



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of our first term for this academic year, we are really starting to see the 'fruits of our labours'. All the children, in all the classes, are experiencing so many successes both inside and outside the classroom. We can see evidence of this in class assemblies: we had Maple and Beech assemblies this week and they both wowed us with their work and their ability to present so well. The confidence and enjoyment shone through, as well as the range of curriculum areas covered in class, all linked in very meaningful ways. We can also see lots of strong progress in lessons and in books, in social interaction and in play.

Our clubs have been really successful as well this term, we have had: some lovely craft produced, including Christmas wreaths; some tasty and quite complex cooking (which staff sample on a Wednesday during our staff meeting as part of the monitoring process!); some advanced art work; some super sports and fun aerobics; French; a swimming club where even some of our younger children are forging ahead with their strokes and confidence; Think Tank where children are experiencing the satisfaction of completing homework tasks and working on targets; debating club where there is some higher level thinking beginning to grow; string club where our young musicians are doing really well working together and our dancers are in the midst of creating and practising a hugely entertaining and energetic dance, which we will perform at the Alexandra Theatre on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

We have taken part in numerous sporting and curriculum enrichment days, competitions and activity days, and engaged in trips and Egyptian immersion days. We have even burnt down the whole of the city of London - the risk assessment was even more detailed than the one Chestnut Class produced for the Community Café!

It has been a rewarding week for us all, and reminds us why we all, children, staff, governors and grown ups at home, work so hard. Please check the calendar as there are lots of things going on over the next few weeks and in the New Year. Tickets for Young Voices in Chichester Festival Theatre are selling quickly now and make sure you get a ticket for our Landlord's Cat production too! The Christingle Service will have limited seating, sadly, as ever, and we will communicate our logistics for this further down this newsletter.

**Music** - Beech and Chestnut classes gave a very enjoyable concert last Friday at the end of their 1Term 2 Learn clarinet and saxophone sessions. If your child enjoyed the experience of learning one of these instruments, and would like to continue with either group or individual lessons, you can find details of the cost of lessons and of hiring an instrument at the West Sussex Music website- [music@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:music@westsussexmusic.co.uk) or contact Mrs Schofield at [julie.schofield@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:julie.schofield@westsussexmusic.co.uk) if you have any queries about your child's suitability to the instrument.



## Small Schools Football Tournament

On Tuesday we went to a 7-a-side tournament at The Regis School,. There were five other teams including Funtington, Slindon, Boxgrove, West Wittering and Mederian. We won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 1, a win would be 5 points, a draw 3 points and 1 for a loss. All of the teams played very well especially Funtington, who managed to win the Tournament shortly followed by us in second place. Everyone had a lot of fun which is the most important thing. Alessandro Schmitt



## West Sussex Sports Partnership Year 2 Multi-Skills event at Bishop Luffa

Maple Class went to Bishop Luffa School for an afternoon of sport, team work and fun! We took part in 16 different activities including hockey, rugby, netball and athletics based challenges. It was really fun because we all supported and encouraged each other by choosing tactics and cheering everyone on. We all tried our hardest in every activity and scored lots of points! The trickiest activity was the football dribbling because the course was very wiggly. The best activity was the rugby pass because we got to work together to pass the ball as quickly as we could. The sports leaders were very helpful in showing us what to do and helping us to score more points.

It was a great afternoon (even though it was really tiring!)





## Locality Maths Enrichment Day at The March School - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We used Lego to make maths fun! There were many activities and overall our teams came first and second.



We all found the day inspiring and are planning to teach the children in Chestnut class what we Learnt. The first challenge was to collect 20 random pieces and find their cost. The last activity Was to build a tower using Lego with a budget of £100. We were very good at this as we had done Similar tasks in the class when we had to plan and budget for our own gardens.

Report by Alex Wilburn, Kitty Peirson, Jack Clemens and Katrin Hugason-Briem

### **MATHS MATTERS - come into school and find out how we teach calculation!**

It was wonderful to see so many adults at our parent information sessions - our focus was addition and we had hugely positive feedback about how useful this has been so far. We will be making resources available to support maths at home as soon as we are able, and we will publish advice about books and websites etc too. In the meantime, we are starting our sessions on subtraction next week, so please do come along if you are able: but **let the school office know please**. We will only run the evening session if we have enough parental interest!

### **Our PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS**

are where we will be demonstrating how we teach calculation. This is a really valuable opportunity to find out which vocabulary we use and how we move children on from working with small numbers to solving complex maths problems at the end of KS2. Do you know how to **partition** numbers? Can you **multiply** two digit numbers? How would you help your child **dividing** numbers? Come and find out how practical resources, pictures and an understanding of **mathematical vocabulary** supports learning.



and how you can help at home.

In the meantime, are you and your children making the most of the Maths Matters Challenges, Sumdog on your computers/tablets and the sample questions at the end of the newsletters? If you take advantage of these things, you will really be supporting your child's development well.

We are repeating each workshop/session three times: we hope that this enables everyone to come to one session for each of the four operations/rules of number/calculations.

Please don't be put off by any of the content, even if you don't know how to do long division!

We won't be putting anyone 'on the spot' but will be demonstrating maths and how we do it at all levels from YR to Y6.

We will also be providing some booklets showing how you can support at home, guidance on how to explain things, support with which vocabulary to use and a clear picture of the progression from basic counting to manipulating complex numbers.



**Please let Mrs Bailey know which sessions you are attending, by phoning, emailing or popping in, as soon as possible, as the sessions require quite a bit of preparation. Ideally, you will attend one session for each of the four maths operations, so that you are confident in supporting addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**

### **Help please:**

Thank you to those of you have supported in this already. Please could you save any **red**, **green** and **blue** milk bottle tops for maths throughout school.



### **Lego Club Plea**

We are hoping to be able to start up a Lego club after school in the spring term and would like to put out a plea for any 'pre-loved' Lego that you might have in the loft or garage that you would be willing to let us have. Please do have a look so that we can keep our club Lego separate from the classroom resources.

There will be a drop-in session with the School Nurse on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.45am, please see attached poster for further information



## Dates for 2017/18

**Autumn Term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00 - Dance performance for Year 1 & 2 Dance Club

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45-12.00 - Squash Final in Chichester (selected children)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - School Nurse Drop-In

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30-3.30 - Quicksticks Hockey at The Regis School for selected children

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30-9.30 - PTA Christmas Craft Evening (£20, tickets on sale schoolmoney)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30 - Strings Concert with Alex Urquhart

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45-12.00 - Squash Final in Chichester (tbc)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30-7.15 - Time Trials for Swim Gala - Westbourne House (selected children)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 - KS1 Production

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 3.00 - Pre-School Bake Sale

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30 - Christingle Making in School (volunteers needed please)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Christmas Party - children to bring party clothes to change into??**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

**See below for dates for Class Assemblies and above for Maths Matters Workshop dates.**

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

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Dance House Competition at The Alexandra Theatre , 6.30pm**

Class Assemblies: 8.45am	Apple Class: Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November		
	Maple Class: Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November		
	Beech Class: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December		
	Chestnut Class: Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November		
Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops			
	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	5.45 - 6.30
Subtraction	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Multiplication	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Division	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January




**Floral Festive Fun**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

Thank you very much to those of you who have already bought tickets. It's going to be a very fun evening! If you are wishing to come but have not yet bought tickets we would be really grateful if you could do that before Tuesday evening. We want to be sure that we have enough berries and mistletoe for everyone!

Tickets are available on school money. Remember, family and friends are very welcome to come along too!

	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.
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> .
	<a href="http://Schoolmoney.co.uk">Schoolmoney.co.uk</a> 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.  <b>Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</b>
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.
AAA Coaching	<b>AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place.</b>
	<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> )



# Your School Nurse Service

More than Just a First Aider...

Your School nurse Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support around:

**Keeping Healthy**

**Immunisations**

**Emotional Health**

**Weight and Obesity**

**Routines and Sleep**

**Drugs and Alcohol**

**Smoking**



We can also help make sure that young people with disabilities, long term illness, or other needs can receive extra support when they need it. If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will refer you to someone who can.

## **Confidential**

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone, else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with *you* first.

## **Qualified**

School nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specialist graduate level education.

## **Non Judgemental**

We are here to help, not to judge.

## **When and Where can I Access my School Nurse Service?**

**Sophie King**, our new School Nurse, will be available in school for an informal drop in session on:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45am**

Please do come along if you would like to speak to her.



Dear Parents and carers

This Christmas we would like to invite you to join us in supporting Chichester District Foodbank, as we take part in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar.' This takes the idea of Advent and makes it about giving, rather than receiving.

There will be a donation box in the entrance hall for any items you are able to donate from the attached shopping list. For 12 days in December, a member of each class will collect an item from the donation box to put in their class box.

We have been informed that some of the items may not get used until after Christmas so please check dates on your donations.

Thank you in advance for your support.

From your School Council,

Emily

Senny

Freddie

Katrin

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**Shopping List:**  
Tinned meat  
Tinned Vegetables  
Pasta Sauce  
Smash  
Tinned Spaghetti  
Cereal Bars  
UHT milk  
Sponge puddings  
Custard  
UHT fruit juice



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day donate an item into your Advent Calendar and  
donate it to Chichester District Foodbank at the end!



**After School Clubs**  
**Autumn Term 2017**

**Autumn 2**  
**Second half of autumn term**      x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French	£ 30.00	Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	Yr 1 & 2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	Yr 2 & 3
	Mrs Goacher/Mr Cruttenden	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Lock	14	Aerobics	£ 10.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Debate	£ 10.00	Yr 5 & 6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£ 10.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	yr 3,4, 5, 6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Christmas Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 4,5,6,
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	14	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Sports	£ 15.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Miss Urquhart		Strings	£ 25.00	musicians

**Club Dates:**

W/C 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec

**No Clubs W/C 30th Oct, 11th Dec or 18th Dec**

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.

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

Our swimming club will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://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.**





West Dean Primary School PTA invites you to

## An Evening of Festive Floral Fun

Thursday 7 December, 7.30 - 9.30pm

The School hall will be brimming with Christmassy hedgerow greenery and berries, bubbling with prosecco and full of scrumptious Christmas nibbles for you to enjoy while you create a beautiful homemade wreath and gorgeous table centre piece to make your home complete this Christmas.

Absolutely no experience required. There will be a team of knowledgeable folk around to help guide and inspire you!

Price £20 to include refreshments and all materials to make your decorations to take home with you.

Tickets are available on school money.

Any questions speak to Jenny Anstee (Rupert's mummy).