



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Parents' Evening Appointments: Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evenings, we hope that this was a valuable opportunity to talk to our teachers about your children's progress and to talk about how best to support your children at home. It was good to be able to chat to so many of you, particularly on Wednesday evening when I was present throughout. We were pleased to have the children's reports available and to know that they have been enlightening and informative. For the Spring term, we will add a password protection to the i-Pads to ensure that parents can access only their own child's report, as we are aware that there could be data privacy issues. We will explain this in more detail next term.

Information is attached about our new 'Parent Power' drop in sessions, 2.30-3.00 in the pavilion on Monday afternoon with Mrs Goacher.

Chestnut Class Amberley Museum WWII visit

Chestnut Class visited Amberley Museum on the 4th of October 2018 for an experience of being an evacuee. We had a chance to listen to a man called Dudley who was an evacuee in WWII. He was evacuated to Leeds with his sister.

After that, we heard the air raid siren go off. We went to the train and got our tickets to the safe countryside of Brockham, Amberley.

Then, we enjoyed a fresh walk back to the museum and did some activities like making propaganda posters. We got 6d [six pence] to spend on food for our family, the food was very cheap, we also knitted to 'make do and mend'.

Sadly it was home time; it had been a long day but a fun day. We enjoyed it and talked about it on our way back to school.

By James Stringer and Mason Jackson, Year 5

Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Festival - 12 children from Year 5 & 6 took part in the Sports Partnership Tag Rugby event at Chichester Rugby club.

All of the children enjoyed the session despite the weather. We played two matches against other schools and won both, 4-1 and 14-3!

There was some excellent effort displayed, particularly from Esther, Will and Harry G, although all worked hard.

A special mention to Ethan who initiated a 'three cheers' to the opposition after each match. The teachers from Sidlesham and Eastergate schools commented on our great team work and sports ethics: both schools asked if we could arrange a triangular fixture in the future. (Picture below!)

The children who took part were awarded certificates in assembly this morning.

Thank you to Mr Tim Clemens (parent and governor) for being our school adult at this event.

Ashton and Ethan's report is attached.

West Dean KS2 Football Team Trials - thank you to all the children who took part in the trials, our team have been selected and you will be notified shortly with details of our players and fixtures! Thank you Mr Horstead for leading this.

The week ahead..... October 2018

Monday 15th October:

Chestnut Class - CFT Midnight Gang workshop in school

Clubs: STEM Mrs Prudence (Yr 4,5,6), Dance - Mrs Holder (Yr 1,2,3)

Tuesday 16th October:

Hugo Van Driel whole school Assembly

Clubs: Netball Miss Hall (Yr 4,5,6), Swimming at Westbourne Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Wednesday 17th October:

Clubs: Cookery Mrs Muggeridge & Miss Boxall (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Thursday 18th October:

Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Clubs: Dance Mrs Holder (Yr 4,5,6)

Friday 19th October:

Harvest Assembly, 8.45 (Donations to Chichester Food Bank) see attached for information

Community Café 2.30-4.00

Clubs: MultiSports Mr Johnson (Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6)

We will be holding Class Open Mornings and have agreed that this would be more effective after the half term holiday. Please do put the dates in your diaries and come along and join us. **We are able to offer a Crèche facility if we have some notice - so please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to use this.**

Class Open Mornings 8.45

Apple Class - Thursday 15th November

Maple Class - Wednesday 14th November

Beech Class - Tuesday 13th November

Chestnut Class - Monday 12th November

West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop. Donations are already coming in - thank you.

Welcome to our new West Dean Wear it Well Shwop shop; please see attached details of our first event which will take place during w/c 12th November. The event will culminate in 'Wear it Well for Children in Need' on Friday 16th November, where children and adults are invited to show case their 'shwops' on our non-uniform day. All of the details are in the attached letter so please do have a look and see what you can find.

Donations for Children in Need will be available on our school money system to make it easier for you if you wish to contribute in this way. Children can still bring in their coins on the day if you would prefer. The suggested minimum donation is £2 but you are, of course, welcome to donate any amount above this should you wish.

Thank you for your support, all of your donations will go to Children in Need.

Armistice Centenary 11th November 2018 - Rev K Robinson

The annual Act of Remembrance will take place at 3pm on 11th November in Singleton Church, and this year to mark the Centenary of the armistice, the war memorial in the churchyard has been refurbished and will be rededicated at the beginning of this service. The service will be followed by tea and refreshment in Singleton Village Hall. Mrs Moss will be present and we do hope that you will be able to join this important valley occasion.

Our own **Remembrance Assembly** will take place in school, at **8:45 on Friday 9th November**, led by Mrs Moss and Beech Class, directly before they leave for a service and activity at the cathedral.

The Giving Machine

We have exciting fundraising news.

You can now help raise donations for the TheGivingMachine Community Fund without you even leaving your sofa and it doesn't cost you a penny!

TheGivingMachine Community Fund on TheGivingMachine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>.

TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, Next, Thomas Cook, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Waitrose, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

In order to start raising free donations please go to:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>

It takes just a few minutes to install on your web browser and means that every time you log on to a retailer that supports this scheme you will get a prompt asking you to donate.

Please see attached further information. Thank you for your support.



Chestnut Class Revival Themed Community Café

Friday 19th October 2018, 2.30-3.30

Our Community Café will open in the hall from 2.30-3.30 on Friday 19th October, when you are all warmly invited to join us.

There is an invitation attached along with a plea for your delicious cakes and bakes.



Please do come along and support us.

Diary Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term Monday 3rd September- Wednesday 19th December 2018

Half - Term - Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Monday 15th October - Chestnut Class Midnight Gang Workshop in school (CTF)

Thursday 18th October 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October, 8.45 - Harvest Assembly - all welcome

Friday 19th October 2.30pm - Chestnut Class Community Café - all welcome

Tuesday 30th October - Chestnut Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre (Midnight Gang)

Thursday 1st November 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 6th November, 10.00-11.30 - GAS Football Event at Chichester High School (selected yr 5/6)

Thursday 8th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 9th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly, all welcome

Friday 9th November 10am - Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service - Beech Class

Monday 12th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Open Morning

Tuesday 13th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Open Morning

Wednesday 14th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning

Thursday 15th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning

Friday 16th November - 'West Dean Wear it Well' for Children in Need

Wednesday 28th November, 9.30-11.30 - GAS Maths Enrichment Day at The March (x4 yr 5/

Monday 19th November - Yellow School Photos - individuals & siblings

Thursday 29th November - Governing Body Meeting



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

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 7th 2019

| Current Useful Information and Reminders | |
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| 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) |
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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.

France Residential Visit - March 2019

For children in Chestnut class, payment is now available on school money for the France residential visit taking place in March 2019. The total amount is £359 but this can be made in instalments; just select the amount that you wish to pay and the balance will reduce accordingly.

Acorn Awards
Friday 12th October 2018

George Tod - for being so keen to read his new books with words

Marina - for always being ready to learn and have a challenge

Nora - for applying her place value knowledge to tricky maths problems

Bradley and James - for working together so well in creating their Kenning poem

Mia Moreno Wilson - for her creative, artistic skills when completing her collage butterfly

Pip - for her enthusiasm for our topic. We enjoyed looking at the books she borrowed from Chichester Library, she is a motivated learner

Ashton - for his growth mind-set attitude; showing determination and perseverance in his learning

Friday 5th October 2018

Wilf - for superb reasoning and problem solving using number lines (sorry we missed this last week!)



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat (stewing steak, mince meat, chicken)
- Jam
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn)
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Potatoes (Tinned or Smash)
- Rice Pudding / Custard
- Sponge Puddings
- Biscuits / Treats
- Toilet Roll

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- Baked Beans
- Pasta
- Tea
- Soup
- Fem Hygiene
- Nappies

Tag Rugby Festival

On the 11th October 12 pupils from Year 5&6 got chosen to take part in a tag rugby festival at Oakland's Park in Chichester. There were 8-9 schools that took part. Some students from the Regis High School helped with some drills and also refereed the friendly matches.

First we were put into seven groups of twelve people from each school and did some tag rugby drills. We did an hour of training and then 30 minutes of matches. We played 2 matches, we won the first game 4-1 and then in the second game, we won 14-3.

A huge thanks to the adults that took us to the festival, Mrs Moss, Mrs Johnson and Tim Clemens. An extra thank you to Tim for staying and offering us support on the sidelines. Also, thanks to the students at the Regis School.

Report by Ashton Horstead and Ethan Karr



