



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 19 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018



## Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had with visitors in school to be interviewed, to take our work to Cameroon and to do an assembly to tell us all about Chichester Foodbank. Beech Class have also been filming and researching for their topic on the local area, which has already proved extremely memorable! We should have some super work to share with you later this term. Chestnut Class are gearing up for their Community Café and we are looking forward to finding out about their special seasonal offers and a raffle - so have your cash ready before and after school all week for a chance to win! The café is on Thursday afternoon and everyone is welcome to join us or to visit the take away stall.

Our final newsletter will go out on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February as this is our final day before half term.

**Staff News** We are really sad to let you know that Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February will be Mrs. Lock's final day with us. She is a strong and popular team member who has brought so much to the school, in the classrooms and in supporting teachers with displays, as well as helping lots of individuals and groups. Mrs. Lock has decided to spend more time at home with her own four children, and we wish her the very best of luck for her future and say a HUGE thank you from everyone. Please forward any contributions to her leaving gift to the office, by Weds if possible. Thank you for your patience whilst Mrs. Shears has been poorly: Mrs. Bailey and I have done our best, but we have all missed Mrs. Shears greatly! We very much hope that all of us, staff, children and parents alike, manage to avoid any more illness after this half term of high absence.

**After School Clubs** These are filling up very quickly - we are delighted to offer such a wide range of quality clubs and to be able to vary them each half term.

**Craft and Dance Club will not be running on 8<sup>th</sup> February as Chestnut Class will be holding their Community Café. Please accept our apologies for the clash.**



## The week ahead.....

February

Monday 5th:

**Clubs:** Think Tank- Mrs Prudence (Yr4,5,6 ) French - Mrs Crombie (Yr3,4,5,6)

Tuesday 6th: **Governors in school monitoring Maths**

8.45-9.30 Parent Information Session - Maths - Division

2.10-2.55 Parent Information Session - Maths - Division

**Clubs:** Gym - Miss Hall (Yr 2,3,4) Swimming - Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (selected pupils)

Wednesday 7th:

**Clubs:** Change for Life - AAA Coaching (Yr 2,3,4,5,6,) Cookery - Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall (Yr3, 4, 5, 6)

Thursday 8th: **Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut**

2.30 Beech Class Community Café

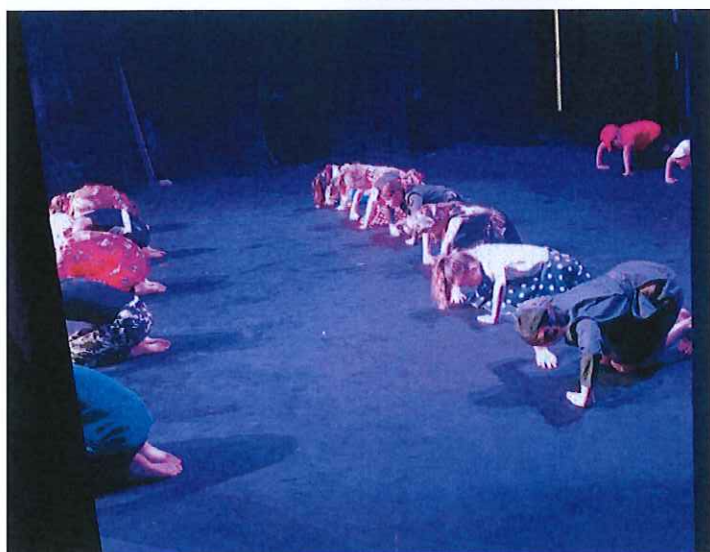
**No Clubs**

Friday 9th: **INSET Day**

AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place. [ben@aaacoaching.co.uk](mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk)







### *Acorn Awards*

*These will be awarded on our final day of the half term  
and announced in our next newsletter, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
February.*



Spring Term Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Inset Day



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30-3.30 - Community Café

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching (INSET DAY)

### HALF TERM

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February - *Alive and Kicking Week* as we kick start our learning about healthy lives

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly



5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March - Cycling Proficiency/Bikeability Week - Y6 pupils in the afternoons

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Governor Meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Film Night



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly



Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evenings & Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8.45am - End of term Easter Assembly

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Governor Meeting



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May - SATs week



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome

**Easter Holidays:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Summer Term 2018:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - **Inset Days**

**Autumn Term 2018:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**NB: Autumn term INSET days are yet to be decided**

### Christmas Dates for 2018!



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church (children arrive 4:40 please)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome







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



These sessions have been highly valued and we will continue into the new year with multiplication and division. Please don't be put off by any of the content: 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.



### Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops

	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	
Division	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	

**Please let Mrs Bailey know which sessions you are attending, by phoning, emailing or popping in**

We plan to offer a workshop to share maths games, resources etc early in the Summer term, as well as to offer a super new book to support grammar and punctuation, for all KS2 pupils. More info soon.



### Chichester District Foodbank

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. Rich Lush from the Foodbank visited school and talked to the children about the work that they do.

### Schools Recruitment Events

Are you or is someone you know interested in training to be a teacher? Are you a teacher looking for a new post? Are you interested in the new Teaching Apprenticeships? Want to know more about being a school bursar, teaching assistant, learning mentor, working in SEN roles or clerk for a governing body? Are you interested in working for our Adult Education team? Have you considered being a school governor?

West Sussex CC is holding 2 Recruitment Events on Saturday 3rd February at Fontwell Park Racecourse and on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Ifield Community College in Crawley. Both events will run from 1000 - 2.00pm. Come along and meet schools, universities and others organisations to find out about the many roles in West Sussex schools. For more information go to [www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobsinschools](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobsinschools) where you can also find details of who will be at each event. Please see attached poster.

### Treasure Hunters - Chichester Cathedral

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, four pupils from West Dean went to Chichester Cathedral to enjoy the event 'Treasure Hunters'. While they were there they participated in history themed treasure hunts. Ten treasure hunts were set and the group completed nine. They were given clues to where they could find the information whether it was a real life person or an object. The children were supplied with a time line which they had to complete with Velcro pictures and place them in the right era. They also had a map of the cathedral to help them to find their way around. From where the tapestry came from to the spire of the cathedral falling down, the children learnt lots from this wonderful experience. (report by Kitty Peirson & Rose Gold)

### Dance House - 'Music Mayhem'

Mrs Holder, Mrs Moss and Mrs Chambers took seventeen KS2 children to the Alexander Theatre to take part in this celebration of dance. This was the second of seven evenings, and eight schools took part, both primary and secondary pupils.


The children danced to: The Charleston; American Patrol; I Get Around; Signed, Sealed Delivered; Waterloo; Born to Hand Jive; Hey Micky; Let's Get Ready to Rumble; Crazy Frog; Polka Face; Salute and Uptown Funk. This was an upbeat and energetic dance routine which had the audience on their feet applauding and made everyone smile! We all enjoyed the afternoon rehearsal and evening performance enormously and we are proud of everyone who took part. Our thanks go to all those who supported, to Mrs Holder and to the dancers for their very professional performance.

See the photos below for an idea of the fun we had!

DVDs will be available for sale shortly.



## Current Useful Information and Reminders

<b>Parent &amp; Carer Drop-in Sessions</b>	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.
Care Bears 	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. <b>Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a>. 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.</b>
After School Clubs	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 <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a> .
	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.  <b>Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</b>
Late Arrivals	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. From Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>parental responsibility</b> . 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. 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. <b>Late Collections</b> 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.
AAA Coaching	AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place. <a href="mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk">ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</a>
	<b>PTA News:</b> If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa ( <a href="mailto:leisa.chambers55@gmail.com">leisa.chambers55@gmail.com</a> ) or contact the school office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> )



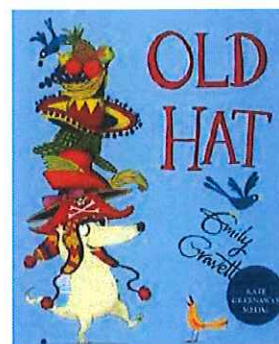
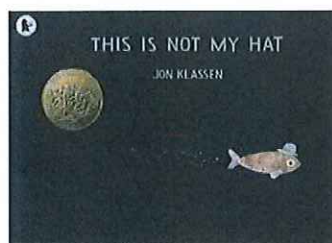
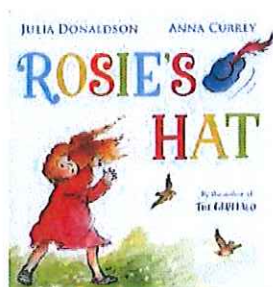
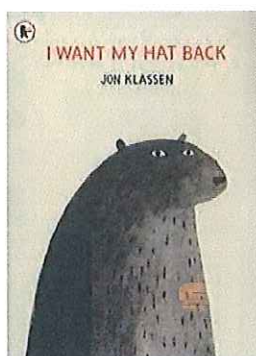
# Hats off for half-term!



Everyone  
welcome

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Wear your favourite hat and join us at the library  
for fun stories and craft



Tickets are free but please reserve your place to avoid disappointment.  
Donations are welcome.



**Chichester Music Centre**

**Spring Term 2018**

[www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk)



## **Have you ever wanted to sing 'live' in a Rock n' Pop Band?**

### ***Opportunity Knocks...***

We're looking for singers (year 6 and older) to join Chichester Music Centre's Rock N' Pop Band. If you have experience of singing through a mic that will be helpful, but it's not required!

*rehearsals are on Saturday mornings in Chichester High School  
the band is made up of vocals, electric guitars, drum kit and keyboards  
every term ends with a performance*

Auditions are on Saturday 24th March, 11.45am – 12.45pm, in Chichester High School; come along with your family/friends and be prepared to sing one (your favourite!) of the following songs with the band;

Ho Hey - The Lumineers  
Hold Back the River - James Bay  
Price Tag - Jesse J  
You Really Got Me - The Kinks  
Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd

Membership will start on Saturday 24 April and the first term is free of charge.

For further information and to book your audition ask your parent / carer to contact Chichester Music Centre's manager on 07469 351446 or by email; [david.bennet@westsussexmusic](mailto:david.bennet@westsussexmusic) or [music@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:music@westsussexmusic.co.uk).

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