



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers



APPLE AFFAIR

Thank you to everyone who 'maked and baked' for our Apple Affair stall. In spite of the poor weather on Saturday we were very well supported over the weekend and raised in **excess of £3,000** for our PTA funds. We have a comprehensive spending plan for these funds and greatly appreciate everyone's support in helping us to raise money for additional resources, opportunities and activities for our children. It was a super community event, as always and we thank everyone for their contributions, even if it was spending money on the stalls! I would like to extend a personal thank you to the PTA committee and to staff for all their time, energy and hard work to make this an ongoing success. We will let you know what we are spending the money on over the next few weeks!



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! Next week we have **Maple Class on Monday 10th** and **Apple Class on Tuesday 11th**. This is not suitable for younger siblings; there will be a crèche facility available on Tuesday 11th. If you would find a crèche useful for any of our other Open Morning dates, please do let us know *in advance* and we will do our best to arrange this for you. (NB: Mrs Moss will be teaching Maple Class for the session on the 10th as Mrs Johnson is on a course that day).

We are holding our parent consultation evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, appointments are available to book on-line. Bookings will close on Monday at 12.00 noon.

There will be **no clubs running next week** - Care Bears will be open as usual, please contact Mrs Mugeridge to book your place.

Our **Harvest Assembly** will be held on Thursday 13th October at 8.45 and you are welcome to join us. We would like to ask children to bring in items that will then be taken to the Church for their Service on Sunday 16th October and then donated to Stonepillow. Attached you will find their 'wish list' of items. Thank you for your support in this. Our Reception children will not be taking part in the assembly as we feel that they are not quite ready for the big hall.

We will shortly be introducing a **new on-line payments** systems in school. This will 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. Further details will follow shortly.

IS YOUR CHILD WORTH LESS?

OUR CHILDREN IN West sussex are not as well funded in schools as most others in the country. Please see the attached letter for information and details of how you can support us in our campaign for fair funding. There is a petition which can be found at the following link: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761> You can also support on Facebook

PE KIT

We will no longer be sending PE kit home each week as we are still having instances of kit left at home each week. If it becomes dirty or smelly it will be sent home, otherwise we will keep it here all half term. Parents surveyed have said this will be helpful at home too! For clubs, we will be getting children changed before they come home so that kit stays here and children travel in uniform. Exceptions to this may be cycling, where a different kit will be required to be brought in for the club. Please support us in this.

Secondary School Applications	For children in Year 6, the closing date for Secondary School applications is on Monday 31 st October. Please contact the office if you have not received details.
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	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
Learning Journals	Please remember to return Learning Journals to school on Monday 17th October
Class Open Mornings 8.45-9.30 (first half of term)	Beech Class - Wednesday 19 th October Chestnut Class - Tuesday 18 th October Maple Class - Monday 10 th October Apple Class - Tuesday 11 th October - (Creche Available)
Class Open Mornings 8.45-9.30 (second half of term)	Maple Class - Tuesday 8 th November & Monday 28 th November Beech Class - Wednesday 9 th November & Tuesday 22 nd November Chestnut Class - Monday 14 th November & Wednesday 23 rd November Apple Class - Tuesday 15 th November & Friday 2 nd December
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 11 th October, 3.15 - 5.00 (on-line booking) Wednesday 12 th October, 3.15 - 6.00 (on-line booking) Thursday 13 th October, 3.15 - 5.00 (by arrangement, please contact the office)
Class Assemblies 8.45	Thursday 10 th November Beech Thursday 24 th November Chestnut Thursday 1 st December Maple Friday 9 th December Apple
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Autumn Term Clubs and Care Bears	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. Please make outstanding payments to Mrs Mugeridge or the office as soon as possible. Please see attached club timetable for the Autumn term. NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK! Please do make a note of these dates. The clubs DO NOT run throughout every week of the term! We would also like to remind parents that pick up time is 4pm (unless otherwise stated) . Our staff have been taken advantage of by some regular late collections and we would very much like this to stop. We have decided that charges should be made if this occurs on more than one occasion, unless there is a particular unavoidable reason. The clubs are well run by our dedicated team who really care for the children: please do respect their time and good will by ensuring you arrive in good time for collection. If you have signed up for a club it is important that children attend each week once they are allocated a place: often clubs have limited numbers and waiting lists. We often have disappointed children when forms are not returned on time or clubs are full. There is a lot of organisation required to co-ordinate all of our clubs and we do our best to ensure that children can attend the clubs they have selected. Please do support us in this by committing to their attendance and not leaving booking to the last minute. Please remind your children which clubs they are doing to avoid confusion at the end of the day. 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. Please email: sandra.mugeridge@btinternet.com Thank you for your support in this matter. AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October during half term. See attached flyer for information and how to book your place.

Dates for 2016/17

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

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

Monday 10th October, 10.30 - School Friends Service at Chichester Cathedral, Chestnut Class

Tuesday 11th October, 3.15-5.00 - Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 12th October, 3.15-6.00 - Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 13th October, 8.45 - Harvest Assembly - all welcome

Thursday 13th October, - Chestnut class all day, Chichester Festival Theatre Visit

Friday 14th October, 11.00 - Beech Class Weald and Downland Visit - selected pupils

Monday 17th October - Learning Journals returned to school please

Friday 21st October, 2.30 - Chestnut Class Community Café

HALF TERM

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

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

Thursday 24th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

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

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 7th October 2016

Evie - for always trying so hard with her reading and giving her best

Elodie - for her super space adventure story

Rosie - for her positive, hard working and enthusiastic attitude to EVERYTHING

Ashton - for his super rounding work in maths

Ka'ci - for her super diary entry – full of her thoughts and feelings. Well done!

Franki - for keeping up the great improvement in your handwriting – WOW – what a difference. Well done!

For the Harvest Festival

Stonepillow - Wish List

Food

Squash/Cordial
Orange/Apple Juice
Coffee
Sugar
Longlife Milk
Tinned Meat
Tinned Pies
Tinned Vegetables
Instant Noodles/Rice
Biscuits
Cooking Oil
Condiments
Gravy

Household Items

Hand Wash
Washing Up Liquid
Toilet Roll
Washing Powder
Bin Bags
Kitchen Foil
Cling Film
Anti-bacterial Spray
Sponges/Cloths