



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week this has been! Chestnut had a super and very cultural day at the Weald and Downland Museum where they watched (and participated in) the play, 'Cerano do Bergerac'. We have camped and maypole danced, practised our swimming, preformed assemblies and done our usual hard work in the classrooms. Many parents and carers have been working hard in preparation for the fete tomorrow, which we hope will be well-attended and successful. We have purchased some iPads for school and are buying some more, as well as some notebooks to generate a range of IT hardware for our children to become proficient with. We also have plans to buy a new kiln with monies raised at the fete and Apple Affair, and to produce pieces of artwork in clay for you all in the Autumn term. It really does make a difference to the day to day curriculum enrichment as well as to our ability to purchase items such as these for the children and resources for each class. Let's hope for a good turn out and a last minute flurry in raffle ticket sales!

**Fete** **IMPORTANT Car parking for the fete - with the poor weather, this will be particularly difficult.**

**Apple Class parents only will be able to fit in the school car park - and only at the top please, for safety reasons of access for emergency vehicles etc. If you can park in the church car park or village, please, please do so.**

**The field is already muddy and we are concerned about damaging it further.**

**We cannot guarantee that cars will be able to get off the field and are concerned for the impact of safety on the A286.**

**If the field is damaged, we will not be able to do a sports day this year, I am afraid, so please do try to park elsewhere and encourage others to do the same.**

## Careers events

On Tuesday we had sixteen workshops and all the children took part in four, having been guaranteed at least one of their choices of careers to try. Everyone had different favourites, but we enjoyed making a jingle with Spirit fm, making noise with police and fire engine sirens, trying out medical support with our two female soldiers, training dogs (and a Headteacher!), filming and editing as well as finding out lots about stocks and shares, opticians, events management, the role of an archivist, tailoring and editing a newspaper. We had a tractor, police car, radio reporting station and fire engine on site, a dog, and lots more! A HUGE thank you to everyone who made this fabulous learning opportunity possible (see last week's newsletter for more details).

This was in addition to the super opportunities we had to interview people from a variety of careers last week, the KS1 drama activities and the fabulous trip to Kidzania. The children have been able to talk a lot about what might be on offer to them in the world of work and we have seen some super writing as well. Thank you to you all for supporting this. **There is a disc available to purchase, £5.00, with photographs from the Kidzania day, it is currently on a slide show in our reception area - do come in and have a look. For Data Protection reasons, please do not take photographs of our slide show on your mobile phone.**




## The Big Camp

As we prepare this newsletter, the children of Beech Class are having breakfast and beginning to get dressed after a night under canvas and drizzle! We have not allowed the rain to dampen our spirits and the children have had a great time. as a practise run before their Y5/6 residential visit to Normandy, we are really pleased with all the children: of course most of them missed home, but they were brave and threw themselves into every activity on offer. They have stomped up the Trundle, made bread and toasted marshmallows on a fire, made willow decorations and shelters, played non-stop rounders and bounced around on space hoppers. Our thanks go to all the staff who have made this possible: to Mrs. Goacher, Mrs. Muggeridge, Mrs. Graham and Mr Turner for helping during the day, and to Mrs. Pinnington, Mr. and Mrs. Canning and Mrs. Nash for staying overnight too. All staff have helped behind the scenes and supported, but it is Mrs Turner who has done a superb job in arranging all this- she also had the lead role in organising the careers events. It has been quite a week for staff and children! Thanks to one and all.

**School Review:** it is the time of year, once again, when we formally review how the year has gone and make plans for the coming years. Below is the link to our electronic survey, which should not take more than ten minutes or so to complete, but which will be extremely helpful to us in making our plans, and is genuinely another chance to have your say. Please do complete this, and check that you answer all the questions please - there will also be space for comments. The Link is also available on our website. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2VGTVBQ> Please complete this by the deadline Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Valley Voices:

We are able to offer you the opportunity to join in with a choir that will be taking place in school every Wednesday beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September. Valley Voices are led by Emily Barden and for a contribution of £3.00 you can come along and join in the singing between 6.00-7.00pm. Please do let us know if you would be interested.

<b>Parent &amp; Carer Drop-in Sessions</b>	<b>Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats</b> - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. <b>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</b>
<b>Learning Journals</b>	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
<b>Clubs and Care Bears</b>	After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
<b>Chestnut Class Assembly</b>	<i>Please note that Chestnut Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<b>Swimming Pool</b> 	The swimming pool is now up and running and in use. Please ensure that all children have named swimming kit, in a named bag, in school every day ready to swim. Look out for details of the PTA after school swim sessions and check the rota for helpers. The children are really enjoying this, so thank you to all our volunteers.
<b>Sports Activities</b>  	We have lots of opportunities for the children to take part in sports activities during the summer term: Sports Morning - Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 8.45 GAS sports event for selected children - Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.00 at Boxgrove Tennis - Mr Justin Pollard (James' dad) has very kindly agreed to run some sessions for Apple class and Chestnut class. GAS Cricket - Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July for selected children at Boxgrove. AAA Coaching will run a sports club on our Inset day - Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.00-4.00. Details of this and the dates for the 'Summer School' have been sent home - look out for the flyer.
<b>School Fete - 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	please arrive at 11:45 with your children ready for maypole dancing and park with care - see above.

## Staffing

We have put our staffing in place for the coming academic year and have some new faces to introduce to you all! Sadly, however, we are losing Mrs. Daphne Stanford who has worked in the school 'since before our electronic records began!' She was a resident in the village originally and her children attended the school. She is such a treasured member of staff and has helped scores of children and staff over the years. I hope you will join us in wishing her 'all the best' for her well-earned retirement, and in thanking her for staying with us (way past retirement age!). Her last day with us will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Also, Mrs. Tracey Pinnington, known to dozens of Apple Class children as 'Mrs. P', is leaving to take up another role locally. She leaves on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and has worked in the school for 19 years; she will be fondly remembered by so many of us. We will still see both Mrs. P and Mrs. Stanford around and will keep in touch, but, in the meantime, if you would like to contribute to leaving gifts and sign cards, please pop into the office, or speak to Mrs Shears or Mrs Bailey.

### Next year, our staffing will be as follows:

Chestnut Class - Mrs. Prudence with Mrs. Pinnington (a new member of staff - and daughter-in-law to Mrs P!)

Beech Class - Mrs Turner with Mrs Goacher

Maple Class - Mrs Johnson & Mrs Canning, with Mrs Locke and Mrs Graham

Apple Class - Mrs Chilton and Ms Pleasance with Mrs Mugeridge and Ms Boxall

Mrs Goacher and Mrs Mugeridge will be our key First Aiders, with all other staff also qualified in first aid.

Mrs Nash is our new clerk to the governors and has been helping out in school and at camp too, as she is an experienced teaching assistant and Forest School teacher. Mrs Shears and Mrs Bailey will continue to support us all in the office, and we will continue to rely on Ms Boxall and Mrs Procter to keep the school clean. We hope that Mr Snow, who is poorly at the moment and off sick, will be able to return in the Autumn to continue his role of Premises Officer. We send him our good wishes for a speedy recovery and thank everyone for rallying round to support with cleaning and maintenance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their hard work this year.



## Dates for 2016

Summer Term Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

*Inset Days: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016*

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 12.00 – 2.30 – School Fete (please arrive by 11:45)**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Rocksteady – for pupils who have signed up**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Closing date for Yellow School Photograph orders**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-2.30 – GAS Sports – selected pupils**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – INSET – school closed (AAA coaching 9.00 – 4.00)**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – GAS Sports reserve day – selected pupils**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class (with their parents)**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Open Afternoon – whole school display 2.00-3.00 \*\*\***

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 9.45-2.30 – Cricket at Boxgrove – selected pupils**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 8.30 – 9.30 Open Morning – whole school display \*\*\***

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-2.45 – New Entrants Parents in Hall, children in Apple Class**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am – Sports Morning – all welcome**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Rocksteady – for pupils who have signed up**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Governing Body Meeting 5.30**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-2.45 – New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Scarecrows to be in for Garden Competition**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.30 – St Andrew's Church, West Dean – Y6 Leavers' Service**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 8:45am – End of Year Assembly – all welcome**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 3.00 – PTA BBQ and Rounders**



### GALLERY OF WORK

Come and take a look at some of our lovely work, especially our art work and writing. We have been inspired by our text free books and by the When I Grow Up topic.

The school will be open to families on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and first thing in the morning on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Please ensure children have **coats** every day – we will play outside even if it is rainy.

**Swimming Pool** – We are pleased to say that we have been able to use the swimming pool this week! We will be ready to swim everyday (weather permitting), so please make sure that your child has their swimming kit (named) in school every day. We have very limited spare kit.....

If you are a volunteer for our after school sessions, **please make sure that the key is returned to the office at the end of your session!**

### Acorn Awards Friday 1st July 2016

**Claude** – for trying so hard with his writing about being a Police Officer

**Amelia** – for being such a kind friend to all our Apples

**Ewan** – for always being ready to learn – soaking up information and always wanting to know more

**Beech Class** – for an amazing 'Big Camp'

**Tilly** – for showing commitment to follow through with an idea to help other learn about Lupus and raise money

**Maggie** – for her mathematical reasoning – explaining what went wrong and how to add decimals

**Sophie** – for showing initiative and following through with an idea to help others, raising £25 for EWA

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

After School Clubs  
Summer Term 2016

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

Please do make a note of these dates. **The clubs DO NOT run throughout every week of the term!**

We would also like to remind parents that **pick up time is 4pm**. Our staff have been taken advantage of by some regular late collections and we would very much like this to stop. We have decided that charges should be made if this occurs on more than one occasion, unless there is a particular unavoidable reason. The clubs are well run by our dedicated team who really care for the children: please do respect their time and good will by ensuring you arrive in good time for collection.

Care Bear Cub will be available every day, but places are not guaranteed and should be booked in advance. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children!

Thank you for your support in this matter.