



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Sport Relief - Non-uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who supported us with our non-uniform day on Thursday: in response to a 'fast track' proposal through the new School Parliament, the Fundraising and Finance Department, led by Alex Wilburn, invited children to wear their own clothes and make a donation. The money raised from this was £130.00 and will be partially donated to Lizzie Williams, a Paralympian who visited us during our 'Alive & Kicking' week. Some of the money will go to Sport Relief and some will go into the School Parliament coffers to fund initiatives proposed by other departments.

Remember to book in for **Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, if you have not already done so. We would really like to see as many parents as possible, to celebrate learning, to talk about your children's next steps in school and to discuss how you can support this at home. The electronic report books will be available for a preview, ahead of the publishing at the end of the school year, so please do arrive a few minutes before your appointment so that you have time to peruse the photos, videos and comments: this will form the basis for the discussions with the class teachers.

For further ideas on how to support learning at home, please take a look at the new section to our website: it is in the parents' tab and is entitled 'Supporting Children's Learning'. This is a new addition and will be built and added to over the coming months, with additional resources; video clips etc. if you have any ideas for other content, then please let us know: our aim is to provide as much support as possible. We also have the Usborne Junior Illustrated Grammar and Punctuation books available to buy for the children priced at £5 each - see below for details.

**Plea to Parents - Apple Class** need your old **cotton reels** and **wooden clothes pegs** please. If you have any that you could donate please do let us know. Do you have any **old towels** that you no longer need? We are in need of towels to be kept in school as part of our spare swimming kit.

Thank you.

## School Donations

Thank you to some parents and friends of the school who have made generous donations. We have been asked if this facility could be set up on our school money payment system. I am pleased to say it is available on-line now. When you log-in to your child's account you will see a line with 'School Donation' £1. If you would like to make a donation of any kind to school, you will be able to log into your account and override the £1 payment with any amount that you would like to make. There is, of course, absolutely no obligation for anyone to make a donation, but if you would like to then this is a quick and easy method to do so. Thank you all very much for your support.

## March

## The week ahead.....

**Don't Forget - no clubs this week**

**Monday 26th:** Rainbow Theatre production of the Easter Story for the whole school

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Parents' Evening, 3.00-5.00pm  
Scholastic Book Fair available for parents and children to buy books

**Wednesday 28th:** Sports Partnership Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre.  
3.00 - Pre-Loved Uniform Sale and Pre-School Bake Sale  
Parents' Evening - 3.00 - 6.00pm  
Scholastic Book Fair available for parents and children to buy books

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** End of Term Assembly, 8.45am - all welcome  
Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut



Good Friday - School Closed until 16<sup>th</sup> April Happy Easter Everyone!



If you have any **pre-loved uniform** please

do bring it in for our uniform shop. We are short of trousers, skirts and dresses.

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.00pm

Do come along and have a look at our selection.



## West Dean CE Primary School Council is evolving into a School Parliament.

You will probably have heard already about the working of the School Parliament so far (check last week's newsletter if you haven't heard about this!).

The five **Departments** are:

- Environment
- Curriculum and Learning
- Finance and Fundraising
- Healthy and Happy Lives
- Belief and behaviour
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Each of these Departments will have certain roles and jobs throughout the year.

The **Departments** will make **suggestions** to the **Pupils' Parliament** of elected Year 6 pupils. These pupils will be 'in office' for half of the school year: September to mid February/mid-February to July. The **Pupils' Parliament** will then make '**proposals**' to the **Adults' Parliament**.

The **Adults' Parliament** will decide whether a 'proposal' is agreed in its entirety, if it needs any amendments or if it is not to be followed. All decisions will be ratified by the **Adults' Parliament**. You will see that we are aiming to replicate our country's parliamentary system in a child-friendly way.

As you may be aware, the monarch does have certain powers to intervene in this decision making process, and so the governing body, guided by me, will take this role!

We hope that you will soon see the fruits of our collaborations and that the children are soon talking knowledgably about this. You will see that the Finance and Fundraising Department have already 'fast-tracked' a suggestion through parliament, as they are required to hold the funds for all the other departments to bid to! So, there will be a non-uniform day and a sponsored Readathon - and that is just after our first meeting!

### Books for School

We are delighted to be able to offer our **£5 Book Tokens** for you to shop for classroom library books with your child - pop into the office or email us to let us know you are planning a shopping trip and we will send a voucher home.

We will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** in school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00 onwards, to co-incide with Parents' Evenings. Please do come along and have a look at the lovely selection of books on offer. If you would prefer to **spend your book voucher allocation at our Book Fair**, please do let us know and we can make sure that you can make a selection for our library. This would also **benefit the school** because we can earn commission on books sold at the Fair which will enable us to choose additional books for our library.



### West Dean School Parliament - Sponsored Readathon

Our newly formed School Parliament have met and our Finance and Fundraising Department have proposed that we hold a sponsored Readathon. This will encourage all of our children to read as much as possible over the Easter holidays in addition to raising funds for our School Parliament. Other Departments within the Parliament can then 'bid' for funding for projects that they would like to undertake.

All of our children are invited to take part in the Readathon and you will now have received your sponsor forms and book marks; children can be sponsored for reading a book, a chapter or 5 minutes per day, whatever is suitable for each child. You may like to read the book that has been chosen with the book token.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild  
To pick up a book and read with a child" - Dr Seuss

### HOME LEARNING RESOURCE

We have copies of the Usborne Junior Illustrated Grammar and Punctuation books available to buy for the children priced at £5 each. We would like every child in KS2 to have their own copy of this publication for use at home.

This valuable resource is available to purchase as a shop item on [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk).

### Care Bears Plea -

We would like to start to do larger jigsaw puzzles in Care Bears, which we can leave out and come back to when we want to. If anyone has a 'puzzle wrap' that they could let us have that would be amazing.

This would mean we could 'wrap' our puzzle up when we finish and keep it safe for next time.

Please do let us know if you can help.



## PTA DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Please do get involved in this exciting new initiative - see below. Save the dates in your diaries!

# ART ON A POSTCARD

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS OF ALL AGES CONNECTED TO WEST DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Be part of an art exhibition to showcase all the talented people in and connected to school whilst raising money for many things that West Dean pupils will enjoy. Just create/produce a drawing, a collage, painting or a photograph on a postcard supplied by the PTA or your own 15cm x 10cm maximum size, we will frame your masterpiece and exhibit it in school!

The submission deadline is Monday 16th April  
Cost of submissions is £2 for children/students and £4 for adults payable online at [schoolmoney](#) or a cheque made payable to West Dean PTA  
Exhibition in school

Monday 23rd April until Thursday 26th April

Private View of works on Friday 20th April 6pm - 8pm

Sale /Auction of works on Thursday 26th April 7pm - 8pm

More info to follow ...

Any questions please contact Leisa Chambers  
[Westdeanpta@outlook.com](mailto:Westdeanpta@outlook.com)

Happy creating!



### Child Care Facility

In response to enquiries from parents, we are hoping to be able to put together a list of child care providers.

If you are a registered child minder, if you use a registered child minder or know of anyone who would be happy for our recommendation, please do let us know.

We are excited to announce that West Dean Pre-School has been nominated for the Midhurst and Petworth Observer's Pre-School of the Year 2018 award. However, in order to be shortlisted to the top five finalists, we need people to post comments of support on the newspaper's Facebook page.

The link below is from the pre-school's Facebook page which then directs you to the Midhurst and Petworth page. We would be ever so grateful if the parents and friends of our 'big' school neighbours would post comments to help us reach the finals. They can also 'like' us on Facebook while there!

Please note that it is important that comments are made on the Midhurst and Petworth Facebook page and not directly on our link to it :)

<https://www.facebook.com/westdeanpreschool/posts/2131565866960577>

Thanks you so much for your help and support.

### *Acorn Awards*

*We didn't have Acorn Awards today as we invited parents to our Apple Class assembly.*

*Our final awards of the term will be given next week.*



### **Corporate Challenge Running Event 2018**

What a term of sporting action this has been!

Once again, we are really proud of all our runners who have competed after school, with the support of parents and Mrs. Johnson. They have done really well: when we have information about times etc we will publish them.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Horstead and Dartagnan for sponsoring the team.

# Hockey!

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March the West Dean Team went to a hockey tournament at The Regis School on their school ground. We took a team of 6 which were: Charlie G, Jamie E, Jack C, Alex W, Holly W and Amy M. All of the team played really well and the main thing is we tried our hardest. Overall we had 9 matches, 2 of them were quarter finals and the finals. Amazingly we didn't let a single goal in, so we know that meant that WE WON!!!!!! We had an amazing time.

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

### Easter Holidays - West Dean Readathon

AAA Coaching, 9.00-4.00 - Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, Weds 4<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Art on a Postcard closing date

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30-3.30 - Apple Class Huff and Puff Festival at Westgate

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Sports Partnership Year 4/5 Cricket (details tbc)

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class

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

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1.15-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Year 5 selected at Bishop Luffa

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00 - 3.45, Sports Partnership Tri Golf, year 3&4 selected

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

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

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-2.55 - Strings Assembly with Alex Urquhart

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Lions Club Swimathon

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

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



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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.
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	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.  Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.
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 parental responsibility. 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.
	<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> )
	<b>PAT Electrical Safety Testing</b>  Do we have any of our parents out there with PAT testing expertise? If you think you might be able to help us with this please do let us know.