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Dear Parents and Carers,

C'est Fantastique!



As you know, we aim to constantly improve and develop our provision for the children in our school. As part of our work each year, we study an aspect as a whole school, which builds great links and provides opportunities across phases, classes and key stages. This year, we are giving our French provision a boost, following staff training, and we will present our whole school production partially in French! We will combine this with lots of learning about some of the countries in Europe and finding out about our place in society and in the world as a whole.

Each of our cohorts (year groups) has the identity of a country in Europe – you may have seen our continent map in the hall. For our whole school production on July 12th: *The Fantastic Elastic Travel Show - C'est Fantastique!* We will be learning about these countries, writing and rehearsing our part of the production. Look out for further information soon! We know that some families have links to other parts of the world and we hope that you will help us in preparing for our show, and even help us on the night!

Iceland	YR
Poland	Y1
Greece	Y2
Switzerland	Y3
Spain	Y4
Norway	Y5
France	Y6

So, keep the date free in your diaries and please help your children to find out about their European identity!

If you have any ideas, props or would like to get involved, please let the class teachers know.



Chestnut Class Visit to Chichester Festival Theatre - Forty Years On:

Chestnut class had the opportunity to see Alan Bennett's 'Forty Years On' on Wednesday at Chichester Festival Theatre.

"A glorious comedy, Alan Bennett's first play is a hilarious and, at times, unnerving enquiry into Englishness, nostalgia and identity. Written at a time of tumultuous social change it explores, with great satirical verve, the impact of the past on the present."

This performance starred Richard Wilson (One Foot in the Grave) and our very own Noah Pearson also had a role in the play. Some of the staff have been lucky to see the play and would recommend it if you are able to go along, although it is not suitable for younger audiences.

Y6 SATs

Our Y6 children will be doing their national tests next week, each morning, as shown below. We wish them lots of luck and hope that they will remember to get plenty of sleep and fresh air, and eat healthily. Good luck children, revise a little this weekend – you know the things you should practise – but give your brains a break too !

Monday 8 May

English reading

Tuesday 9 May

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

Wednesday 10 May

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic

Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 11 May

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning



Acorn Awards - Friday 6th May 2017

*There were no Acorn Awards today; the children
Enjoyed an exciting assembly led by Hugo Van Driel, with
lots of celebration, music and singing.*

PTA News:

PTA AGM will be held on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm at The Dean. Everyone is welcome, please do come along and see how you can get involved and support our PTA and school.

Sunday 7th May - West Dean Welly Walk.

Please do come along and join in our very first West Dean Welly Walk. We already have over 60 people taking part!

We will meet beside the green door next to St Andrew's Church on Church Lane between 1.45-2.15.

(Parking in the village or at school, not the pub please!)

Our walk will take us through West Dean Gardens (free entry to the grounds) and back to school for afternoon tea at around 4pm.

We are asking for donations rather than charging per person/pupil, and we have put a welly boot in the classrooms for each year group: please bring in your loose change and let's see who can fill their welly first. Some of the proceeds will go to West Dean PTA for our children and some will be donated to charity. The class who has collected the most money in their welly will be able to choose which charity they would like the money to go to.

Thank you everyone for your continued support - do come along if you can.



Dates for 2017

SummerTerm Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Thursday 11th May - Paul Ullson visit to Beech Class - Stoneage

Thursday 11th May, 7.30 - PTA AGM at The Dean - all welcome

Friday 12th May - Maple Class visit to West Dean Gardens

Wednesday 17th May, 6.00 - Dance House Highlights Event - Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis

Thursday 18th May - Beech Class visit to St Roches Hill (Trundle) information to follow shortly

Thursday 18th May - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 19th May- NEW COMMUNITY CAFÉ DATE - run by Chestnut Class from 2:30 until 3.30

Monday 22 May, 1.00-2.30 - Pool side First Aid training session (selected attendees)

Thursday 25th May - Racing to school at Goodwood - Year 6

Friday 26th May - INSET

Thursday 8th June am - Governor Visits

Thursday 8th June - Election Day School open as normal

Monday 12th June - Yellow School Photos

Wednesday 14th June - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral - information to follow

Saturday 17th June - School Fete

W/C 19 June - Parent Evenings Year 1, 3, 5 **No clubs this week**

Thursday 22 June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 29th June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd June 1.15pm - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 4th July, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th July - GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 5th July - INSET

Friday 7th July, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Monday 10th July - Cricket at Boxgrove (selected pupils)


Wednesday 12th July - Whole School Production - evening show for all children (details to follow)

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

Wednesday 19th July, 12.30 - Sports afternoon

Wednesday 19th July, 3.00 - PTA Picnic & BBQ/Rounders event - all welcome

Thursday 20th July, 12.30 - Sports Afternoon Reserve

	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.
Summer Term Clubs and Care Bears 	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. You can cancel your place through school money and your account will be credited or</p> <p>Please email the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247)</p> <p>Thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Information is now available regarding clubs for the summer term. The timetable for summer term 1 clubs is attached for your information.</p>
	<p>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.</p> <p>Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
Class Open Mornings	<p>Class Open Mornings - 8.45</p> <p>Apple - Tuesday 27th June 2017</p> <p>Maple - Tuesday 20th June 2017</p> <p>Beech - Friday 16th June 2017</p> <p>Chestnut - Friday 9th June 2017</p> <p>These are dates when you will be able to spend 20 - 30 minutes in the classroom, finding out about how we learn and teach some specific concepts and skills. We hope that you will join us to aid you in supporting your children.</p>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available during the half term holiday, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June in addition to the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places.</p> <p>ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>