



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our Spotacular Children in Need day last week, our grand total raised is £340.00. The children in Maple Class counted the cash and Chestnut Class stretched their brains and calculated that Mrs Moss should make a donation of £15.



Literacy Enrichment Day at Cathedral Visit - Mysterious Manuscripts

Four of our year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a lovely day at Chichester Cathedral learning about manuscripts and spent time working on illuminated letters followed by a special visit to the Cathedral Library which is normally closed to the public. The children also learnt about the statue of the refugee and had the chance to be reporters along with children from other local schools.

Chestnut Class Assembly was a huge success, with the children demonstrating their knowledge, skills and understanding with some very informative and entertaining presentations. We learnt about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, maths, poetry.....and about the value of working collaboratively. It was a well attended and great way to start a school day: well done to all the children and teachers!

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

It was wonderful to see so many adults at our parent information sessions - our focus was addition and we had hugely positive feedback about how useful this has been so far. We will be making resources available to support maths at home as soon as we are able, and we will publish advice about books and websites etc too. In the meantime, we are starting our sessions on subtraction next week, so please do come along if you are able: but **let the school office know please**. We will only run the evening session if we have enough parental interest!

Our PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

are where we will be demonstrating how we teach calculation. This is 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.



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
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

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



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!

We are really grateful for the donation of two hairdryers, which will be used in a wide variety of curricular ways. Thank you.

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.

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 third Squash session in school this week with Mike Phillips from the Chichester Squash Club. Eight children have been selected to form a team to play in the competition which will be held at the club in Chichester next week.

Reverse Advent Calendar - Chichester Foodbank - Advent begins next Friday and we are planning to think about others instead of (as well as!) ourselves, this Christmas! Please see the information from the School Council so that you know how to help. (to follow shortly)

Reminder re School Photographs

You will have received your child's school photograph yesterday, please make sure that you return them to school as soon as possible if you would like to place an order.

Chartwells

Our 'We're All Ears' parent survey ends on Sunday 26th November 2017.

This link is live <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/westsussexnsmw>

Not only is this parent feedback essential but there are some great prizes to be won.

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.

Acorn awards - Friday 24th November 2017

***Bertie** - for being such a kind friend to everyone in Apple Class*

***James** - for trying so hard, at school and at home, with his handwriting*

***Claude** - for his fantastic fire poem*

***Sonny** - for his quiet determination and application in our maths investigation – preparing a plan and report about the hall for Mrs Moss*

***Max** - for his good manners and application especially in music – helpful, polite and ready to learn*

***Holly** - for 'sticking with the problem' to find a solution. Mrs Moss's pledge required a lot of thinking before we were sure what mathematics to use! Well done*

***Stan** - for finding a way to solve our money calculations independently. At first it wasn't clear what mathematics was needed. Well done*

Dates for 2017/18

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

Tuesday 28th November, 10.30-12.30 - Small School Football Tournament, The Regis (selected pupils)
Tuesday 28th November, 1.30-3.30 - Yr 2 Multi-Skills event at Bishop Luffa (parents to collect from BL)
Wednesday 29th November, 9.30-12.00 - Locality Enrichment Day at The March School (selected pupils)
Thursday 30th November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 5th December, 8.45-12.00 - Squash Final in Chichester (selected children)
Thursday 7th December, 1.30-3.30 - Quicksticks Hockey at The Regis School for selected children
Thursday 7th December, 7.30-9.30 - PTA Christmas Craft Evening (£20, tickets on sale schoolmoney)
Friday 8th December, 2.30 - Strings Concert with Alex Urquhart
Tuesday 12th December, 8.45-12.00 - Squash Final in Chichester
Tuesday 12th December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)
Tuesday 12th December, 6.30-7.15 - Time Trials for Swim Gala - Westbourne House (selected children)
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

Class Assemblies: 8.45am	Apple Class: Tuesday 14 th November Maple Class: Tuesday 28 th November Beech Class: Friday 1 st December Chestnut Class: Thursday 23 rd November
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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	<p>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.</p>
<p>Care Bears</p> 	<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>After School Clubs</p>	<p>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>
	<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>Late Arrivals</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>From Monday 9th 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Late Collections</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>AAA Coaching</p>	<p>AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place.</p>
	<p>PTA News:</p> <p>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)</p>

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

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.



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).