



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 15 20th December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter of the year and, on behalf of all the staff here, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families and a super 2018.



Thank you for your support with all our Christmas events: it has been a lot of fun and I am delighted that the classrooms have remained buzzing with fun learning throughout, whilst we have enjoyed so many seasonal treats, including: the relaxing and productive floral decoration making evening, the traditional visit to the college, the moving Christingle Service in church, our festive Christmas lunch and our exciting Christmas party. We have really appreciated all the hard work from our PTA, who have helped make these events safe, fun and manageable: thank you one and all.

We have many dates already in the diary for Spring, Summer and Autumn terms for 2018, including the Chestnut Class performance in United Voices at Chichester Festival Theatre, sporting events, Dance House and our provisional Christmas dates, and an exciting music opportunity for younger pupils, which is detailed below, so do take a look and get next year's Christmas events on your calendars and in your diaries!

Christmas at West Dean CE Primary

Our lovely PTA and everyone at West Dean College helped Father Christmas to bring lovely gifts to all our children on the last Friday of term, as we entertained everyone with our Christmas Carols. The



younger children also put on a superb performance of their nativity play, 'The Landlord's Cat', which was enjoyed by all the school and lots of families and friends. We were



able to make a donation of £400 Chichester District Foodbank from the

proceeds of ticket sales - thank you for your support in thinking of others at this busy time of year and for all of your food donations to our reverse advent calendar which will be taken to the Foodbank today.

Our Christmas meal was fun, with each table challenging themselves with Christmas puzzles and using their best table manners, aiming to be the winning table and secure a prize. There was also a whole school party, where age old traditions are kept and the youngest YR pupil dances with the oldest Y6 pupil, as the fun and games commence. Our Christingle Service was a wonderful way to end the year, as families joined the school and Rev Kev for an evening of carols and readings in St Andrew's Church.

Swimming News

Following our swimming time trial on Tuesday evening, Mrs Johnson and I were once again blown away by the amazing determination, perseverance, resilience and super sportsmanship shown by our fantastic team of swimmers.

We are very proud of all of you - WELL DONE!



The training team has now been selected and we are really looking forward to 'Squad Training' which begins on Tuesday 2nd January.

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

These sessions have been highly valued and we will continue into the new year with multiplication and division. Please don't be put off by any of the content: 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.

Please let Mrs Bailey know which sessions you are attending, by phoning, emailing or popping in.

Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops			
	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	5.45 - 6.30
Multiplication	Thursday 11 th January	Monday 8 th January	Thursday 11 th January
Division	Tuesday 6 th February	Tuesday 6 th February	Wednesday 31 st January

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018

Friday 9th February - Inset Day



Thursday 11th January, 9.30-10.30 - First Westgate swim session for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 12th January, 9.30-11.30 - Chestnut Class United Voices rehearsal at Chichester High School

Tuesday 16th January - Year 3&4 Football at Chichester University

Tuesday 16th January - Governor Meeting



Thursday 18th January, 9.15-12.30 - Chestnut Class United Voices rehearsal at CFT

Thursday 18th January, 7.00-8.00 - Chestnut Class United Voices performance at CFT



Monday 22nd January, 1.00-3.00 - Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at Bishop Luffa

Monday 29th January, 1.00-2.30 - Enrichment Day at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Tuesday 30th January - Dance House Competition at The Alexandra Theatre, 6.30pm



Wednesday 31st January, 6.00-7.00 - E-Safety Parent Information Session (venue tbc)

Thursday 8th February, 2.30-3.30 - Community Café



Friday 9th February, 9.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching (INSET DAY)

HALF TERM

19th - 23rd February - *Alive and Kicking Week* as we kick start our learning about healthy lives

5th - 9th March - Cycling Proficiency/Bikeability Week - Y6 pupils in the afternoons

15th March - Governor Meeting

Week commencing 26th March - Parents' Evenings

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Wednesday 4th July - INSET Day - school closed to children

Friday 20th July - Last Day of school - 8:45 assembly - all welcome



Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

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

Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

NB: Autumn term INSET days are yet to be decided

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 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

West Sussex Music's Chichester Music Centre is offering a new opportunity for KS1 pupils in January .

Music Club is an inclusive music-making session led by West Sussex Music specialists intended to introduce young children to group music-making in a relaxed, informal and practical way. The first half-term uses percussion instruments from around the world and young musicians then have the opportunity to try a variety of orchestral instruments.

Starting on Saturday 6 January, sessions will be at 10.00-10.45am weekly and the cost is £50 per term which is made up of a £45 subscription charge plus a £5 activity charge for the term.

Led by tabla and world percussion specialist Steve Morley, with follow-on sessions and support provided by other West Sussex Music specialist staff, Music Club is designed to be a first introduction to music-making and is essentially intended for pupils of KS1 and early KS2.

Parents of KS1 pupils are required to remain in the session to support their children; parents of KS2 children may stay to watch if they wish.

To apply please visit the West Sussex Music website; www.westsussexmusic.co.uk or contact David Bennet 07469 351446.

*Acorn Awards
Tuesday 19th December 2017*

Eloise - for her beautiful letter formation

Bonnie - for her amazing performance as 'the smallest sheep' in our KS1 Production


Elizabeth - for always trying her very best with her work and supporting her peers with theirs. (Supporting by teaching - never tells the answer - gives clues and helps them to understand)

Tallulah - for a fantastic first half term at West Dean and always being ready to learn

Flora - for effectively applying the expanded column method of subtraction to help her solve problems in maths

Esther - for successfully 'stepping into Spike's shoes' and writing a convincing diary entry

Martha - for showing confidence in her learning in the classroom and being a team player in school life - your help at the Church was much appreciated

	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. 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.
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 th 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. Late Collections 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	AAA Coaching will be available on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December and on Friday 9th February. Please contact Ben for further details and to book your place. ben@aaacoaching.co.uk
	PTA News: If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa (leisa.chambers55@gmail.com) or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Please find attached an updated version of our flu catch up clinic dates for children in years R to 4 who have missed the flu vaccination at school.



Christmas Holidays MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS



£16 for one day

£32 for two days
(7 hours of sport)



December

21st & 22nd



@AAA_Coaching



Facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

@ West Dean Primary School

9am - 4pm



Football - Indoor Hockey - Dodgeball - Boxing (non-contact) - Baseball - Mini Olympics - Cricket
Mini Golf - Tag Rugby - Tag American Football - Volleyball - Basketball - Fitness Games - Gymnastics
Table Tennis - Netball - Badminton - Tag Games - Team Games - Relay Races - Tennis - Archery

To register your child email: ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

www.aaacoaching.co.uk





Public Health
England

Measles: How to Stay Safe

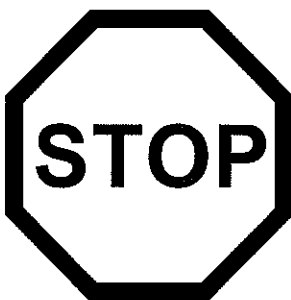
The best protection is
2 doses of the safe,
effective MMR
vaccine at 1 year of
age, and 3 years, 4
months



If you have not had
two doses, you can
get them free from
your GP surgery



Know the
symptoms!
Keep people with
symptoms away
from others

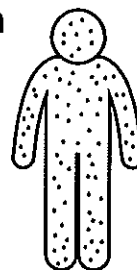


Call ahead before
going to A&E
or your GP



Symptoms

Rash



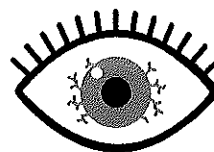
Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough





£2.30

The Great British Brunch

Thursday 18th January 2018

*Chipolata Sausages, Omelette,
Baked Beans, Mini Potato
Squares and Bread*

OR

*Quorn Pattie, Omelette, Baked
Beans, Mini Potato Squares and
Bread*

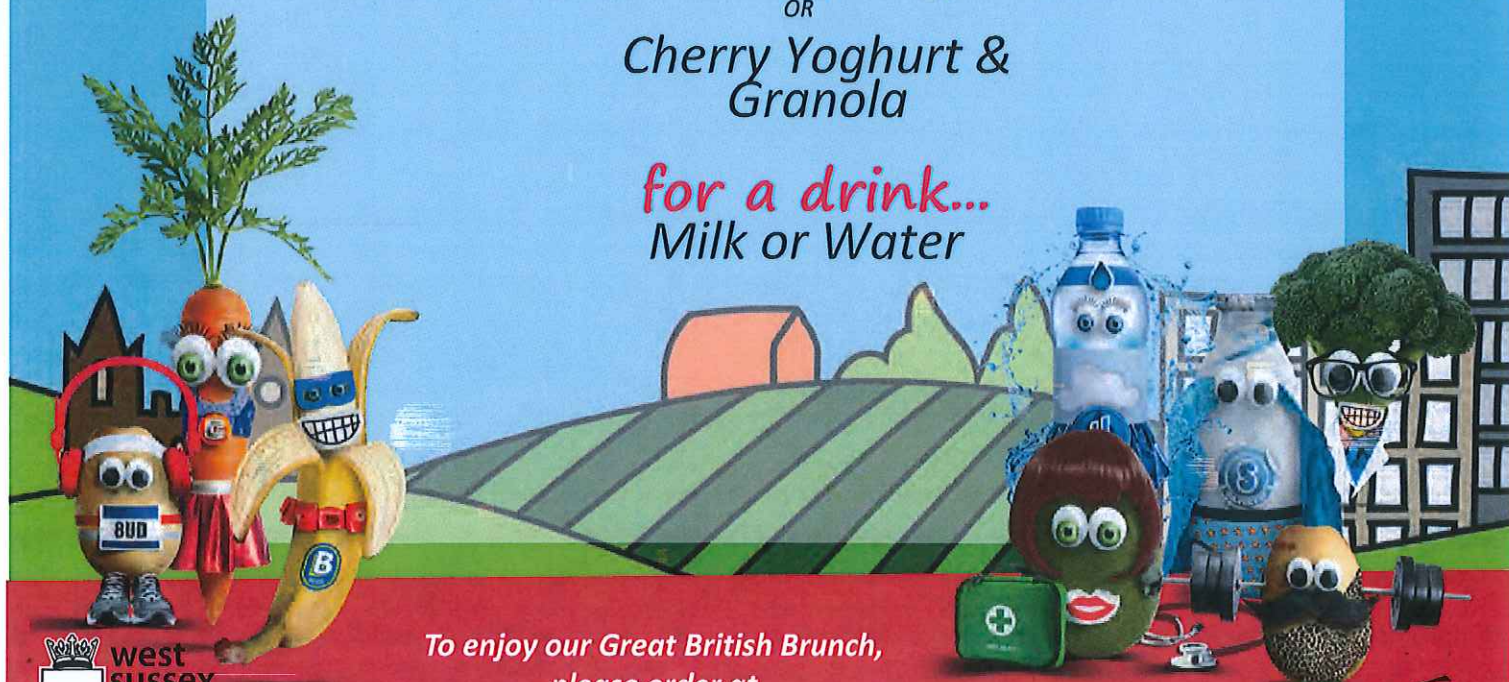
for dessert...

Blueberry Muffin

OR

*Cherry Yoghurt &
Granola*

for a drink...
Milk or Water



Please see below for a list of our catch up clinic dates.

No appointment necessary, however due to the nature of the clinic there may be a wait.

*An adult **MUST** be available to accompany the young person home.*

CHICHESTER – Westhampnett Centre, 28-29 Westhampnett Road, Chichester, PO19 7HH	
DATE	TIME
Tuesday 5 th December 2017	3 – 4pm
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	3 – 4pm
Friday 5 th January 2018	3-4pm

BOGNOR REGIS – Children and Family Centre, 85 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, PO21 2TB	
DATE	TIME
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	3 – 4pm

LITTLEHAMPTON – Children and Family Centre, Wickbourne Centre, Clun Road, Littlehampton, BN17 7DZ	
DATE	TIME
Monday 18 th December 2017	1.30 – 3pm

DURRINGTON – Durrington Health Centre, Durrington Lane, Worthing, BN13 2RX	
DATE	TIME
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	2 – 4pm
Monday 18 th December 2017	1.30 – 4pm

BRIGHTON & HOVE – Children & Families Clinic, D Block, Brighton General Hospital, Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3EW	
DATE	TIME
Monday 11 th December 2017	2.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 2 nd December 2017	9:00am – 2pm

HOVE Conway Court Children and Families Centre, Clarendon Road, Hove, BN3 3WR	
DATE	TIME
Wednesday 6 th December 2017	3.15 – 4pm

CRAWLEY – Planned Treatment Area, 4th Floor, Crawley Hospital, West Green Drive, Crawley RH11 7DH	
DATE	TIME
Friday 24 th November 2017	2.30 – 4.00pm
Friday 22 nd December 2017	1.30 – 4.00pm

EAST GRINSTEAD – Health Centre, St Michaels Road, East Grinstead RH19 3JS	
DATE	TIME
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	2.30 – 4.00pm

HORSHAM – Meeting rooms, Wheelchair Services, Horsham Hospital, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DR	
DATE	TIME
Thursday 21 st December 2017	9.30 – 12.00pm Rm 2

HAYWARDS HEATH – Nightingale Primary Care Centre, Butlers Green Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 4BE	
DATE	TIME
Thursday 14 th December 2017	2.30 – 4.00pm

BURGESS HILL – Burgess Hill Clinic, The Brow, Burgess Hill RH15 9BW	
DATE	TIME
Monday 18 th December 2017	2.30 – 4.00pm Rm 4

HOVE Hove Polyclinic, Neville Avenue, Hove, BN3 7HY	
DATE	TIME
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	2.30 – 4pm

Mrs M Robinson
The Rectory
Singleton
Chichester
PO18 0EZ

5 December 2017

Dear Mrs Robinson

On behalf of everyone at Stonepillow I would like to thank you so much for your kind donation of clothes and money raised over the Harvest Festival period. Please pass on our regards to all those at your church school who contributed and let them know it will be put to the best possible use.

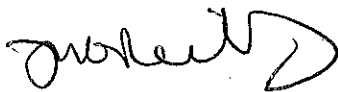
Stonepillow supports homeless people in Chichester and the surrounding areas and we are delighted that this year alone over 200 people have accessed our services and are on the road to recovery with more than half regaining their independence and now living in a home of their own.

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our local communities which is vital in helping us continue to provide a lifeline for our clients.

If you would like any further information on the work that we do, please do not hesitate to contact us on admin@stonepillow.org.uk or visit our website at stonepillow.org.uk

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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