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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some exciting **sporting events** which the children have taken part in this week; thankfully the weather has been kind and they have been able to make the most of the outdoors in the dry.

Mr Justin Pollard came into school this week and worked with Apple Class on their tennis skills. A very enjoyable afternoon outside in the sunshine.

Our Year 5/6 children took part in the first of our Sports Partnership events this term; Tag Rugby in Bognor. Mrs Wakefield and Miss Chapman led the children in an afternoon of fun and tactics at the Bognor Rugby Club.



Mr Clemens, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Shaw took our Year 4 children to take part in the Tag Rugby event at Chichester Rugby club on Wednesday, accompanied by other parent spectators. Again, this was a brilliant afternoon which the children all thoroughly enjoyed, learning new skills as well as playing some short matches.



The children represented the school incredibly well and West Dean were awarded the prize for demonstrating the highest standard of rugby of all the schools involved. A great achievement of which we are very proud.



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PTA Film Night *Thank you to our PTA organisers!*

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our film night, it was a huge success with over 60 children all cosied up in Beech class to watch Toy Story 4. Watch this space for a Christmas film night...



The week ahead..... November 2019

Monday 4th Nov :

Tuesday:5th Nov:

Wednesday 6th Nov:

Thursday 7th Nov: Year 6 Height and Weight check with School Nurse

Friday 8th Nov: Chestnut Class visit to Titanic Exhibition at Dr S M Kusunoki's house



KS2 WRITING COMPETITION!

You may have heard that we have launched our writing competition to see who will be the authors of our Learning Behaviour Stories.

This is open to all KS2 pupils, please see the information attached.



Parliament Week

We will be learning about democracy during the first week back after the holiday: 2— 8 November 2019. This is UK Parliament Week.

Attached are some activities to do at home with your children so that you can explore the theme a little together.

Our MPs would like to invite you to an assembly where we will explain how our pupils parliament works. If you are free on Wednesday 6th November at 8:45, please do come along and join us to find out more.



Class Assembly Dates:8.45—9.15 am

Apple - Thursday 28th November

Maple - Tuesday 26th November

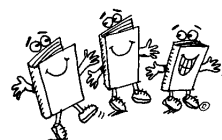
Beech - Tuesday 12th November

Chestnut - Thursday 21st November

Please do come and join us for our Class Assemblies when children have the opportunity to showcase their work and share their learning,



Mrs Muggeridge looks after our library for us but would really like some help. If there is anyone out there who has some spare time and would like to come in and help us as a library assistant, please do let us know.



Headlice! We have had some incidents of Headlice in school recently, please do be vigilant and ensure that any nits found are treated straight away. The best way to treat is to continually comb through your child's hair with conditioner and a nit comb. Nit combs are available from the school office, you can order one on school-money.co.uk, 50p



Aldi's KitsFor Schools— Get Set to Eat Fresh

We have all done really well with filling our chart and have collected enough Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools to enter the competition.

If we fill the chart with 300 stickers we can receive a school sports kit. In addition, 20 primary schools will have the chance to win £20,000.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with this—let's keep our fingers crossed.

South Downs Design Awards 2019: 'People's Choice' vote

The South Downs National Park is an iconic cultural landscape. For more than five millennia the communities and people living here have made their mark.

The South Downs Design Awards were launched earlier this year to celebrate innovative and inspirational projects that have made a standout contribution to the landscape, heritage, built environment and local communities of the National Park.

The 'People's Choice' award gives communities in and around the National Park the opportunity to vote for a design project that honours and enhances the landscape of the South Downs National Park whilst also meeting the highest standards in sustainability. Please follow the link below for further information: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/south-downs-national-park-design-award/peoples-choice-2019/>

West Dean Club—Hub

Look out for details coming soon about the new exciting range of clubs coming for the second half of the Autumn Term, including our new Dance Club with Mrs Andrea Geall, which will be working towards our Dance House performance on Wednesday 26th February 2020.

We also have a new football club which will be run by 2 coaches from Chichester University, thank you to Matt Horstead for arranging this for us.

Clubs will go 'live' on schoolmoney.co.uk on Friday 25th October .

Dates:

W/C 4th, 11th, 25th November and 2nd , 9th December.

Forest School Fund Raising

Evie, Mabel, Darcy, Mia and Teale have made some book marks to sell to raise money for school resources and we would like to buy forest school equipment. Look out after school for the exciting things on sale and look out for our

Forest Schools Breaking News:

Miss Boxall has been away taking part in a Forest School residential training course through the West Sussex Wildlife Trust; she will, over the course of the next 12 months, work towards a Forest School Leader qualification for our school.

We have exciting plans for our environmental area and forest school activities, utilising our amazing grounds and giving our children fantastic outdoor opportunities.

Miss Boxall is planning to put together a Forest School Committee , working with adults and children to explore ideas, build on our current provision and achieve Forest School status for us at West Dean.

If you would be interested in joining the committee or would like any further information about Forest Schools or to find out how you can help, please do catch Miss Boxall or ask at the school office.



Governing Body News

In the New Year we will have a **vacancy for a Parent Governor** to join us. This will be an election and ballot process and full details have been sent out this week.

Diary Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December

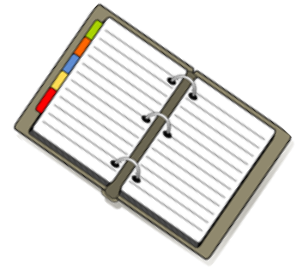
Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November

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



2019/20 INSET days

Friday 25th October, Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Friday 8th November—Chestnut Class visit to Chilgrove re Titanic

Monday 11th November, 2.00—Beech and Chestnut visit to CFT to see The Butterfly Lion

Tuesday 12th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (details to follow)

Monday 18th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs (individual and sibling)

Tuesday 19th November, 7.00 -5.00 - Beech Class visit to London Saatchi Gallery—Tutankhamun Exhibition

Thursday 21st November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 26th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Tuesday 26th November, 1-3.30pm—SSP Chichester Area Football at Chichester University—selected Yr 5/6

Wednesday 27th November, 2.30pm- Music Performance—Drum—Beech & Chestnut Class

Thursday 28th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Thursday 28th November, 5.30—Governing Body Meeting

Monday 2nd December, 10—12—SSP Small Schools Football at The Regis—selected Yr 5/6

Thursday 5th December, 7.00-9.00pm - PTA Wreath Making Evening

Monday 9th December, 1.30-4pm—SSP Football at The Regis—selected Yr 3/4

Tuesday 10th December, 9.30-11.30am -ISSP Infant Agility at Westgate—Maple Class

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Production—timings tbc

Friday 13th December— 1-4pm SSP Sports hall Athletics at Bishop Luffa—Chestnut Class

Monday 16th December , 8.30—Christingle making in the hall

Monday 16th December—Christingle Service at West Dean Church

Tuesday 17th December—Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly (everyone welcome to join us)



Who are we at West Dean and what do we stand for?

What is our vision? What are our values?

These are questions we are asked by those outside our school, from time to time, and we have always been clear about what is important to us. We are clear about our Christian values of , Peace, Joy, Hope and Faith. However, we have not had a written, agreed, succinct vision, which refers to the bible as it should in a church school. Over the past couple of years, we have written our school song and made sure that this links closely with our school prayer and creed.

Now, the staff and I have produced the wording we propose to use on our website, documentation, and around school. We will share it with the children to get their views, but have already had positive feedback from some of them. We propose to strengthen this with some art work too. Please see below.

Please could you give this your consideration and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions. We will finalise this a couple of weeks after half term, on the 15th November.

West Dean CE Primary School: the small school with a big heart

Our Vision: 'Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13:13

Through our Vision we:

***create** a secure and nurturing Christian environment which values and respects every individual
equip children, through an exciting, ambitious and innovative curriculum, with confidence, and
life skills to achieve excellence*

***partner** with home, church and the local community to help children make a positive contribution to God's world*

At West Dean CE Primary School we help each other to achieve excellence through our Christian values of Love, Peace, Joy, Hope and Faith, which are central to all aspects of our school life. Excellent education is provided through a rich and inspiring curriculum, and we nurture and care for every individual in our school. When they leave our school, children are prepared for life, with resilience, compassion and a love of learning.

West Dean School CE Primary School Creed

Every day I will try to:

Think deeply,
Speak gently,
Love much,
Laugh a lot,
Work hard,
Give freely
.....and be kind.

Acorn Awards
Friday 18th October
2019



No Acorn Awards this week,
School closed for Inset.

West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Autumn 2

Autumn Term 2019

Second half of Autumn term x5 weeks

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Autumn Term 2018

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Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall	20	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs G Moss	12	Strategy/ Board Games	£ 25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Leonardo Freitas & Joe	14	Football	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 4th, 11th, 25th November and 2nd, 9th December

No Clubs W/C 18th November and 16th December

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.

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)

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.