



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all have a restful Easter holiday and that you have enjoyed this term as much as we have! We are pleased to see some Spring like weather and, now the clocks have moved forward, to have some lighter evenings. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning next term, including an assembly theme around our individual talents and characters: 'What makes me, me'. We will be celebrating children's achievements in and out of school as well as exploring different shaped families, cultural differences and the unique nature of every single human being! After half term, we will all be learning about Spain and Spanish culture, and exploring our links with the community in Mexico.

Don't forget our sponsored readathon over the holiday, and make sure you have finished your Art on a Postcard for our exhibition in the first week back after the holiday.

On behalf of all the staff,

thank you for all your support with everything we do.



Monday 16th April

1-4pm



Please come and support
our Environment Department's Grounds
Day, for part or all of the afternoon.

We would like your help to tidy up our school
grounds and garden for everyone to enjoy.

Green fingers not essential!

Children can join in at 3pm.

Please bring any gardening tools you feel
may be useful.

Thank You, on behalf of our

Environment Department!

CLUBS

Information regarding clubs for the first half of the summer term
has been sent out this week. Booking is available now on
schoolmoney.co.uk until 15th April.

Amberley Museum Visit

On Friday 23rd March, Beech class went to Amberley Museum.
We learnt about electricity. My favourite part was pressing all
the buttons in the workshop. We all loved going to Amberley
Museum.

By Kitty and Tilly Goodband.

Plea to Parents - Apple Class need your old **cotton
reels** and **wooden clothes pegs** please. If you have any
that you could donate please do let us know

Do you have any **old towels** that you no longer need? We
are in need of towels to be kept in school as part of our
spare swimming kit.

Thank you.

April

The week ahead.....

Monday 16th: Grounds Day - come and join in from 1-4pm! All welcome! See attached information
Deadline for Art on a Postcard Submissions

Clubs: Think Tank-Mrs. Prudence (Y4,5,6), Art -Mrs. Moss(y1,2,3), French-Mrs. Crombie(Y3,4,5,6)

Tuesday 17th: Apple & Maple Drama Workshops in school

Apple Class - Huff and Puff Festival at Westgate Centre - 1.30-3.30

Clubs: Gym -Miss Hall(Y2,3,4), Craft-Mrs. Garfield (Y1,2,3)

Wednesday 18th:

Clubs: Change for Life -AAA Coaching (Y2,3,4,5,6), Cookery-Mrs. Boxall & Mrs. Muggeridge (Y3,4,5,6)

Thursday 19nd:

Clubs: Summer Sports-Mrs. Goacher & Mrs. Pearmaine (Y3,4,5,6), Spanish-Mrs. Wilson (Y3,4,5,6)

Friday 20th: Private Viewing of Art on a Postcard, 6.00-8.00pm

The children will view the art in the afternoon

Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class, 7.00pm.

Clubs: Strings-Miss Urquhart (selected musicians), Athletics-AAA Coaching (Y1,2,3,4,5,6)

West Sussex Sports Partnership Swim Gala

On the 28th March a group of ten excited but nervous Yr5 and 6 children took part in a swimming gala at the Arun leisure centre. Martha from yr6 said "It was a great experience competing against other schools."

This gala takes place every year. This year fifteen schools entered, some of which were: Rose Green, Fishbourne, Barnham and of course our rivals Jessy Young Husband. There were a range of twenty-five metre individual and relay races. Charlie G from yr6 said "I really enjoyed working together in the relay races and cheering everyone on." Esther Sutton started off the event with her swift front crawl. This was followed by a series of fast and furious races by the rest of the girl's team of Kitty H, Martha, Katrin, Esther and Holly and the boy's team of Alessandro, Jack, Charlie G, Ashton and Jamie. Jack from yr5 exclaimed "I can't believe that we won the medley relay by 20 milliseconds." They all made the school proud with their astonishing performance. Kitty H from yr6 said "I really enjoyed working as a team to do this well."

It was a very competitive event and West Dean came away with a whopping.... drum roll.....2nd! In fact they were only a few points off the winners, Jessie Young Husband and the boys' team came 1st and the girls came 4th out of the fifteen teams. Jamie from yr6 said "I couldn't believe that we were the best boys there out of 15 schools!"

Thanks to Mrs Goacher who kept their spirits high with continuous cheering and clapping (and of course the essential stash of jelly babies!)
By Holly Wilburn Yr 5

School Donations

Thank you to some parents and friends of the school who have made generous donations. We have been asked if this facility could be set up on our school money payment system. I am pleased to say it is available on-line now. When you log-in to your child's account you will see a line with 'School Donation' £1. If you would like to make a donation of any kind to school, you will be able to log into your account and override the £1 payment with any amount that you would like to make. There is, of course, absolutely no obligation for anyone to make a donation, but if you would like to then this is a quick and easy method to do so. Thank you all very much for your support.

Books for School

We still have a few of our **£5 Book Tokens** for you to collect. You can then buy classroom library books with your child – pop into the office or email us to let us know you are planning a shopping trip and we will send a voucher home. Thank you for your donations and support in this.

DON'T FORGET THE READATHON THIS HOLIDAY!



West Dean School Parliament – Sponsored Readathon

Our newly formed School Parliament have met and our Finance and Fundraising Department have proposed that we hold a sponsored Readathon. This will encourage all of our children to read as much as possible over the Easter holidays in addition to raising funds for our School Parliament. Other Departments within the Parliament can then 'bid' for funding for projects that they would like to undertake.

All of our children are invited to take part in the Readathon and you will now have received your sponsor forms and book marks; children can be sponsored for reading a book, a chapter or 5 minutes per day, whatever is suitable for each child. You may like to read the book that has been chosen with the book token.

*"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild
To pick up a book and read with a child" – Dr Seuss*

Please remember to return your sponsor forms and money after the Easter Holiday – by Friday 20th April latest please. Our 'Chancellor' can then produce a summary and report back on our fundraising. – Thank you to everyone for supporting us.

HOME LEARNING RESOURCE

We have copies of the Usborne Junior Illustrated Grammar and Punctuation books available to buy for the children priced at £5 each. We would like every child in KS2 to have their own copy of this publication for use at home.

This valuable resource is available to purchase as a shop item on Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Care Bears Plea –

We would like to start to do larger jigsaw puzzles in Care Bears, which we can leave out and come back to when we want to. If anyone has a 'puzzle wrap' that they could let us have that would be amazing.

This would mean we could 'wrap' our puzzle up when we finish and keep it safe for next time.

Please do let us know if you can help.



Child Care Facility

In response to enquiries from parents, we are hoping to be able to put together a list of child care providers.

If you are a registered child minder, if you use a registered child minder or know of anyone who would be happy for our recommendation, please do let us know.

News from West Dean Pre-School

We are excited to announce that West Dean Pre-School has been nominated for the Midhurst and Petworth Observer's Pre-School of the Year 2018 award. However, in order to be shortlisted to the top five finalists, we need people to post comments of support on the newspaper's Facebook page.

The link below is from the pre-school's Facebook page which then directs you to the Midhurst and Petworth page. We would be ever so grateful if the parents and friends of our 'big' school neighbours would post comments to help us reach the finals. They can also 'like' us on Facebook while there!

Please note that it is important that comments are made on the Midhurst and Petworth Facebook page and not directly on our link to it :)

<https://www.facebook.com/westdeanpreschool/posts/2131565866960577>

Thanks you so much for your help and support.

Acorn Awards

Thursday 29th March 2018

Ewan - for fantastic involvement in our animal topic and his questioning and learning about the animals

Frankie O - for being a sensible, helpful and thoughtful Apple at all times

Darcy - for challenging herself to improve her writing

James W - for his mathematical light bulb moment, linking division to repeated subtraction

Matilda - for resilience with 'chunking' in maths and in all aspects of school life

Hepzi - for having super ideas which show understanding and engagement. What positive learning behaviours, well done.

Alex - for having a positive and willing attitude, working hard in school and at home to improve his learning. Well done.

Headteacher's Award for this term:

Holly Wilburn - for being an excellent role model in her learning and her behaviour. Her strength of character is admired by us all.

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

Monday 16th April - Art on a Postcard closing date

Tuesday 17th April, 1.30-3.30 - Apple Class Huff and Puff Festival at Westgate

Monday 23rd April - Thursday 26th April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Tuesday 24th April - Sports Partnership Year 4/5 Cricket (details tbc)

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Friday 20th April - Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May, 1.15-3.30 - Sports Partnership Quad Kids Year 5 selected at Bishop Luffa

Wednesday 9th May, 1.00 - 3.45, Sports Partnership Tri Golf, year 3&4 selected

Thursday 10th May - Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Friday 11th May, 2.30-2.55 - Strings Assembly with Alex Urquhart

Saturday 12th May - Lions Club Swimathon

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

Thursday 24th May - Racing to School Maths at Goodwood - Y6 pupils

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

Thursday 14th June - Goodwood Little Big Sing at The March School - Y2 pupils

Saturday 16th June - Chartres Art Competition ceremony

Monday 18th June - Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 19th June, 8.45am - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

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

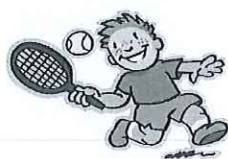
Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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.
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.
	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)
	PAT Electrical Safety Testing Do we have any of our parents out there with PAT testing expertise? If you think you might be able to help us with this please do let us know.



Easter Half Term MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS



£16 per day
(7 hours of sport)

Tuesday 3rd



Wednesday 4th



Facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

Thursday 5th



@AAA_Coaching

Friday 6th



@ 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



Easter Surprises!

Mon 2nd - Fri 6th April

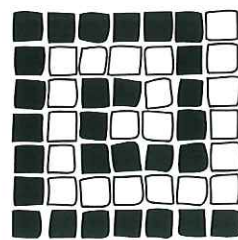
11am - 3pm

Join in with some springtime crafts
and have a go at our Easter treasure
hunt around the Palace grounds!



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