



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Community Café this afternoon - whether you baked cakes, supplied resources, helped with logistics or just came along to enjoy the refreshments and entertainment - *mercy beaucoup!* The children are increasingly taking lead roles in this enterprise project, ably supported by Mrs Prudence, Mrs Pinnington and our two student teachers: Miss Jeffries and Miss Hogan. Our string ensemble and the clarinetists are showing increasing professionalism with their playing. We enjoyed *La Vie en Rose*, *Frere Jacques* and *Au Clair de Lune*. Oscar amazed us with his saxophone rendition of 'Sax Café' and we were also treated to *La Marseillaise*.

It is also super to see the children using their initiative and coming up with their own fund raising ideas: Sophie and Tilly are planning a sponsored bike ride, Sophie collected four leaf clovers to sell, and we have some news from last week regarding swimming - for money not just for glory and enjoyment this time! Thanks to Sue Goacher's inspirational leadership and the support of staff and parents (especially Mrs Johnson); a group of our children were able to raise more money for our school resources and activities. The children's reports are included in this newsletter.

**CAR PARK SAFETY** - we have increasing concerns about the safety of our children in the car park, once again. Please do not:

- leave children in the playground until a school grown up is present
- park at the bottom clogging up manoeuvring space, especially when there are spaces at the top
- park in the car park unless you have YR or pre-school children with you
- drive and park dangerously!

## Dance House highlights Evening

Fourteen of our dancers took part in the 'highlights' event, which was a combination of the best performances from all of the dance house evenings. We are extremely proud of them and of Ellie for leading them to this high standard. The children really enjoyed it, despite the late night and hard work! Thanks again to the parents and carers who supported this, in being audience members, taxi drivers and support for Ellie! The organisers were so impressed by the performance that they sent this congratulatory email to the girls and to Ellie:

I just wanted to say a huge Thank You so very much to West Dean for returning to perform at our Highlights Evening last night; I really do appreciate the amount of hard work and logistical arrangements that goes into such a commitment.

West Dean contributed in so many ways to an enormously successful evening. We had a full house with a very supportive and vocal audience; it was lovely to hear West Dean receive such a huge cheer! We had so many compliments from parents and teachers alike who were amazed by the maturity and performance skills of your dancers. In addition, from a behavioural point of view, your dancers were an absolute joy and a credit to your school, both during the daytime rehearsal and in the evening backstage and side stage. Thank You!!

It was lovely to see you again Ellie, and it really is no exaggeration to say, that without the commitment and dedication of teachers like yourself Dance House just wouldn't be possible. The standard of dance was even higher this year, as evidenced by your dance and your dancers.

We hope to see you back in 2018! Many thanks and best wishes.

*So - well done dancers and thank you Ellie!*

## Five boys, one team, one goal...

## The West Dean 'Swimathon'

On Saturday 13 May Jamie, Ewan, Ashton, Charlie Gran and I took part in a swimathon. We had to swim non-stop for 55 minutes as a relay team. We started by swimming two lengths each then switched to single lengths with 25 minutes to go.

It was hard work but I thought it was great because we had each other to cheer us on.

As a team we swam 78 lengths (2574m!) in 55 minutes and we raised a whopping £719 for the PTA! We hope we can spend the money on sports equipment! Jack Clemens yr 4.

On Saturday 13th May we took a team of 5 swimmers, Ashton, Charlie, Ewan, Jack, Jamie, to the Westgate Leisure Centre for a 'Swimathon' which was organised by the Lions Club of Chichester. We entered the team to raise money for the school. All of us had a sponsorship form to fill in. We asked our family and friends to sponsor us. We had to swim for 55 minutes non-stop in a relay to see how many lengths we could swim. The hooter started and Jamie dived in to start us off.

We swam 2 lengths each then handed over to the next person. We kept up our energy by eating Jelly Babies and drinking small sips of water. When we started to get tired we changed to doing one fast length each. It was really exciting at the end when we were racing against the clock and we kept going as fast as we could.

When the hooter went at the end we saw how many lengths we had done - 78 lengths!!!!!!!!!!!! We couldn't believe it and we worked out that we have raised £719 for our school!!!!!!!! We are hoping to spend the money on sports equipment for the school. Then we worked out that 78 lengths was the same distance as swimming from West Dean up to the very top of The Trundle!!!! A long way!!!

By Ewan Edwards, yr 3.

Thank you to Mrs Goacher and Mrs Johnson for coming to support us and for the jelly babies!

### MORE SWIMMING NEWS!

The **swimming pool** will be up and running ready for our return after half term. Information is attached regarding the PTA rota for after school use. Please do sign up to help if you are able to, the children love the opportunity of an after school swim. We have a poolside first aid course running for any helpers who would like to be involved, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1.00-2.30 - Please do ask at the school office for details if you are interested. Let's keep our fingers crossed for some lovely sunshine.



### SCHOOL FETE

**MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND LOOK OUT FOR THE PTA INFORMATION**

Our newly formed PTA are already very busy behind the scenes and we have lots of exciting plans for this year's fund raising event.

Without the Apple Affair this year,

it is even more important that we have a super successful fete.

See below for further information.

**Year 6 - Secondary Transition** - a note from Chichester High School

"Please can all Year 6 students moving up to Chichester High School in September remember to return their uniform orders to the main reception by the 5<sup>th</sup> June so they can be processed for collection on the Induction Day 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The uniform shop is open term time only Tuesday 12.30 - 2.00pm and Thursday 8.30 - 10.00am.

Kind regards CHS School office"

*Acorn Awards - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

***Finley** - for working independently and being proud of your writing*

***Bradley** - for a good attitude to learning*

***Jago** - for consistent hard work and determination in all parts of your reading*

***Mason** - for going above and beyond in your target book, doing a lot of extra maths learning*

***Ashton** - for always presenting your work in a neat and organised manner, and working hard during English sessions this week, planning your play script*

***Rose** - for being a reliable classmate and a very good friend to others*

***Dylan** - for care and attention in laying out your maths, so important*

**PTA News:**

Following our AGM our new PTA chair is Leisa Chambers, our thanks to Claire Mitchell and her team for all of her hard work and support. Claire is still here with us until the end of term and will be our guiding light through the Fete! We now have a new team of Committee members.

'What's App' groups have been set up for committee members and helpers. There are a great group of helpers but we are always looking for people to join us.

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa ([leisa.chambers55@gmail.com](mailto:leisa.chambers55@gmail.com)) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk))

**Please make sure you have the fete date in your diaries!**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

You will shortly be receiving your quota of raffle tickets for the fete, please do sell as many as you can and if you need any more please ask at the office.



### **Dates for 2017**

SummerTerm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Monday 22 May, 1.00-2.30** - Pool side First Aid training session (selected attendees)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Racing to school at Goodwood - Year 6

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - INSET - AAA Coaching available**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June am** - Governor Visits

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Election Day School open as normal

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Yellow School Photos

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral - information to follow

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - School Fete

**W/C 19 June** - Parent Evenings Year 1, 3, 5 **No clubs this week**

**Thursday 22 June, 8.45** - Chestnut Class Assembly

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45** - Maple Class Assembly

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1.15pm** - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - New Entrants Visit

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 8.45** - Beech Class Assembly

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - INSET**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - New Entrants Visit

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 8.45** - Apple Class Assembly

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Cricket at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Whole School Production - evening show for all children (details to follow)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm** - Music Concert

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30** - Sports afternoon


**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00** - PTA Picnic & BBQ/Rounders event - all welcome

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30** - Sports Afternoon Reserve

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1.30pm** - Leavers' Service at West Dean Church

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition afternoon and New Entrants' Visit



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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.
Summer Term Clubs and Care Bears 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a>. We have had a number of children this term, expecting to be in Care Bears but not booked in or paid for. We only have 1 member of staff and 12 places each day and this has caused us issues. If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. You can cancel your place through school money and your account will be credited or Please email the office (<a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Information is now available regarding clubs for the second half of the summer term.</p> <p>The timetable for summer term clubs is attached for your information. Letters have been sent home regarding club provision for the next half term and clubs are now live on <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a>.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
Class Open Mornings	<p><b>Class Open Mornings - 8.45</b>  <b>Apple - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>  <b>Maple - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>  <b>Beech - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>  <b>Chestnut - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b></p> <p>These are dates when you will be able to spend 20 - 30 minutes in the classroom, finding out about how we learn and teach some specific concepts and skills. We hope that you will join us to aid you in supporting your children.</p>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available during the half term holiday, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in addition to the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will also be on site for our Inset day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact Ben for information and to book places.  <a href="mailto:ben@aaacoaching.co.uk">ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</a></p>