



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 2

6th October 2015



Well done everyone and a huge **THANK YOU**

to you all for all your hard work for this year's Apple Affair. What an amazing effort from every family and how lucky we were with the weather: it is always an extra bonus to pack away in the dry! We raised a whopping

£4300!



This year, we had lots of new parents joining us and we had a great selection of produce, thanks to all your hard work. I have said this before, I know, but this is an amazing achievement, especially for a small school and I feel privileged to be part of this fabulous team. The energies, passion and determination of many of you have enabled the rest of us to contribute what we can: every single cake, jar, minute and apple or kilo of sausage meat donated makes a difference!



Thank you once again to all of you on behalf of all the children; present, past and future.: I shan't name anyone as I may miss some key people, although some parents have given huge amounts of time and made generous donations and we appreciate every last bit! How lovely to see such a range of crafts to entice people and to see 'old' faces from years gone by.

I hope that you have all enjoyed taking part as much as my family have, (although I know that some of you will be so tired that you won't want to look at another apple for a while!) Our kitchens can stay apple free for a few weeks, we can have a quiet weekend next weekend, and I hope that everyone will be able to reflect on the hidden benefits of the weekend. The children who get involved in the Apple Affair experience a sense of teamwork & community involvement, and have the chance to enjoy some independence in helping others to peel and press apples & in selling to our customers. Year on year, I see them growing in self-confidence and becoming skilled yet polite salespeople: this continues until they are quite grown up and taking on business challenges at secondary schools and perhaps in their careers.



Lots of you will have formed strong friendships through working together and the children have too: it is lovely to see our ex and current pupils playing happily together. These are the benefits which we cannot measure in the weight of money John collected from us, or the number of toffee apples sold, or the volume of tea and coffee consumed. **Thank you one and all.**



At our next PTA meeting, we will, as always, consider the future of our fundraising at the Apple Affair, and we are always keen to take in ideas for improvement.

We will also consider how our funds will be spent and plan future events.



Do come along if you have been inspired to become more involved



- there is always a role for everyone!

Date and time to be confirmed.

News from the Governing Body

At the governors' meeting on Thursday 16th September we started with a short presentation by pupils who were on the school council last term to explain what they did during their term of office. Then we worked through many different business items and worked out which governor will be a class buddy of which class. We all look forward to meeting the new buddy class soon! We had a look at the school mission statement and discussed the priorities for this school year.

Fund raising message:

My name is Louise Buttle, mum of Alessandro and Natalia Schmitt.

I will run (walk/waddle). The Royal Parks half marathon on Sunday in London in aid of cancer research.

My just giving page is

www.justgiving.com/Louise-Buttle.1.

Any support you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

Care Bears After School Provision

Tel: **07507327466**

All bookings, cancellations or messages should be made to this telephone number only.

For information regarding employer **Child Care Vouchers**, which can be used towards Care Bear payment, visit: <https://secure.enjoybenefits.co.uk>.
West Dean account number is B014800, Telephone: 0800 781 1652
Computersharevoucherservices.com West Dean account number 0021425278 for further details.

Dates for 2015/16

Term Monday 7th September - Friday 18th December
Half Term Monday 26th - Friday 30 October
Spring Term Monday 4th January - Thursday 24th March
Easter Holidays Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April
Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July
Half Term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days: Friday 12th February, Wednesday 6th July 2016

Yellow School
Photographer will
be in school on
Monday 16th
November

W/C Monday 5th October - Parent Evening appointments (see website) 3.00 -

W/C Monday 5th October - 2nd Hand Uniform on sale in the hall, 3.00 -

Monday 12th October - School Friends Service, Chichester Cathedral (Yr5/6) 10.30

Monday 19th October - Beech & Maple Class visit to Weald & Downland Museum

Friday 23rd October - Community Café 10.45-11.30 (info to follow) *last day of half term*

Thursday 5th November - Maple Class Assembly, 8.45am all welcome

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Assembly, 8.45am all welcome

Friday 13th November - Chestnut Class Assembly, 8.45am all welcome

Monday 16th November - Yellow School Photos

Friday 20th November - Beech Class Assembly, 8.45am all welcome

Tuesday 24th November - Maple Class visit to Weald & Downland Museum - information to follow

Thursday 26th November - Beech & Chestnut Class visit to theatre

Thursday 26th November - Governing Body Meeting, 5.30pm

Tuesday 1st December - Apple Class Assembly, 8.45pm all welcome

Wednesday 9th December - KS1 Raggedy King performance - information to follow

Monday 14th December - Christingle Making & service at West Dean Church (5.35pm) all welcome

Tuesday 15th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December - Children's Christmas Party - pm

Friday 18th December - End of term assembly, 8.45am all welcome



ACORN AWARDS 2015

Friday 25th September

Daniel - for always being ready to learn on the carpet, everyday.

Joshua - for being such a sensible Year 1 boy.

Mason - for being ready to learn and making good choices.

Harry - for his brilliant measuring and bonnet making in Maths.

Stanley - for working so hard on his fantastic reading and comprehension.

Franki-Leigh - for learning to divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 and getting all her questions correct.
Great Work!

James - for remembering to answer his Maths word problems in complete sentences. Well done!

Friday 2nd October

Samuel - for being so full of interest and wonder on our trip to Portchester Castle

Wilf - for amazing listening all through our PE session in the hall

Amelie - for her great team leadership with her group of Apple pressers: letting everyone have a go but helping all the time

Charlie - for working really hard, especially at jumping on and back in Maths

Alex - for getting better at challenging himself.

Maggie - for finishing another book in her own time. It is super that she is enjoying her reading!

Madeleine - for her great ideas for our customer questionnaires. She thought of lots of relevant questions

