



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please do put the class **Open Morning dates** in your diaries, as these are the best way to find out how we teach key concepts. You won't be put on the spot - you will just be able to join in with your child in class! This half term we have **Maple Class on Tuesday 8th** and **Beech Class on Wednesday 9th**, **Chestnut Class on Monday 14th** and **Apple Class on Tuesday 15th November**. These are not suitable for younger siblings: if you would find a *crèche* useful for any of our Open Morning dates, please do let us know *in advance* and we will do our best to arrange this for you.

Please please drive and park safely.

DO NOT drop children on the road outside school at all: this is NOT SAFE.

You will have received information about our **new on-line payments** system in school to enable you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line. We will still take cheque and cash payments in the office if *absolutely necessary* but we are hoping that the majority of payments will be made on-line. We will also have the facility for you to make card payments at the office. This will help to keep us all a bit more organised and hopefully, make things easier for you to access information and make payments. Some parents have already begun to use this system and have made payments towards the French residential visit.

Information about our Spring term swimming programme is now available for you to log-in to book, give consent and pay.

IS YOUR CHILD WORTH LESS?

Our campaign for better funding for West Sussex schools continues, as you may have seen on national news. Pupils and staff visited 10 Downing Street with our letters. You can support our schools in our campaign for fair funding on Facebook and there is a petition which can be found at the following link:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761>

Bonfire and Fireworks Display - Friday 4 November 2016


West Dean Estate are holding their traditional free bonfire and firework display for local families, West Dean staff and students on the front lawn of West Dean College. The West Dean Arms cash bar will operate from a tent on the front lawn from 5.00pm and suitably warming food will also be on sale to give everyone a chance to quench their thirst and get something to eat before the bonfire is lit at around 6.45pm. The firework display will start at around 7.15pm. Please come in via the West Dean College entrance. With Bonfire Night fast approaching please find enclosed a link with information about using fireworks safely. <http://www.fireworks.co.uk/safety/>

Science Demonstration:

On Tuesday 15th November we are very lucky to have a visit from Tim Harrison, a working scientist, who will give a demonstration and talk to the children about materials in Earth's atmosphere. He will show case what different gases are and conduct different experiments with them. This demonstration is visually spectacular and interactive, really WOW science! If you would like to join us, please contact the school office as we have some availability for adults to be included in the audience.

Chartwells

Chartwells is the catering partner who provide our school meals. They have asked for your feedback to help them to understand what you like and what could be improved and are offering the chance to complete their 'We're All Ears' survey and have the chance of winning a share of a £2,500 prize fund. You can pick up a form in our reception or access the survey on-line at WWW.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/nsmw.

	<p>Poppies will be on sale in the reception area from Monday 7th November. Please do join us for our Remembrance Assembly on Friday 11th November at 8.45.</p>
<p>Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions</p>	<p>Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</p>
<p>Class Open Mornings 8.45-9.30 (second half of term)</p>	<p>Maple Class - Tuesday 8th November & Monday 28th November Beech Class - Wednesday 9th November & Tuesday 22nd November Chestnut Class - Monday 14th November & Wednesday 23rd November Apple Class - Tuesday 15th November & Friday 2nd December</p>
<p>School Uniform</p>	<p>If you have ordered and received uniform, please could you make payment to the school office as soon as possible. We still have a number of outstanding payments.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of transferring the sale of our uniform to Game, Set & Match in Chichester. This means that you will be able to order your uniform on-line or call into their shop in Quarry Lane to try on and buy uniform there. They are open 7 days a week and have easy access and parking. We feel this will help us to improve the uniform service that we are able to offer by letting the 'experts' do a good job for us. It will also eliminate congestion in the reception when you need to purchase uniform and save space for us by not having to keep lots of stock of sweatshirts etc.</p> <p>We are confident that, although you may see a very small price increase in some items, the quality and service you receive will be excellent. This will happen for January but in the meantime, uniform will still be available to purchase from the school office. A list of uniform available from Game, Set & Match will be available shortly.</p> <p>We are also planning changes to our uniform in response to our Respect focus. We want our children to look as smart as pupils from other schools and we are planning some minor changes. These changes will be phased in from January onwards, when both styles will be worn. From September 2017, our new uniform will be fully in place: the major changes are that our logo will be embroidered, the sweatshirts will be V neck, and we will have ties for our older pupils.</p>
<p>Class Assemblies 8.45</p>	<p>Thursday 10th November Beech Thursday 24th November Chestnut Thursday 1st December Maple Friday 9th December Apple</p>
<p>Valley Voices</p>	<p>Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' adult choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)</p>
<p>Autumn Term Clubs and Care Bears</p>	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. Please see attached club timetable for the Autumn term.</p> <p>Please do make a note of these dates. The clubs DO NOT run throughout every week of the term! Care Bear Cub will be available every day, but places are not guaranteed and should be booked in advance. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know.</p> <p>Please email: sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com 07852 255628 (Please note new telephone number) Thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will be available on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December, in the Christmas holiday. See attached flyer for information and how to book your place.</p> <p>Please look out for information coming soon about our Spring term programme of clubs. You will be able to book and pay for your child's clubs via our on-line booking system www.schoolmoney.co.uk.</p>
<p>School Nurse</p>	<p>Sue Mason, our School Nurse, will be in school on Wednesday 9th November to carry out routine height and weight checks with our year 6 children. You should have received information regarding this procedure which will be carried out unless you have let us know that would you like to opt out.</p> <p>On Monday 21st November, the nurse team will vaccinate YR, Y1 and Y2 pupils against flu.</p>

Dates for 2016/17

Autumn Term Tuesday 6th September - Friday 16th December 2016

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Thursday 3rd November - Thursday 24th November - 1.00-2.30 Chestnut Class - Squash at West Dean

Tuesday 8th November, 9.30-11.45 - GAS Football Tournament at Chichester High School (selected pupils)

Wednesday 9th November - GAS Enrichment Maths at The March (selected pupils)

Thursday 10th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Friday 11th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 15th November, 10.00-11.0 - Tim Harrison Science Demonstration

Wednesday 16th November 9.30 - Chestnut Class Weald & Downland Visit (Takeover Day)

Monday 21st November, 8.30 - Yellow School Individual and Sibling Photographs - please let us know if you would like to include pre-school siblings (we do this at 8:20am)

Monday 21st November, 11.00 - Flu Vaccination for Year 1, 2, 3

Tuesday 22nd November - Maple Class visit to the Weald & Downland Museum

Thursday 24th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 24th November - Able Writers Workshop at Portfield Primary (selected yr5/6 pupils)

Thursday 1st December, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th December, 2.30 - Apple & Maple Theatre Visit (information to follow)

Friday 9th December, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 9th December, time tbc - Violin performance

Monday 12th December, 2.15 - Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 13th December, 12.00 - Chartwell's Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December, 1.00 - Christingle making at West Dean

Wednesday 14th December - Christingle Service at West Dean Church - **5:15pm**

Thursday 15th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins for children

Wednesday 11th January, 9.15-11.30 - Chestnut Class Festival of Singing rehearsal at Chichester High School

Thursday 19th January, - Festival of Singing - Y5/6 at Chichester Festival Theatre - rehearsal in the day and performance in the evening - info to follow

Acorn Awards - Friday 4th November 2016

Daisy - for excellent listening during PE using the apparatus

Bradley - for caring for a friend who had been hurt, being gentle and patient

Josh - for his fantastic knowledge of the Great Fire of London

Cameron - for working really hard on subtracting using Dienes with a real 'have a go' attitude

Harry - for being such a fantastic member of Beech class by working so hard and being such a great team player

Katrin - for showing a conscientious attitude to her learning in school and at home, always trying to give an answer and persevere

Dylan - for conscientious target work, making sure that his work is high quality