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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Community Café for the Queen's 90th Birthday is well underway and looks as though it is going to be a huge success. The children in Chestnut Class are working well together as a team and the weather looks set to be fair. Don't forget the local village tea party, 3pm - 10pm on Sunday 12th June on the lawn in front of West Dean College. (See last week's newsletter for details)





Thank you to all of you who helped out with our **Grounds Day** last Saturday. We had a small but dedicated team of adults and children who worked hard for a few hours and thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect as well as the satisfaction of getting so much done. We repaired shed roofs, painted the swimming pool fences, sorted the garden 'working area', cleared the tyres for children to dig and play in, and laid paving slabs around the chicken run. We are now looking to source some diggers and trucks for children to play with in this area and some buckets and spades etc for the sand pit: please do send in any such toys if your children can spare them/have 'grown out of' them. (NB: the diggers etc will need to be fairly chunky ones and not pocket sized, ideally! Tonka Toys would be the ideal, but something similar would go down really well)

We are constantly making adjustments to our staffing, routines and systems in response to the ever-changing needs of the children, and we are well underway with our planning for next academic year. We have made minor changes to **lunch time routines** in order to: reduce movement around the hall when we are eating; encourage good table manners and safety in the hall; to give children security about where they sit which prevents anxiety about being left out; and to enable us to communicate effectively with the children. These arrangements will flex again once the weather is consistently good enough for us to eat outside. We are really keen for the children to enjoy the social side of lunchtimes as well as maintain excellent behaviours and safety. If parents can support these messages about table manners at home too, then we would really appreciate this.

Church Inspection: our 'National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Report has now been published and is attached to this newsletter. We are pleased that the Diocese still judges us to be 'Good' against their very stringent 'distinctive Church School' criteria. The process was a challenging one as we feel that we are as distinctively Christian and Church of England as is appropriate for our community and that there is little we would want to change in this respect: this sentiment was echoed by all who were consulted. Therefore, we have some development points we feel it would be good to address and some which we may choose not to follow, upon further consultation and consideration with the Governing Body and community.

PTA - Look out for your letters today with the latest information from PTA about the **fete**. You should also receive your raffle tickets today, please do sell as many as you can and ask for more at the office if you need them - thank you. We have arranged a competition for each year group to see who can raise the most money. Our Care Bear Club will count the returned tickets and display the results each day for visitors to see. The winning cohort will receive a small **prize each and an extra playtime** in school. Our fete is much later this year and we hope that we will be able to get as many of you involved as possible in this lovely family day. *Please do let class teachers know as soon as possible if you and your children will be unable to attend*, as we are practising our Maypole dancing now and need to plan the order etc. our expectation is that all children attend, so please do let us know.

The **calendar** contains some date changes and also confirmation of the **When I Grow Up** workshop dates: thank you so much to all our volunteers. The events will be super learning experiences!

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Clubs	Please note: Clubs will begin again w/c Monday 6 th June - see timetable Please could you make sure that all outstanding monies are paid to Mrs Muggeridge as soon as possible.
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Maple Class Assembly	Please note that Maple Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 16 th June.
Clubs and Care Bears	After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
Sainsbury's Active Kids	Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion has now ended in store - please dig deep and find all those coupons lurking in your bag!
Chestnut Class Assembly	Please note that Chestnut Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 7 th July
Kidzania and Whole School Topic 'Jobs that I do' 	<p>This KS2 visit to London will support us with our topic which is all about inspiring children to have aspirations to achieve as adults as well as children! Children will gain valuable insights into the 'jobs' and careers out there for them, and we will use this as a stimulus for writing, maths work and to drive work in other curriculum areas.</p> <p>For our Early years and KS1 children we will have Jack Northeast, a drama student who worked with us on our Fantastic, Elastic brain show, to come in and do some exciting workshops.</p> <p>You will have received our promotional leaflet to see if you would be willing to come into school to run a small hands-on workshop or chat briefly to children about your job/career/role. You may not be keen/able to do this yourself but you may know someone who would be, someone who will inspire our children and who is good at communicating and could bring in some exciting props etc. Please do let us know if you would like to be involved.</p>
Swimming Pool 	<p>We are hoping to have the swimming pool up and running and ready for use following the half term holiday. Please ensure that all children have named swimming kit, in a named bag, in school every day ready to swim.</p> <p>Look out for details of the PTA after school swim sessions and sign up to the rota.</p> <p>Thank you to staff and parents for attending the Poolside First Aid training, the more volunteers we have to help the better it is for us to arrange and supervise sessions and make the most use of the pool for the children.</p>
Sports Activities  	<p>We have lots of opportunities for the children to take part in sports activities during the summer term:</p> <p>Sports Morning - Wednesday 13th July, 8.45</p> <p>GAS sports event for selected children - Tuesday 5th July, 1.00 at Boxgrove</p> <p>Tennis - Mr Justin Pollard (James' dad) has very kindly agreed to run some sessions for Apple class and Chestnut class.</p> <p>GAS Cricket - Monday 11th July for selected children at Boxgrove.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will run a sports club on our Inset day - Wednesday 6th July, 9.00-4.00, we are also planning a 'summer school' with Ben for the first two weeks of the summer holidays - look out for further details.</p>
School Fete - 2nd July	All classes are currently rehearsing Maypole dancing and it would be really helpful if you could let your child's class teacher know if your child will be attending the school fete.
Boots Opticians -	<p>Check your little one's eyesight with a story</p> <p>There's an estimated one million children who can't see clearly which can impact on their development. Make sure nothing holds yours back with our exclusive eye check storybook. Boots have developed Zookeeper Zoe, an interactive story containing a range of eye check activities to read with your child and help you understand if they might need support with their vision. Join the adventure FREE by downloading the eye check storybook available from the App Store and Android App Store.</p>

Open Farm Sunday – 5th June 2016

Goodwood Home Farm is open from 12noon to 4pm. Meet some of the animals and the people who grow and make our food. Sheep shearing displays; beekeeper; children's activities; watch the milking; taste samples of award winning

Goodwood food and drink. Barbeque and beer!

For more information about this and other farms open in the area, visit

www.farmsunday.org



Acorn Awards Friday 27th May 2016

Bradley – for amazing thinking and writing about the Qur'an

Kitty – for writing so many exciting ideas about her book and not giving up

Rosie – for keeping the beat on the drums so well in the Rock Steady workshop

Ashton – for his practical approach to our area and perimeter investigation

Martha – for working really hard to edit her writing

Francesca – for an effective, well structured description of a mystery emotion

Lily – for mature editing of her writing to produce quality work

Dates for 2016

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Tuesday 31st May, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Wednesday 1st June, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Thursday 9th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photos - Classes & Leaver

Wednesday 15th June - Little Big Sing at The March School - Maple Class

Thursday 16th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Thursday 16th June - Non-uniform day (red, white or blue) - please bring in a tombola prize

Friday 17th June 10.30am - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings Yr 1, 3, 5 (details tbc)

Tuesday 21st June - KS2 visit to Kidzania in London - info to follow

Tuesday 21st June - KS1 visit to school - Jack Northeast Drama Specialist

Thursday 23rd June - Tennis with Justin Pollard - Apple Class

Friday 24th June - Careers Fair - Time tbc

Tuesday 28th June- Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 28th June 1.00-2.45 - 'Jobs that I do' workshops

Wednesday 29th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - All welcome
(even if you haven't attended previous sessions!)



Thursday 30th June - Tennis with Justin Pollard - Chestnut Class

Thursday 30th June - Beech Class Big Camp

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

Tuesday 5th July 1.30-2.30 - GAS Sports - selected pupils

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed (AAA coaching 9.00 - 4.00)

Thursday 7th July - GAS Sports reserve day - selected pupils

Thursday 7th July - New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class (with their parents)

Thursday 7th July - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 11th July 9.45-2.30 - Cricket at Boxgrove - selected pupils

Tuesday 12th July 1.30-2.45 - New Entrants Parents in Hall, children in Apple Class

Wednesday 13th July 9.00am - Sports Morning

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 17th July 1.30-2.45 - New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class

Thursday 21st July - St Andrew's Church, West Dean - Y6 Leavers' Service

Friday 22nd July - 8:45am - End of Year Assembly - all welcome



After School Clubs
Summer Term 2016

w/c			11.04.16	18.04.16	25.04.16	09.05.16	16.05.16	
Monday		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 1-3

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w/c			06.06.16	13.06.16	27.06.16	04.07.16	11.07.16	
Monday		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
		S Goacher	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Yr 1-2
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball		Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft		Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 4-6