



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school to everyone and a huge welcome to Miss Ashton who is teaching in Maple Class. We have all settled back really well and are looking forward to another 'welcome' next week—on Monday our new YR (Reception) children will be joining us in Apple Class. Our Y1 pupils have been getting ready to show them how we do things at West Dean and we are excited to have some new friends to get to know.

We are delighted to be offering Forest School type outdoor learning which we intend to boost our use of our lovely environment and to inspire learning in all subject areas with a very active approach. Miss Boxall will be developing skills and experience to lead this with the Environment Department of our School Parliament.

Our learning plans are being slightly adapted this year, to make learning even more holistic and cross-curricular, so that elements of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), for example, will be taught as part of a short unit of work, and may be linked to reading and writing, history and art etc. as appropriate. You will notice our curriculum plans will look slightly different to reflect this approach and 'topics' will be shorter—a couple of weeks rather than a whole or half a term.

Keep an eye on the dates and information we are all set up for a busy and exciting year once again!

Aldi's Kits For Schools—Get Set to Eat Fresh

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. (Please see attached information).

This gives us the opportunity to collect stickers; if we fill the chart with 300 stickers we can receive a school sports kit. In addition, 20 primary schools will have the chance to win £20,000.

When you spend £30 in Aldi you will receive a Team GB sticker—we need to fill our poster with 300 stickers by 3rd November, please do have a look at the giant sticker chart that will be on display; you can drop your stickers into the school office.

Our Finance and Fundraising department will be leading this.

The week ahead..... September 2019

Monday : Forest School Activities for Chestnut and Maple Classes

First day for Reception children in Apple Class—PTA 'Tea and Tissues' for new parents in the pavilion from 8:45am

Clubs—Drama

Tuesday: Forest School Activities Beech and Apple Classes

Clubs—Swimming at Westbourne House

Wednesday : Clubs—Cookery and Chess

Thursday : GAS Dance Day at Lavant (selected pupils)

Clubs— Lego & Judo

Friday: Clubs - AAA Sports

NB: the viability of our clubs depends on numbers— if too few pupils sign up for a club we will regrettably not be able to run it

THANK YOU On a personal note, I want to say thank you to everyone for your good wishes for my wedding which was in the holidays. We were blessed with fabulous family and friends, weather, location and lots of love. Thank you also for your kind gifts: the picture of the school, produced by Guy Venables and signed by all the children and staff will be treasured forever—we love it!

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff in saying a huge thank you for cards and gifts at the end of the year: it is great to know we are all appreciated., I am very aware of how hard our team work and echo your appreciation.

Great West Dean Bake Off!

Our theme in assembly this week and next is 'cakes!' We have been thinking about the ingredients for a **great school** and we will also be thinking about the ingredients needed for a **great learner**.

This cake was baked by my 'star baker' and was designed for a person's special occasion—the children guessed who!

These were the children's ideas:

Take ninety children and twelve teachers, not forgetting premises staff and our office team.

Mix them all up!

Add:

- a tbsp. of kindness
- A jug of perseverance
- A cup of understanding
- A tsp. of fun
- A tsp. of helpfulness
- A bucket of love
- A zest of imagination
- 500g of intelligence



The result is West Dean CE Primary School! 😊

Who's Who in our School Parliament?

Pupil Parliament Department	Lead staff	Year Six MPs & Secretaries	Things we are working on this term/year
Belief and behaviour/ vision and values	Mrs. Moss Mrs. Wakefield	Lauren Matilda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil contribution to assemblies Rewarding behaviour in assemblies, playtimes and around school Reviewing and simplifying our School Charter and Vision, ethos, creed etc
Finance and Fund raising -	Mrs. Chilton Mrs, Shears	Ewan Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising money to support our STEM work Aldi sticker collection Harvest Other fundraising initiatives throughout the year
Healthy and Happy Lives	Mrs. Plackett Miss Ashton	James S Solomon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hello Yellow—mental health—staying positive and knowing how to stay healthy in our minds as well as our bodies
Curriculum and Learning	Mrs. Prudence	Leo Pip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning behaviours
Environment	Mrs. Johnson Miss Boxall Mrs. Goacher	Max Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School community allotment Switching lights off and saving energy How and what to recycle at home and school

Our School Parliament is how we achieve lots of things in school with the children. They input to this and so do staff. Things are achieved in partnership. We love to have governor and parent involvement, so if you would like to support one of our departments, (particularly the environment department where I know several parents have expressed an interest), then please do let one of us know.

Diary Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December

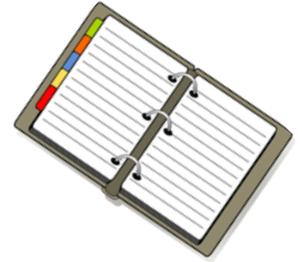
Half Term : Monday 28 October - Friday 1st November

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



2019/20 INSET days

Monday 2nd September, Friday 25th October, Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Thursday 12th September—GAS Dance Day at Lavant—selected pupils

Thursday 12th September, 2.30—Chestnut Class Information Session

Tuesday 17th September 8.45am—Beech Class Information Session

Wednesday 18th September 2.30pm—Apple Class Information Session

Thursday 19th September 2.30pm—Maple Class Information Session

Tuesday 24th September—Drama 4 All Workshops—YR, 1, 2

Thursday 26th September—Governing Body Meeting

Monday 30th September—Visit to Chichester Records Office— Yr5 & 6—selected pupils

Tuesday 1st October—Chestnut Class visit to Southampton Museum

Thursday 3rd October—Paul Collicut visiting author in school

Monday 7th October—Literacy Enrichment Chichester Cathedral—selected pupils only

Wednesday 9th October—Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 15th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Parents Evening & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October—Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Wednesday 16th October—School Friends Service Chichester Cathedral—Beech Class

Friday 18th October 8.45am —Harvest Festival Assembly

Thursday 24th October 2.30pm—Community Café in hall

Friday 25th October—INSET Day—school closed

Acorn Awards
Friday 6th September 2019

Henry - for thinking carefully about his sounds when reading and blending his sounds accurately

Zebby - for his mature approach to learning and for being brave enough to ask for help when needed

Sidney V - for writing super sentences that created a feeling of anticipation

Mia A - for showing determination and perseverance when showing the whole class her magic trick

Kitty - for being brave and asking for help when she needed it, what a super example for others.

James S - for his interest and enthusiasm in the classroom, looking for ways to get involved and showing our new Year 5s how to take an active role in lessons



West Dean CE Primary School - Club Hub

After School Clubs Autumn 1

Autumn Term 2019

first half of Autumn term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs K Prudence	12	Drama	£ 25.00	4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs S Johnson & Mrs S Goacher	20	Swimming WH	£ 25.00	3,4,5,6
Wednesday	Mr P Chambers	10	Chesskids	£ 25.00	4,5,6
	Mrs S Muggeridge & Miss J Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mr M Pring	18	Judo	£ 27.50	3,4,5,6
	Mrs S Pearmaine	12	Lego	£ 25.00	1,2
Friday	Mr B Johnson	25	AAA Coaching	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6,

Club Dates: W/C 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September and 7th October.

There will be no after school clubs during the week commencing 14th & 21st October,

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.

Westbourne House Swimming is 6.30-7.15pm

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15

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.

Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00.

Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. 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.



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)

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.