



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has visited our Duende Gallery this week: we are extremely proud of the range and quality of work the classes and children in art club have produced. If you haven't yet visited, there is still time! We are extending the opening period until Tuesday morning by popular demand - it will be open before and after school until then. We have had some lovely feedback from our visitors and hope that you will encourage as many people as possible to pop in! It is lovely to see the quality writing which this topic has inspired too. Do remember to visit the 'surreal sculpture park' in the orchard - inspired by our Spring term visit to the Cass Sculpture Foundation, Chestnut Class are very proud of this.

As you will no doubt be aware, from all the chatter from the children, we have had a big focus on Spanish culture this week. We have had some Spanish teachers in each classroom to add another dimension to our learning about Spanish language, culture and its impact and legacy around the world, and we have all learnt new facts, words and songs.

Our sporting events have continued this week and included the Change4Life Festival in Bognor, which celebrated the three terms of clubs that the children have taken part in. Some of our Year 3,4 and 5 children had the opportunity to visit the STEM fair at Ditcham Park school and were able to spend time in the 'planetarium' looking at the stars. Mrs Goacher reported impeccable behavior throughout an interesting and fun afternoon, and they all returned with 'goody bags' to share at home.

Well done to Apple Class for an amazing **assembly** where we heard all about their learning - we particularly enjoyed the Bear Hunt performance, where the children used such super expression, supported by Michael Rosen, the author! Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to join us and celebrate all of the children's work.

Monday 16th July will be our 'transition' afternoon in school where the children will join their new classes and year groups in preparation for the new term in the Autumn. Mrs Shears and Mr Coutts (School Governor) will take the Year 6 children to West Dean stores for their traditional leavers' ice cream with some games and puzzles too.

The swimming pool temperature reached 33 degrees on Tuesday afternoon this week - the hottest ever recorded at West Dean! Please see attached, further information regarding our 'Save our Swimming Pool' campaign, to help us to future proof this amazing facility. We have been so lucky with the weather again this week and the pool has been used every day. Thank you to everyone for keeping the after school swims going and supporting the management of behaviour and safety in these sessions.

School Reports These will be available for collection electronically from Monday morning. We will send out information on Monday so that you will be able to access them from home/outside school. For those of you with ipads/iphones, we can airdrop the reports to you: you will need to download the Book Creator app, if you do not already have it, and pop into the school office between 8:30 and 9:00am next week.

The week ahead.....

Monday 16th July:

Chestnut Class - Sex and Relationship Education with Ms Pleasance

Transition afternoon and New Entrants' final visit (Year 6 with Mr Coutts and Mrs Shears at West Dean Stores)

Gallery (see attached invitation)

Tuesday 17th July:

1.30pm - Leavers' Service in West Dean Church - all welcome to join us, especially parents of Y6 pupils

Gallery (see attached invitation) NB the gallery will be closed from 9:30 as we take it down in preparation for sports afternoon and the end of term

Wednesday 18th July:

Sports afternoon, BBQ and rounders

Thursday 19th July:

(Sports afternoon, BBQ and rounders - reserve date)

Friday 20th July:

8.45 - 9.30 End of Term Assembly - all welcome to join us to say goodbye to Mrs Canning and celebrate the end of the school year

9.30 - 10.00 - Coffee Morning for Mrs Canning - all welcome!



Clubs: there are no more clubs this term but will resume after the summer holidays - look out for further information shortly.

Care Bears will run every day, 3.00-4.00, please make sure you have booked a place.



SCHOOL GALLERY **DUENDE**

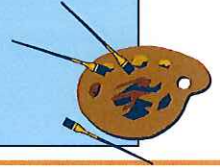
This year, to celebrate our topic work linked to Spain, and Spanish & Mexican culture, we are pleased to invite you to our gallery of work.

This will be open for viewing on:

Friday 13th July - 2:30 - 4:00pm

Monday 16th July - 2:30 - 3:30pm

Tuesday 17th July - 8:30 - 9:30am



Acorn Awards **Friday 13th July 2018**

Marina - for showing a consistent hard working attitude and enthusiasm in school

Rupert - for consistently trying his best and asking questions to improve his understanding

Harry - for getting stuck into our Spanish lessons, engaging with the language and our teachers

James W - for great concentration on spelling and handwriting this week with Mrs Wakefield

Cameron - for a steady terms work, quietly engaging with off our learning

Kitty P - for making sure she has been ready to learn throughout year 5 and always trying to improve and challenge herself

Alessandro - for understanding that learning behaviours are the key to progress and being ready to learn. He has made great progress this year

Sports Afternoon

We do hope that you will be able to join us for our sports afternoon followed by our traditional rounders match and PTA bar-b-que.

Our afternoon will begin at 1.00pm, straight after lunch and should finish around 2:45, when we will bring the children back inside to get changed and prepare for the picnic, BBQ and home time.

We hope that our Y6 pupils will stay for the BBQ and for a game of rounders against our staff, governors and any willing PTA committee members!

We will have 'Daisy' the vintage ice cream van on site from 3.30 onwards - we would like to ask for a suggested donation of £2 per ice cream please to help cover the cost of this.

Message from the PTA:

After the sports afternoon next Wednesday we shall have a big picnic on the field... please bring picnic blankets and any food your family would like; we do have Asdean sausages and bread rolls available for parents and carers to cook on the BBQ, there will be ice lollies and water available too. All cash donations for these are much appreciated. You are welcome to bring your own food to cook on the BBQ.

Thank you



Lost Property

Please do take a moment to check out our 'lost property bin' which is on the decking outside the Pavilion - this will be emptied at the end of term and anything that does not have a name in will be removed.

Thank you

Summer Term Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018



Gallery Opening Hours:

Monday 16th July - 2:30 - 3:30pm

Tuesday 17th July - 8:30 - 9:30am



Monday 16th July - Transition afternoon in school (Year 6 to West Dean stores)

Tuesday 17th June, 1.30-2.30 - Year 6 Leavers' Service in West Dean Church

Wednesday 18th July - Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

Thursday 19th July - Reserve date for Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome to help us celebrate the end of Mrs Canning's reign!, followed by PTA coffee morning until 10.00am.

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Tuesday 4th September- Wednesday 19th December

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

2018/19 INSET days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Christmas Dates for 2018!

Friday 14th December- Father Christmas visit to West Dean College (TBC)


Monday 17th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch, Christingle Making in School

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

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 19th 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. 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.
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 schoolmoney.co.uk.
	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)
Waitrose Charity	We have been lucky enough to secure a 'tube' in Waitrose store during the month of August - anytime you shop at Waitrose you will be given a green counter to place in one of three tubes for a good cause and at the end of the month that organization is awarded the equivalent sum of money. Please go to Waitrose for your shopping and pop your counter into our tube! Thank you to Mr John Coutts, one of our school governors, for helping to organise this for us.

Swimming

Just a quick note to ask everyone to help us to keep the school secure during the busy after school period, when people are coming and going from clubs. As you know, we unlock the pedestrian gates just before 'pick up' and then lock them again, to keep everyone in clubs safe and secure. To enable anyone taking part in after school swim sessions to exit school without going through the school building, there is now a new PTA padlock on the gate near the pool to allow you to leave into the car park.

Please wait for a school adult to allow access to the swimming pool during after school sessions.

Please support the person in charge with this and avoid coming through the school grounds and building.

Please make sure that you are supervising your own children, our First Aider is there for your safety only and is not responsible for your child. Thank you for your continued support to make this a fun, safe session for everyone.

Please make sure that your child has their swim kit (named) in school every day this half term, we will try to swim as much as possible, weather permitting.

Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign

'Sponsor a Stone'

Dear Parents and Carers

We are, once again, calling on you for your support with our swimming pool.

We have been so lucky with the weather and, to date, there have only been 3 occasions when we have not been able to open the pool, thank you to our First Aiders and willing volunteers, without your help this would not be possible.

The children have really been making good use of the pool, swimming every day, where possible and growing in confidence as well as learning and building essential water skills. We will continue to build on this with our after school club at Westbourne House in the Autumn and Westgate swim sessions in the Spring.

During the autumn term we will need to carry out some routine maintenance work in addition to some reactive works as some of the rendering beneath the coping stones has deteriorated. In order to repair this, the stones will need to be removed, the rendering replaced, the stones re-seated and possibly some extension of the fibre glass lining.

In order to raise funds to contribute towards the cost of this essential maintenance we would like to offer you the opportunity to 'purchase a coping stone'. We would like to suggest a donation of £25 per family to help to future proof our West Dean swimming pool and make it beautiful again. If you feel you would like to support us in this you can make a donation on schoolmoney.co.uk. All of our 'sponsors' would have their names displayed in the swimming pool area as a recognition of their contribution and support to ensure that the legacy of the swimming pool at West Dean remains for the benefit of our children now and other children in the future.

We are currently in the process of obtaining 3 quotations for the works to be carried out and will have a clearer idea of final costs once these have been obtained.

Alternatively, if any of our parents are experienced in this area and could offer their expertise, we would welcome this too.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with this and express our appreciation for your assistance with our continued caretaking of this valued facility, both now and in the future.

So far this season, with your help, we have raised the following amounts of money towards the cost of keeping our swimming pool:

Income	After School Use	PTA	Other	Other
	Save our Swimming	Donation	Police Fund	Lions Swimathon
	Pool Campaign			
£	740.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 500.00	£ 1,675.00
				£ 3,835.00

On Tuesday 10th July, a group of KS2 pupils from West Dean School visited the Regis School to take part in the Change4Life Festival. Their day included team games, a giant inflatable obstacle course, a parachute activity and a smoothie making workshop.

They also learnt to trust others when they were on the obstacle course and had to guide each other while blindfolded. As well as sport, the day included healthy eating which was portrayed in a fun smoothie making activity.

The whole day was a celebration from the Change4Life after-school club which is run on a Wednesday and includes many different sports. The sports club is run by Mr Johnson and everyone who came to the Festival is extremely grateful for all his help and hard work.

Report by KILTY P and Ashton
Year 5

God and the big bang

On the 2nd of July Chestnut Class went on a trip to the Chichester Cathedral to learn about whether God and the Big Bang are related and if you can believe in a religion and science at the same time.

The children went to different workshops to learn how science and religion relate. The workshops that they experienced were full of enjoyable facts about salmon, dinosaurs, earth-quakes and fossils.

Here are some quotes from the children in year 6 – “I learnt how a fossil was formed into a rock, well how that happened was that a fish or any animal will die and it will get washed up the shore of water then sand and little stones will go on top of it.” quoted Hester.

Someone else added that they learnt that England actually has earthquakes; they also learnt how they are formed .How they are formed is by

two tectonic plates rub together and create a big vibration through the part of the country.

They also learnt about salmon and how they catch them and how it can change the life cycle as well as how they can change colour from migrating and what water the salmon swim in. The children played a game with M&M's with a straw and a plastic cup. How it worked is that they had to pick up as many M&M'S as possible and each one was worth a point or more.

The children had a great time and learnt a lot about how science and religion relate and the children went home with lots of facts to tell their parents!

Reported by Lilly-Grace and Kitty Hogg.

To the parents, carers and wider community of West Dean CE Primary School

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we will be having some building works taking place in school during the summer holidays.

The work in question will be in the cloakrooms at the entrance to our school adjacent to the main entrance. This will involve the internal refurbishment of the cloakrooms with no alterations to the exterior of the building.

The contractor for these works is Cheesmur. They will have responsibility for the health and safety on our school site during the period of these building works being carried out. Their hours of work will be between 7.30 and 4.30 daily, Monday to Friday.

We hope that these works will not cause any disruption or disturbance to any of our stakeholders or members of our community. If you do have any concerns regarding these works, please could you contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Goacher; 01243 811641.

We really hope that you will be supportive of these works taking place and that you will appreciate the benefit that this will offer our children to have a more pleasant and comfortable school environment.

Thank you for your support.

Morkha Hellyer

Signed on behalf of our School Parliament

West Dean C.E. Primary School

DUENDE GALLERY



You are invited to visit our school to see art work from all our children.

This term, we have all been learning about art and artists, culture and language relating to Spain and the legacy of Spanish language and culture around the world.

Some children have studied surrealism, Edward James and Salvador Dali; some have studied Mexican culture and art; some have studied the works of Joan Miro; some have studied Antoni Gaudi and everyone has produced some superb work for our exhibition. Our Art Club will also exhibit some of their surrealist work and some inspired by the theme of 'Gardens'.

We hope that you will be able to visit and enjoy our work and we look forward to seeing you there.

The gallery is open to the public at the following times:

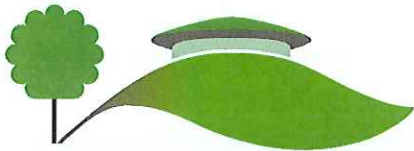
Thursday 12th July : 8:30 - 9:30 am and 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Friday 13th July: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Monday 16th July: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 17th July: 8:30 - 9:30 am

There is no charge for entry but we ask for donations for our future art work please and as an appreciation for our artists' hard work. We suggest £5 donations.



Tuppenny Barn



Summer Holiday Activities 2018

Summer Sensations

Tues 31st July
10am & 2pm

£12 per child
(£8 for siblings)



Playful Puppets

Tues 7th Aug
10am-2pm

£20 per child
(£15 for siblings)



Wind Wands & Curious Crowns

Tues 21st Aug
10am & 2pm

£12 per child
(£8 for siblings)

Twiggy Creatures & Forest Craft

Tues 14th Aug
10am & 2pm

£12 per child
(£8 for siblings)

Music Workshop with Bubsie

Tues 28th Aug
10am-12pm

£12 per child
(£8 for siblings)

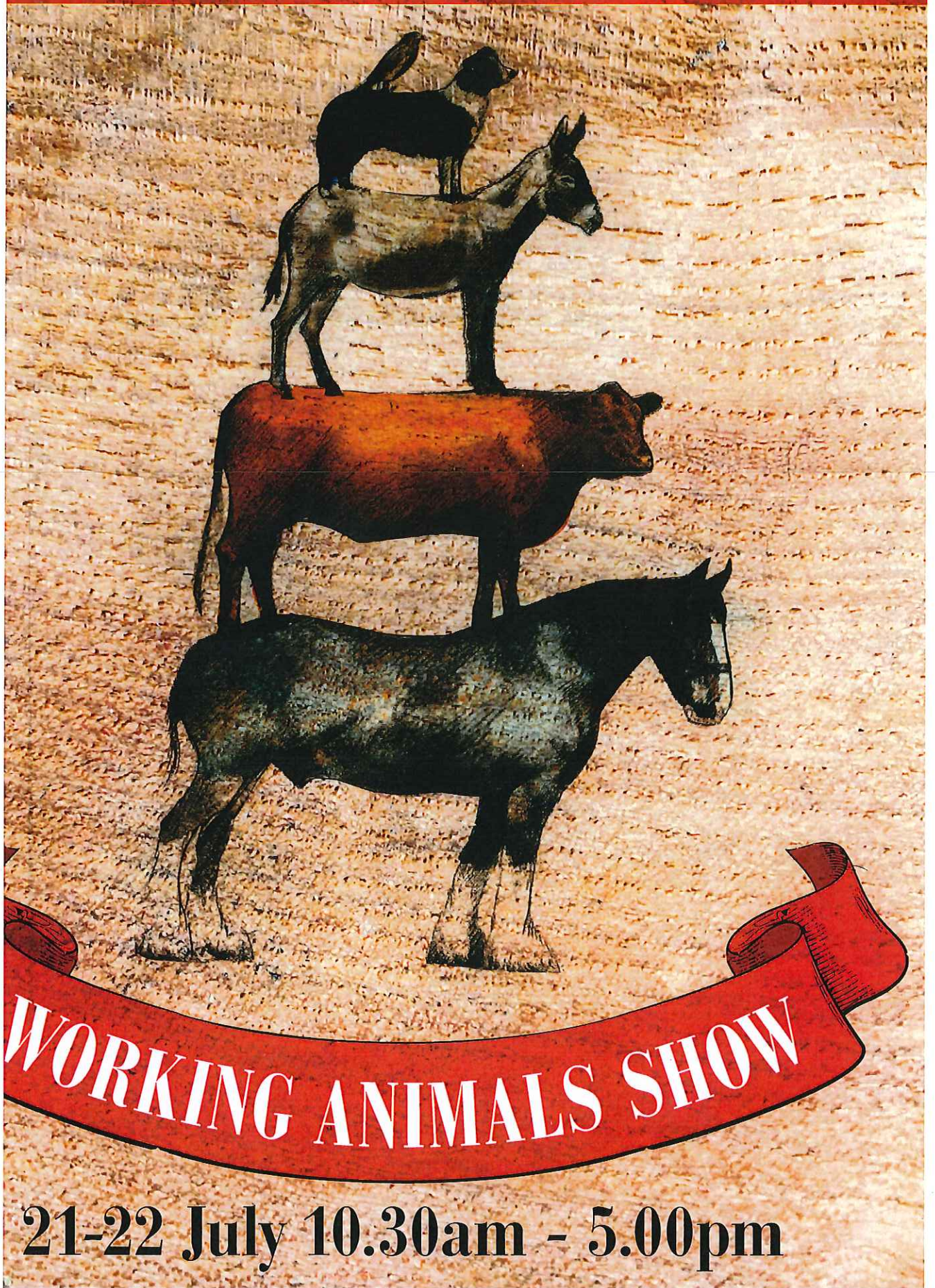


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WEALD & DOWNLAND LIVING MUSEUM



WORKING ANIMALS SHOW

21-22 July 10.30am - 5.00pm