



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank all the children and their parents who took part in the sponsored swim last weekend. See the photo and information below.

This week has seemed to go quickly, with Y2,3,4,5 and 6 taking part in assessments of one sort or another most days: well done to our Y6 pupils who have finished their SATs, with a mature and calm attitude. They were powered by healthy breakfasts and treats from the teachers: their brains were warmed up each day with memory games and a few jokes! The visits and visitors have brought exciting learning to school and we have more planned for next week and after half term. Today we learnt a little about the Royal Wedding, which has sparked some fun role play!

Our whole school topic for next half term is entitled 'Duende', which is a Spanish word - tricky to translate into English. We will tell you a little more about it next week! There will be lots of creativity and fun, with some exciting visits planned. Some classes are already beginning their work and learning about some famous artists, including Gaudi and Dali: we hope that you will enjoy joining in with the learning!

SAFETY AND SECURITY Our staff and governors have reviewed and agreed our **Emergency, Evacuation and Lockdown** policy to ensure our continued provision for safety. A copy is on the website for your information. Please do support us in keeping the school safe, and let the office know if you have any comments or queries. The information below is a polite reminder for parents and carers!

- Please only enter the school building via the school office, so that we can check all visitors. Only use cloakroom/classroom entrances when invited by a member of school staff.
- Always sign in for events, visits etc
- Remember to sign children in and out for appointments and if late etc
- Before school - stay with your children on the playground until a school adult is there
- After school - Apple class pupils should be collected from their outdoor area: all other pupils will come onto the playground, where you should be clearly visible **on the playground**, waiting for them, please
- After school club pick ups - we will be locking the pedestrian gates during after school club hours to make this time more secure. Please collect children from the main school entrance for all these clubs, making sure you are clearly visible to staff so that they can dismiss children quickly and safely
- Park safely - only carers and parents of Apple Class children, and those with pre-school children in cars, should use the school car park. Please reverse safely into spaces and take great care. Avoid walking across the car park whenever possible (this will be necessary, with vigilance, upon pick up after clubs, as the pedestrian gates will be locked).
- Ensure your contact details are always up to date and let us know if someone else is collecting children

The week ahead.....

Monday 21st May:

Maple Class visit to Wittering beach

1.00-3.00 - Poolside First Aid training at West Dean

Clubs: Think Tank-Mrs. Prudence (Y4,5,6), Art -Mrs. Moss(Y1,2,3), French-Mrs. Crombie(Y3,4,5,6)

Tuesday 22nd:

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

Wednesday 23rd:

9.00-11.00 Apple Class visit to Waitrose in Chichester, children to be dropped at Waitrose please at 8.55am

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

Thursday 24th:

Year 6 Racing to School at Goodwood with Mrs Goacher - children to be dropped off and collected at The Charlton Pavillion Car Park, Goodwood Racecourse please, 9.15 and 2.45.

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

Friday 25th:

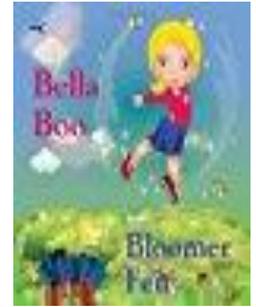
2.30-3.30 - Community Café

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

Visiting Author

We have arranged for the children to meet authors, to help them understand the writing Process.

Sebastian Hockaday, the author of the children's picture book, *Bella Boo and Bloomer Fen* visited school on Thursday. The visit involved a writing workshop with a group of pupils from Years 2, 3 and 4; followed by a reading of his book in an assembly for Reception up to Year 4 with a Q+A session, followed by a book signing session at the end of the day. Children had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy at the end of the day.



Young Maths Whizzes Mrs Louise Shaw took 4 children to Portfield for a Maths Enrichment Day:



Year 1 Apples and Year 2 Maples visit to Portfield Academy for a Fun Maths Day.

Rupert, Sidney, Elizabeth and Daniel spent a day working with groups from four other schools on fast paced and challenging Fun Maths Puzzles with Peter Hall, an ex-head teacher.

All four worked hard all day showing real effort and perseverance, Sidney and Rupert (two of only a very few Years 1 attending) were enthusiastic movers of frogs, trying to swap them over in as few moves as possible. The West Dean team were able to answer first to a number of the puzzles and the day ended with a very fast paced Tangram challenge. We all agreed it had also been interesting to spend a day in a bigger school.

Lots of fun maths can be found at <https://nrich.maths.org/>



Fabulous swimming and fabulous fund raising

This wonderful group of swimmers swam to raise money for a charity - The Lions - and for our school, to save our own pool and support us in providing fabulous PE opportunities in school.

Some children managed to persuade their grown ups to join in, and the groups were a force to be reckoned with in Westgate Pool! We are extremely grateful to them all for giving up their own time to support the school, whether in the swimming or in the organizing behind the scenes, and to Mrs. Goacher and Mrs. Johnson for their hard work too.

AAA Sports Coaching will be available

**On our Inset Day,
Wednesday 4th July.**

This will also be running for the first week of the summer holidays so if you would like a place please make sure you book in advance by contacting ben@aaacoaching.co.uk
07788661316

Save Our Swimming Pool: Thank you to those of you who have very kindly contributed the suggested £10 to help us with the cost of keeping the swimming pool up and running, just a reminder that this will allow you 'free' use of the pool during the times that it is open. We only have three names on our list for the First Aid training currently and if we only have 3 First Aiders we will not be able to open the pool as often we could with more people to help.

There is no charge for the training - will be 1.00-3.00 on Monday 21st May - please do let us know if you are able to help - our children are relying on you to help us to keep our pool.



Please do make sure that you sign up on the rota if you are able to help with any of our swim sessions.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Information regarding after school clubs for the second half of the summer term was sent home yesterday. Please do remember that clubs are popular and become booked up very quickly. You will notice that it has become necessary to increase the cost of our club provision but hope that you will agree that it is still extremely good value for money and we will try to continue to give the children as many opportunities as possible.

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.

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.

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.

Acorn Awards

Friday 18th May 2018

Emily - for trying so hard in her writing in school ☺

James - for being such a kind friend to others in Apple class

Elliot - for his perseverance and determination in his reading

Otto - for his thoughtful and imaginative poem from the Cathedral

Sidney - for fantastic questioning, observation and involvement during our Cathedral visit

Ethan - for showing good manners and respect during your visit to West Dean College. Remember it is important to be polite and co-operative at all times, well done ☺

Katrin - for your effective use of strategies during SATs this week - she used the time carefully to ensure completion of the tests, well done ☺

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

Monday 21st May, 1.00-3.00 - Poolside First Aid Training for parents

Monday 21st May - Maple class visit to Wittering beach

Wednesday 23rd May, 9.00-11.00 - Apple class visit to Waitrose

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

Friday 25th May, 2.30 - 3.30 - Chestnut Class Community Café

Wednesday 6th June - KS2 'Nano' Tech day at Southampton University

Tuesday 12th June - Maple class visit to Wahacca in Chichester

Wednesday 13th June - Chestnut class visit to the Houses of Parliament in London

Thursday 14th June - Beech Class Big Camp

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

Thursday 21st June, 8.45 - Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

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

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Tuesday 26th June, 1.15-3.30 - Year 6 Rounders at Bishop Luffa (selected children)

Wednesday 27th June - Maple class visit to West Dean Church

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 29th June, 1.00 - 4.00 - KS2 Softball Tournament in Oaklands Park (club children)

Monday 2nd July, 9.15-14.30 - Yr 6, God and the Big Bang Science Day at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July - GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected children)

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

Wednesday 4th July - AAA Coaching

Thursday 5th July, 1.30-3.30 - Future Flyers at Westgate (selected children)

Friday 6th July - Reserve date for GAS Sports afternoon at Boxgrove School (selected children)

Monday 9th July - GAS Cricket event (Selected children)

Tuesday 10th July, 1.15 - 3.30 - Yr 1 & 2 Multi-skills sports event at Bishop Luffa (selected children)

Wednesday 11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Wednesday 11th July, 1.00-4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)

Thursday 12th July, 1.00 - 4.00 - Gallery Afternoon (further information to follow)

Tuesday 17th June, 1.30-2.30 - Year 6 Leavers' Service in West Dean Church

Wednesday 18th July - Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

Thursday 19th July - Reserve date for Sports Afternoon, PTA BBQ, Year 6 Rounders, Ice Cream Van etc

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

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

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

Wednesday 4th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - **Inset Days**

Autumn Term 2018: Tuesday 4th September- Wednesday 19th December

Monday 3rd September - Inset Day

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

NB: 2019 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 19th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome



Current Useful Information and Reminders

<p>Chichester District Foodbank</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Care Bears</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>After School Clubs</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
<p>Late Arrivals</p>	<p>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 9th 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.</p>
	<p>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)</p>