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Newsletter 18 **24th January 2020**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous week, with our very own museum in school!

Parents of Apple Class, governors, staff and Maple Class were all invited to the dinosaur museum, created by our YR and Y1 palaeontologists. Everyone who attended enjoyed their visit and learnt lots about dinosaurs, their eggs, fossils and habitats. Our donations totalled £84.35 which will be used for the children's learning: thank you to everyone.

We also shone at the Chichester festival Theatre on Wednesday evening, where we collaborated with ten other local schools for a massed choral performance. I was immensely proud of our children, as they introduced the whole show, introduced songs, sang one song on their own and sang harmonies for all the songs. They put in so much effort and their experience was extremely rich as a result. We were led by Mrs Barden and supported by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Goacher and Mrs Prudence. Our messages were about children's rights and their important role in the future of our world.



Would you like to help in school?

As always, we are looking for people to support children with their reading, and in other ways in the classroom and outdoors too. If you feel that you have time available and would like to help with reading, or any other curriculum area, please do let us know.

Class Assembly
Dates:

Apple Class:

Tuesday 10th March

Maple Class:

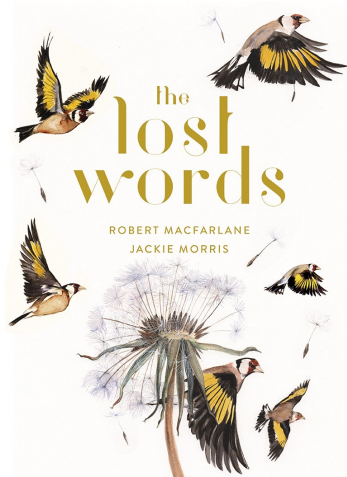
Thursday 2nd April

Beech Class:

Wednesday 26th
February

Chestnut Class:

Tuesday 3rd March



The week ahead..... January 2020

Monday 27th Jan : - Dance Club, 3.00, Andrea Geall

Tuesday: 28th Jan: - K'Nex club, 3.00, Mrs Prudence
Westbourne House Swim Club, 6.30, Mrs Goacher and Mrs Johnson

Wednesday 29th Jan: 1.30-3.30 Year 5/6
Cross Country at Bishop Luffa (selected pupils)
Cookery club, 3.00, Mrs Muggeridge and Mrs Boxall
Chess Club Mr Peter Chambers

Thursday 30th Jan: Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut, 9.30-11.

5.30-Governing Body Meeting

Friday 31st Jan: Maple Class visit to Marwell
Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral
(selected Yr 5/6 children), 1.00-2.30

AAA Football Club, 3.00, Ben Johnson

Look out for information about our West Dean Recycle Scheme coming soon.

MAPLE CLASS SALE-THURSDAY

Maple Class have been busy planting Hyacinth bulbs with Mrs Goacher and have lovingly cared for them; they have been 'potted on' and are now ready for sale.

Please do come along on **Thursday 30th January after school** if you would like to buy some—they look beautiful and smell gorgeous once they are in flower.



Forest School Grounds Day'



Thank you so much to everyone who came along on Saturday and helped out with our grounds day. We have been able to achieve lots with all of your help and have been able to give the children lots of forest school activities and experience already. We have lots more planned and lots more to do, but with your help, we have made an excellent start.

Look out for details of our next 'Grounds Day' coming soon. Anytime that you are able to offer during or after school, please do let us know, we always have a little list of jobs!

RSPB—Big Garden Bird Watch Weekend
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January
www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch20



Diary Dates 2020

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

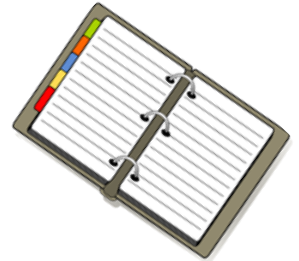
Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July



Wednesday 29th January, 1.30 - SSP Cross Country event for year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa

Friday 31st January, 1.00-2.30 - Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral for selected year 5/6

Friday 31st January, 9.00 -3.30 - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

Wednesday 5th February—RSPB sessions in school with all classes

Thursday 6th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 7th February - Foodbank Friday

Monday 10th February, 9.30-2.30 - Time Team at Chichester Cathedral for selected year 5/6

Thursday 13th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 14th February, 2.30-3.30 - Valentine's Themed Community Café

Tuesday 25th February, - Chestnut Class visit to The Natural History Museum (further details to follow)

Wednesday 26th February, 8.45—Beech Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th February, 1.30—3.00 Dancehouse rehearsal at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor (Dance club)

Wednesday 26th February, 6.30 - Dancehouse performance at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor (Dance club)

Thursday 27th February, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 27th February, 9.15-11.30—GAS Maths Enrichment Day at The March School (selected yr 3/4)

Monday 2nd March, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral (selected year 3)

Tuesday 3rd March, 8.45—Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day (We aren't dressing up but our focus will be on animal stories)

Thursday 5th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Saturday 7th March, 6.30 - Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate

Tuesday 10th March, 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Thursday 12th March, 9.30 - Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 13th March, 1.00-3.00 - SSP Hi 5 Netball event at Bishop Luffa

Tuesday 17th March, 3.00-5.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th March, 3.00-6.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 19th March, 1.00-3.00—SSP event, Ultimate Frisbee for Year 6 at Bishop Luffa with Mrs Goacher

Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March—Alive and Kicking week in school, look out for details of our activities for happy, healthy lives.

Tuesday 31st March, 1.00-3.00—Beech Class visit to Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki's Tutankhamun exhibition

Thursday 2nd April, 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Friday 3rd April, 8.45—End of Term Assembly, all welcome to join us

Acorn Awards
Friday 17th January 2020

Maxwell - for increasing independence, particularly at playtimes

Poppy W - for coming in with a smile and for always doing her best

Ewan - for his increasing independence towards his work and his willingness to contribute more during class discussions

Henry - for recognising his own learning behaviours; being creative like the crow and thinking big like the owl

Ben - for his carefully thought out learning behaviours
Haiku

Josh - for improving his 'times Tables Challenge' score by 19 and working really hard to learn the times tables which will help in all areas of maths

Ava AV - for her enthusiasm and focus during our science lessons on inheritance

Our Acorn Awards for Friday 24th January will be celebrated in our assembly on Monday 27th January.



After School Clubs
Spring Term 2020

Spring 1
first half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall	20	Dance	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs Prudence	10	K'Nex	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Box-all	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
	Mr Chambers	10	Chess/Strategy	£ 25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Thursday	Mr Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Football	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 13th, 20th and 27th January and 3rd, 10th February 2020

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.

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.