



**West Dean Church of England Primary School**  
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**Newsletter 4 27th September 2019**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Apple and Maple Class enjoyed a 'Drama for All' workshop which was themed around Castles, Knights and Princesses to link with topic work.

Beech Class went on a village walk around West Dean looking at different types of houses and buildings.

Next week we have two author visit days, Wednesday 2nd October, Zehra Hicks with Apple and Maple looking at 'Giraffe and Frog; and Thursday 3rd October Paul Collicutt with Beech and Chestnut looking at 'The Murder Mile'. This is part of a 'Bookfest' programme and there will be an opportunity to purchase signed copies of the books in school. Look out for further details next week.

Please do come and join Mrs Totman for a SEND Coffee Morning (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 8:35 - 9:30 in the Pavilion - poster attached with further information.



Apple class are really enjoying their balance bikes but would love to have some more. If anyone out there has a balance bike that they no longer use and would like to donate, please do let us know.



Beech class would like to ask if anyone has a CD player that they no longer use and could donate to the class please. They use them to listen to audio story books, thank you.

*The week ahead..... September 2019*

**Monday : Visit to Chichester Records office - selected Yr5/6 pupils**

**Clubs—Drama**

**Tuesday: Chestnut Class visit to Southampton Museum—pupils to be dropped at Chichester Train Station at 8.45am and collected at 3.30pm**

**Clubs—Swimming at Westbourne House**

**Wednesday : Zehra Hicks—visiting author**

**Clubs—Cookery and Chess**

**Thursday : Paul Collicutt—visiting author**

**8pm — PTA Quiz Night**

**Clubs— Lego & Judo**

**Friday: Maple Class visit to Chichester Planetarium**

**Clubs—AAA Sports**

*NB: the viability of our clubs depends on numbers— if too few pupils sign up for a club we will regrettably not be able to*

**Class Assembly Dates:**

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, 8.45—9.15 am

**Aldi's KitsFor Schools—Get Set to Eat Fresh**

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. (Please see attached information).

This gives us the opportunity to collect stickers; 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.

When you spend £30 in Aldi you will receive a Team GB sticker—we need to fill our poster with 300 stickers by 3rd November, please do have a look at the giant sticker chart that will be on display; you can drop your stickers into the school office.

### **Tree Planting—Information from Boxgrove Parish Council**

You may well beware of the disease, Chalara Fraxilea, which is devastating our native Ash trees. This is expected to wipe out 20% of our native woodland and roadside trees resulting in a 20% loss of Carbon Dioxide gas absorption and a similar REDUCTION of the release of Oxygen into the atmosphere. This is a serious matter and the only way to combat this disaster is simply to plant more trees! The Goodwood Estate, in conjunction with the Forestry Commission have already embarked on a project to plant 70,000 new trees, including some fruit trees, but this will probably only address the losses of Ash trees on the Estates 12,000 acres. There are many opportunities to plant trees just about anywhere, hedgerows, Public amenity spaces, school playing fields, alongside footpaths and bridleways, little permission is required, certainly not planning permission.

However, what is required are saplings which, to buy are expensive, so I am asking you to encourage the schoolchildren in your Schools to gather up seeds, acorns, beech mast, conkers, sweet chestnuts, apple and pear pips and learn how to germinate these in pots and nurture them until they are sufficiently grown to be transplanted out in the wild. This will be a huge step towards replacing these lost Ash trees. I don't see any point in planting Ash seedlings as we don't know if they will be resistant, but having said that it may well be worth a try with a few.

A lot more information can be found on a website; [forestresearch.gov.uk](http://forestresearch.gov.uk) including a history of how the disease got a hold in Britain as long ago as 2012 in East Anglia.

The District Council will be supporting this, 3 months ago a Environment Officer was appointed and at tomorrow's (24th) Full Council Meeting, a motion will be tabled to support and encourage additional tree planting in the District and this way of getting schoolchildren involved will surely raise awareness of this serious problem.

I have already approached Boxgrove School and am encouraged by their response.

With my very best wishes to you,  
Henry Potter. District Councillor for the Goodwood Ward



Hello Yellow Mental Health Week—7th—11th October.

To help raise awareness of mental health we will all be wearing something yellow on Friday 11th October; this can be anything at all from clothing, badges, hair bands, socks, scarves etc.

We will be holding a 'Yellow Bake Sale' after school on Friday, 2.45, please do come along and support us by buying cakes and bakes. If you are able to make anything to bring along that would be amazing and if it's yellow that would be even better.

Money raised from the sale will be split between a Mental Health charity and our School Parliament, thank you for your support.

Look out for further details to follow shortly from the children.



## Diary Dates 2019/20

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

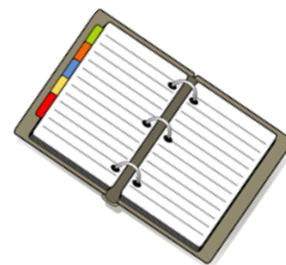
**Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November**

**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**

Monday 30th September—Visit to Chichester Records Office— Yr5 & 6—selected pupils

Tuesday 1st October—Chestnut Class visit to Southampton Museum

Wednesday 2nd October—Zehra Hicks visiting author in school

Thursday 3rd October—Paul Collicut visiting author in school

Thursday 3rd October—PTA Quiz Night

Friday 4th October—Maple Class visit to Chichester Planetarium

Monday 7th October—Literacy Enrichment Chichester Cathedral—selected pupils only

Tuesday 8th October—Maple Class visit to Weald & Downland Museum re Breadmaking

Wednesday 9th October—Flu Vaccinations R—Yr 6

Friday 11th October, 2.45—Hello Yellow Bake Sale

Tuesday 15th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Wednesday 16th October—School Friends Service Chichester Cathedral—Beech Class

Friday 18th October 8.45am —Harvest Festival Assembly—all welcome

Friday 18th October, 9.30-2.30—Mysterious Manuscripts at Chichester Cathedral—selected pupils

Tuesday 22nd October, 8.35—9.30 - SEND Coffee Morning in the pavilion with Mrs Totman

Tuesday 22nd October, 5.15-7.15 - PTA Film Night (further details to follow)

Tuesday 22nd October 1.30-3.30— Tag Rugby at Bognor Rugby Club Yr 5/6 selected pupils

Wednesday 23rd October 1.00—3pm—Tag Rugby at Chichester Rugby Club Yr 4

Thursday 24th October 2.30pm—Community Café in hall

Friday 25th October—INSET Day—school closed

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

Tuesday 12th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Monday 18th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs

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

Thursday 28th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 27th September 2019*

**Reuben** - for his great attitude in the classroom and supporting other children

**Finley** - for his brilliant gymnastic skills and careful use of the apparatus

**Bertie** - for his enthusiasm and creative dance moves during our dance lessons

**Lucia** - for trying very hard to be focussed in lessons and listening carefully

**Darcy** - for her wonderful, detailed and creative artwork when working on her collage

**Nell** - for her thorough homework, making sure she made revisions and completed the tasks conscientiously

**Leo** - for his powerful and well considered figure of speech and word choice in his descriptive writing



## West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs    Autumn 1

Autumn Term 2019

first half of Autumn term

x5 weeks

| Day              | Adult Lead                       | Max | Club         | Cost    | Year Group   |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Mrs K Prudence                   | 12  | Drama        | £ 25.00 | 4,5,6        |
|                  |                                  |     |              |         |              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Mrs S Johnson & Mrs S Goacher    | 20  | Swimming WH  | £ 25.00 | 3,4,5,6      |
|                  |                                  |     |              |         |              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mr P Chambers                    | 10  | Chesskids    | £ 25.00 | 4,5,6        |
|                  | Mrs S Muggeridge & Miss J Boxall | 10  | Cookery      | £ 25.00 | 3,4,5,6      |
|                  |                                  |     |              |         |              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Mr M Pring                       | 18  | Judo         | £ 27.50 | 3,4,5,6      |
|                  | Mrs S Pearmaine                  | 12  | Lego         | £ 25.00 | 1,2          |
|                  |                                  |     |              |         |              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Mr B Johnson                     | 25  | AAA Coaching | £ 25.00 | 1,2,3,4,5,6, |
|                  |                                  |     |              |         |              |

Club Dates:    W/C 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September and 7th October.

There will be no after school clubs during the week commencing 14th & 21st 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.

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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.