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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our PTA committee have been doing a super job of getting everything prepared for the fete, which will be upon us very soon! Next Saturday 17th June! Make sure you have the date in your diaries and are ready to arrive in plenty of time for children to be ready to join in the Maypole Dancing, (11:45am) please, for a prompt 12 noon start. More information will follow. Well done to everyone who turned up to school in non-uniform on Wednesday and brought in such a super range of tombola prizes and teddies - this is a great start for our stalls!

It was good to see so many parents and carers from **Chestnut Class** taking part in today's open morning, where they learnt how we edit our writing to improve it. Do see below for diary dates of further Open Mornings.

Quick reminder: **School/Class photos** will take place on Monday morning, 12th June, so please give hair an extra brush and shoes an extra polish!

STAFFING NEWS

I am really pleased to say that Ms Pleasance is planning to be back in school in a couple of weeks' time. In the meantime, Mrs. Chilton, Mrs. Plackett and the team are doing a super job in Apple Class. We are very grateful to them for keeping everything running so smoothly for the children during this time. Ms. Pleasance is keen to come back and is missing us all! There will be a short transition period where she will work alongside Mrs. Plackett and then our timetable will be back to normal.

I plan to share staffing plans for next year in the newsletter at the end of next week, when we have finalised this.

MATHS

Mrs. Johnson and I have been working hard behind the scenes to introduce several new maths initiatives which will help you to support your children easily at home, to see clearly what your child's targets/areas to work on are, and to give us some really tangible achievements to celebrate. You will all have had your **Sumdog** login details - lots of children are already whizzing along with this and making super progress. If you need support in this, please come and speak to Mrs. Johnson.

At the end of this newsletter, there is a selection of questions for children to have a go at. Each week we will publish some questions for children to try. They will be able to bring their solutions to school by the following Wednesday to earn house points! The questions will also give you, as parents and carers, a further benchmark for the sort of maths we expect each year group to be able to do, independently. The most neat and accurate solutions will be published the following week. Please see below for details.

In addition to this, we have a new system for pupils' **maths targets**, which will build a progression in number skills into our work in school. This is called our **Maths Matters Challenges**. Some of you will already have seen the work the children have been doing. Next week we will be publishing the progression and each child will have a target to work on. Children will very much be able to progress at their own speed: the more support you can give them at home, the better.

Rambling Club

This week we had our very first 'Rambling Club'. Mrs Goacher and I took some of our children through the village and up towards the Trundle. We walked through the woods and along the side of the field with a crop of oats and back along the wall. We misjudged the timing a little as there was so much to stop and look at along the way. The children were trying to guess the different fields of crops that they could see and we discussed what we could see and hear, looked at the wind blowing the crops and the clouds. A real pleasure to spend some time with the children and so lovely to be let out of the office for a little while. Can't wait for next week! For our final week of walking club, we would like to invite the parents of those children to join in with us if you would like to. More details to follow nearer to the time. Mrs Shears.



Thank you to the PTA for our lovely new gardening tools.

Cookery Club: this week our Master Chefs created Broccoli and Cheese Pasties, which were pretty delicious. The recipe is attached if you would like to have a go at home. Please do let us have any photographs of your creations.

TICKS

We re loving the summery weather and being outdoors, but I need to remind you all to be vigilant and to look out for ticks, which can affect humans as well as animals. One of our children picked up a tick, which was luckily found promptly by her parent. Please just keep an eye out, and we will do the same in school.

SWIMMING NEWS!

The **swimming pool** is up and running and ready for use, we just need some sunshine. Information will be available shortly 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. Please do sign up to help keep our swimming pool open after school and through the holidays. Children will need to have their swimming kit in school every day just in case the sun comes out and they can have a swim. Swimming kit should be named and in a named bag.

SCHOOL FETE - Saturday 17th June, 12.00pm

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



Acorn Awards - Thursday 9th June 2017

***Freddie** - for fantastic weaving with fabric and paper*

***Mia** - for having a good first week and settling well into Apple class*

***Kitty** - for excellent use of possessive apostrophe*

***Indie** - for listening to feedback in maths and having a growth mind-set if he is unsure*

***Esther** - for thinking carefully about how poems are structured and delivered and explaining your ideas for poems clearly*

***Amy** - for making good choices in maths, presenting your work carefully and accurately*

***Francesca** - for working so hard on your writing skills with great success*

PTA News:

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

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

Saturday 17th June

You will have received 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.

Thank you to everyone for bringing in gifts and goodies for Our Tombola and Raffle this week when we had our Non-Uniform Day in school.



Dates for 2017

SummerTerm Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

Monday 12th June - Yellow School Photos

Wednesday 14th June - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral - information to follow

Saturday 17th 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 29th June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd June 1.15pm - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Wednesday 28th June - New Entrants Visit

Tuesday 4th July, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th July - GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 5th July - INSET

Thursday 6th July - New Entrants Visit

Friday 7th July, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Monday 10th July - Cricket at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th July - Whole School Production - evening show for all children (details to follow)

Fantastic Elastic Travel Show! C'est Fantastique!

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

Wednesday 19th July, 12.30 - Sports afternoon

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


Thursday 20th July, 12.30 - Sports Afternoon Reserve

Friday 21st July, 1.30pm - Leavers' Service at West Dean Church

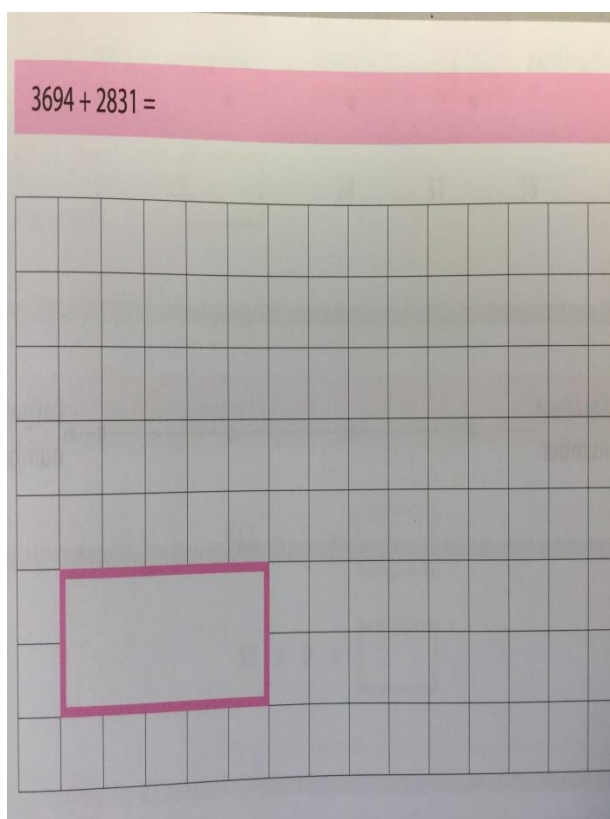
Monday 24th July - Transition afternoon and New Entrants' Visit

Tuesday 25th July - Last day of term

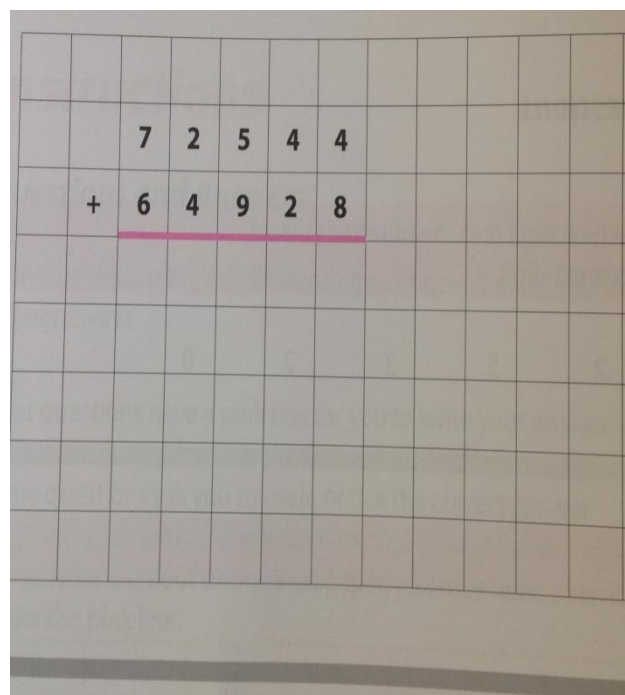


	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child 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 www.schoolmoney.co.uk. 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 (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 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.</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>Class Open Mornings - 8.45</p> <p>Apple - Tuesday 27th June 2017</p> <p>Maple - Tuesday 20th June 2017</p> <p>Beech - Friday 16th June 2017</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 in the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places.</p> <p>ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>

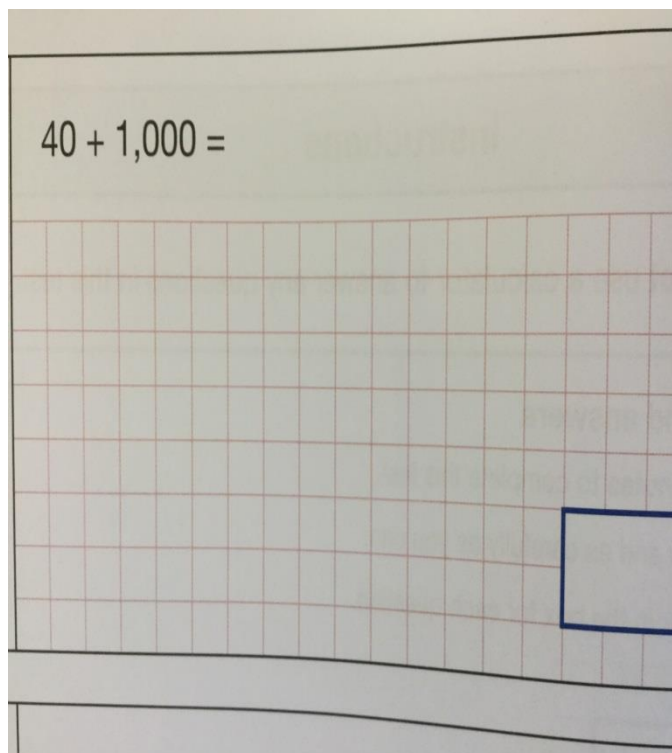
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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$$£3.56 + £17.08$$

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for working out.