm at The Rectory
Different Project Every Month
(November will be making clay Christmas decorations)
Break for December, group will resume on 24th January 2018



“Coffee n’ Catch Up”

Usually run Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month

8.30am – 10am Singleton Village Hall.

Drop in Café for all parents/family/Carers in Singleton & West Dean Schools. Don't stand out in the cold on the school gates; come and have a chat over coffee and a breakfast pastry or two! Meet new Parents or catch up with old friends...

Next Dates; 21st November & 19th December



Usually run Every 1st Thursday of the Month
Next Date: 7th December- Christmas Theme
Games of skittles, team prizes, raffle, darts, food & more
7.30pm Singleton Village hall.

Christmas Events

Sunday 3rd December; Nativity Service
West Dean Church 4pm
Followed by Refreshments

Sunday 17th December; Carol Service
4pm at Singleton Church
Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Sunday 24th December; Crib Service
4pm East Dean Church
Followed By Refreshments



Mince pie Making

For primary school Children (under 5's must be accompanied by an adult)
Saturday 16th December 10am – 11.30am at The Rectory
Extra pies made will be distributed at the following Sunday 10am West Dean service



AllStars is our Sunday School on Most 3rd Sundays of the Month.
10am at West Dean church. Games/stories/arts & crafts etc
(All Children remain the parent's responsibility)



A Relaxed Service Takes Place
Every 4th Sunday
10am at West Dean Church
All Welcome