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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been working with CFT again with Apple and Maple class children taking part in a series of drama workshops to enrich their literacy and topic work. This week the children were thinking about and exploring feelings and using their imagination to visit different places.

E-Safety: As in our previous newsletter, I would like to alert you to a really important date: there is a parent information session on internet safety at Chichester High School on **Tuesday 7th February at 6.30**. Please do put this date in your diaries and attend if you possibly can - it is well worth the cost of a babysitter/ the disruption to your day to attend. Attached is a useful information sheet regarding e-safety. Please do discuss this with your children and come along to the session to find out more. I.T. changes so quickly and many new developments bring new risks as well as opportunities.

AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 17th February for our Inset day and also for two days during the half term holidays; Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February. Please see attached flyer for booking details.

Triple P Parenting Support sessions began last week with lots of advice and guidance from Liz Vickery, who is running the sessions for us - please see attached flyer for further information.

You will have received information regarding clubs and Care Bears for the second half of the spring term this week. Please log in to schoolmoney.co.uk and book your places, some of our clubs are already almost full.

Westgate Swim sessions continued this week with preparations well under way for 3 Gala events in March and April. Mrs Goacher is also working hard with the children at their Westbourne House evening sessions.

Assembly was led today by Hugo Van Driel, with lots of music and fun, which the children really enjoyed. Our Acorn awards for this week will be presented during assembly on Monday 30th January.



Class Assembly Dates, 8.45am:


Apple - Tuesday 4th April

Maple- Tuesday 14th March

Beech - Tuesday 28th March

Chestnut - Wednesday 22nd March

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15
School Uniform 	If you have ordered and received uniform, please could you make payment to the school office as soon as possible. We still have a number of outstanding payments, we will be contacting you again to tidy this up prior to our uniform sales moving. Our School Council will be working on taking some photographs of our sample uniform and this will be available shortly along with the pricing structure. In the meantime, if you require school uniform, our current stock (limited in certain sizes) of uniform will be available to purchase at a discounted price, 50%, come in and have a look.
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' adult choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Spring Term Clubs and Care Bears 	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. We have had a number of children this term, expecting to be in Care Bears but not booked in or paid for. We only have 1 member of staff and 12 places each day and this has caused us issues. If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. Please email: sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com 07852 255628 (Please note new telephone number), or contact the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter. Information about our Spring term programme of clubs for the second half of the term is now available, letter were sent home this week. The timetable for spring term 2 clubs is attached for your information.
	You will have received information about our new on-line payments system in school to enable 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. Current events available to book are Westgate swimming, the French residential, our prestigious Valentine Ball, Beech visit to CFT and Maple visit to Goodwood Farm.
IS YOUR CHILD WORTH LESS? This important county-wide campaign for better funding for West Sussex schools continues, as you may have seen on national news and in our letters. Pupils and staff visited 10 Downing Street with our letters. You can support our schools in our campaign for fair funding on Facebook and there is a petition which can be found at the following link: https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761	

West Dean Valentine Dinner 	You will have received information this week about our exciting 'Valentine Dinner' event which will be taking place on Saturday 11 th February. Tickets are available to book on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk . Tickets are limited and available on a 'first come, first served' basis so don't miss out, they are selling quickly. Please see invitation attached to our newsletter and look out for flyers around school with information.

Dates for 2017

Spring Term Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 7th April 2017

Half Term - Monday 20th - Friday 24th February 2017

Inset Day - Friday 17th February 2017

Thursday 2nd February - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 3rd February, 9.30-11.30 - GAS On-line Safety Meeting, Yr 6 children, The March School

Monday 6th February 1.00-2.30 - History Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral (x6 Yr 5/6)

Tuesday 7th February 10.00-12.00 - E-Safety Event at Chichester High School x3 yr 6

Tuesday 7th February - National On-line Safety Day

Tuesday 7th February, 6.30 - E-Safety for parents at Chichester High School

Thursday 9th February - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 9th February - Governor Visits to school

Friday 10th February - Governor Visits to school

Friday 10th February, 10.30-2.45 - Maple Class visit to Goodwood Farm

Saturday 11th February, 7.00-11.00 - Valentine Ball at West Dean College

W/C 13th February - No after school clubs this week, Westbourne House & Care Bears as normal.

Tuesday 14th February, 3.00 - Pre-School Valentine Bake Sale

Wednesday 15th February - Beech Class visit to CFT - Running Wild, Michael Morpurgo

Thursday 16th February - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 16th February, 2.30 - Community Cafe

Friday 17th February - School Closed - Inset Day

HOLIDAY - Monday 20th-Friday 24th February

Tuesday 28th February - Collective Worship and Pancake Races at the W&D Museum

Thursday 2nd March - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 2nd March, 1.00-4.00 - Maths Challenge event at Christ's Hospital (selected yr 4)

Friday 3rd March - Maple Class Art Day with Mrs Gill Pitt

Monday 6th - Friday 10th March - Chestnut Class French Residential Visit

Wednesday 8th March, 12.00-3.30 - SSP Arun Swim Gala, Yr $\frac{3}{4}$

Wednesday 9th March - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Maple

Monday 13th March, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Challenge at Chichester Cathedral (selected yr 3)

Tuesday 14th March - Governor Visits to school

Tuesday 14th March, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 15th March - Collective Worship Enrichment day at Singleton (selected yr 4)

Wednesday 15th March 12.30-3.00 - ESSA Swim Gala - Horsham (selected pupils)

Thursday 16th March - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

Thursday 16th March, 8.45 - Governor Visits to school

Friday 17th March - Beech Class visit to Butser Farm Park

Saturday 18th March - Cormorants Swimming Gala at Westgate

Tuesday 21st March - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

Tuesday 21st March - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd March - Parents Evening for Year R, 2, 4 & 6

