



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Remembrance Assembly this morning which the children in Beech class had prepared prior to attending the School Friends Service later in the morning at Chichester Cathedral. It is always so poignant to share the children's learning about peace and how we must all value it so highly. Thank you to everyone who came to join us.

PTA AGM followed by QUIZ Fundraiser in the school hall (Tickets £5 per person on School Money)
PTA AGM 7.30pm (No ticket required) Thursday 22nd November.

This is a great opportunity for all parents and carers to learn a little more about the vibrant PTA at West Dean School, what they do and how the money raised by PTA activities is used in school; we will also vote onto committee new members.

Come along and find out more! Any new parents with fresh ideas are very welcome!

QUIZ 8pm

Test your general knowledge and have a laugh, competing for the grand prize AND the satisfaction of knowing you're smarter than everyone else...!

Free drinks and snacks will be provided, and if any answers are eluding you, you can buy a clue from the quiz master, raising money for the school in the process. There will also be a special £5-note raffle running throughout the evening, so please bring a fiver (or two!) if you'd like a chance of winning some top prizes. Form your own team of 4 (or less, if you're feeling brave!) and send £5 per head via School Money. We'll do the rest!

RAFFLE

Enter our £5-note raffle to win brilliant Christmas presents for you and your loved ones!

*1 month adult and junior membership at Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club.

*Mitox 260 BX Premium Leaf Blower (£199) from Roger Gunn Garden Machinery Ltd, who will fuel it up and show you how to use it!

*£50 voucher for STEPHEN LAWRENCE MENSWEAR.

*Voucher for blow-dry with a top consultant at RUSH Hair in Chichester.

*Skywalk tour of the Rolls Royce factory.

*Voucher for 30-minute relaxing therapeutic massage at THE ZEN DEN in Chilgrove.

*Jo Malone London perfume.

*Heineken Swag Bag including a Heineken keg.

*Voucher for Timothy Roe Fine Jewellery in Chichester.

If you can't make it to the quiz on 22nd, you can still enter the raffle! Sign your fiver and give it in to Grace Timothy, Leisa Chapman or Lou Shaw on the school playground



The week ahead..... November 2018

Monday 12th November:

8.45—Chestnut Class Open morning

Tuesday 13th November:

8.45—Beech Class Open Morning

Clubs: Swimming at Westbourne Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Wednesday 14th November:

8.45—Maple Class Open Morning

Clubs: Cookery Mrs Muggeridge & Miss Boxall (Yr 3,4,5,6), Football Mr Horstead (selected football team)

Thursday 15th November:

8.45—Apple Class Open Morning

Clubs: Dance Miss Hall (Yr 4,5,6),

Lego Mrs Pearmaine (Yr 2,3 & 4)

Friday 16th November:

West Dean Wear it Well for Children in Need

1.00—Year 6 Sports afternoon at Oakwood School

Clubs: MultiSports Mr Johnson (Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6)



On Tuesday, Matt Horstead, our football coach, took 8 children from Year 4, 5 & 6 to the GAS football event at Chichester High School.

Matt reported that the children played really well, behaviour was excellent and the result was joint second for West Dean. Well done to all of our footballers and thank you to Matt and our parent helpers. Matt has been coaching the football team in an after school club on Wednesday, further fixtures are planned during November and December.

Mrs Pearmaine took 9 children from year 1 & year 2 to a football event at Chichester College on Monday. Many of our sporting events are for the older children and this was a good opportunity for the younger ones to 'have a go'.

AAA Coachaing Dates Available:

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 15th February 2019 (Inset)

Monday 15th—Thursday 18th April 2019 (Easter)

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (Inset)

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th July 2019 (Summer)

Please contact ben@aaacoaching.co.uk for further details and to book places. Please could we ask that places are booked and paid for in advance of the day to enable Ben to plan for appropriate staff cover. We would like to avoid children turning up on the day expecting a place to be available.

Armistice Centenary 11th November 2018 - Rev K Robinson

The annual Act of Remembrance will take place at 3pm on 11th November in Singleton Church, and this year to mark the Centenary of the armistice, the war memorial in the churchyard has been refurbished and will be rededicated at the beginning of this service. The service will be followed by tea and refreshment in Singleton Village Hall. Mrs Moss will be present and we do hope that you will be able to join this important valley occasion.



The Giving Machine

We have exciting fundraising news.

You can now help raise donations for the TheGivingMachine Community Fund without you even leaving your sofa and it doesn't cost you a penny!

TheGivingMachine Community Fund on TheGivingMachine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>

TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, Next, Thomas Cook, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Waitrose, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

In order to start raising free donations please go to: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

Christmas Cards—Today your child will have brought home some information regarding Cauliflower Cards.

If you would like to join in with getting a Christmas Card / Mug printed with your child/children's artwork, the submission form and some blank A5 sheets were sent home, the form explains the costs and more information is available from the poster in the foyer and on the Cauliflower Cards website. Each pack purchased raises £1 for the school.

There is no obligation to make a card. Those families with more than one child may like to make one card with input from all!

Artwork and forms should be returned to school by Monday 19th November.



West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop.

Our Shwop Shop will be open between 8.15-8.45 and 2.15-2.45 every day next week—come on in and bag a bargain!



Welcome to our new West Dean Wear it Well Shwop shop; Our first event will take place during w/c 12th November. The event will culminate in 'Wear it Well for Children in Need' on Friday 16th November, where children and adults are invited to show case their 'shwops' on our non-uniform day. All of the details are in the attached letter so please do have a look and see what you can find.

Donations for Children in Need will be available on our school-money system to make it easier for you if you wish to contribute in this way. Children can still bring in their coins on the day if you would prefer. The suggested minimum donation is £2 but you are, of course, welcome to donate any amount above this should

Cornet Performance

The children in Beech and Chestnut classes have been learning to play the cornet this term under the West Sussex Music Scheme, one term to learn.

You are warmly invited to come along and celebrate their achievements when they perform for you on Wednesday 21st November at 2.10pm in our school hall.



Chestnut Class had their Assembly this week where the children were able to share their learning with their parents, grandparents and carers. There was plenty to celebrate as they showed us what they have been doing in the classroom this term.

Diary Dates 2018/19

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

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

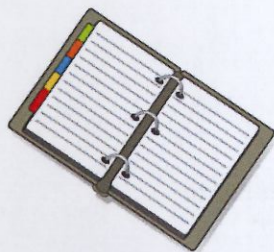
2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Shwop Shop open in the Pavilion every day next week, 8.15-8.45 and 2.15-2.45.

Monday 12th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Open Morning - Creche Available

Tuesday 13th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Open Morning - Creche Available

Wednesday 14th November, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning - Creche Available

Thursday 15th November, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning - Creche Available

Friday 16th November - 'West Dean Wear it Well' for Children in Need

Friday 16th November, 2.30 - 3.30 - Year 6 Netball & Football at Oakwood School

Monday 19th November, 8.30 - Yellow School Photographs (Individual)

Tuesday 20th November, 3.00-5.00—Chestnut Class Open Classroom

Wednesday 21st November, 2.30 - Cornet Performance, Year 3,4,5,6

Thursday 22nd November, 1.30 - 3.30 - Sports Partnership Football at Chichester University Year 5/6

Wednesday 28th November, 9.30-11.30 - GAS Maths Enrichment Day at The March (x4 yr 5/6)

Thursday 29th November, 10.30-12.30 - Small Schools Football Tournament, Regis, Yr 5/6

Monday 19th November - Yellow School Photos - individuals & siblings

Thursday 29th November - Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 4th December, 1.30-3.30 - Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Westgate Year 5/6

Tuesday 4th December, 2.00-3.30—Beech Class Wellington Grange visit

Tuesday 11th December, 7.00-9.00—PTA Wreath Making Evening (details to follow)

Thursday 13th December, 1.30-3.30 - Sports Partnership Football Tournament, Regis, Year 3/4

Christmas Dates for 2018!

Friday 14th December, 10.00 - Father Christmas visit to West Dean College

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



Thursday 10th January, 9.30 - 11.30 - Swimming starts for KS2 at Westgate

Thursday 17th January, 9.30 - 2.30 - GAS Language Enrichment Day for Yr 4 (selected)

Thursday 17th January, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Monday 28th January - Treasure Hunters at Chichester Cathedral (Year 5/6 selected)

Y5/6 residential visit to France - March 4th - 7th 2019



*Acorn Awards
Friday 9th November 2018*

Our Acorn Awards for this week will be presented to the children during assembly on Monday 12th November.

Our assembly today was our Remembrance Assembly.



Anna Bassett is a Play Therapist who comes into school to work with some of the children.

Below is a link to her website if you would like to find about the work that she does:

<https://annabassett.co.uk/2018/09/18/therapeutic-play/>

School funding remains on the political agenda:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/yes-we-need-little-extras-such-as-books-and-teachers-3qf0p6bln>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/readers-poll-should-schools-rather-than-the-nhs-be-the-governments-spending-priority->

**Safer Roads beside our School -
We need more volunteers!**

Help make the journey to school safer by joining us in a national initiative called Community Speed Watch. CSW is fully supported by Sussex Police, participants in our area are trained to use speed calming equipment. The data collected on excessive speeds and repeated offences leads to prosecutions, all this will help to deter antisocial driving near school.

At present our Community Speed Watch co-ordinator is Parent Governor Richard Edwards; if anyone else is interested in co-ordinating let Richard know.

Please do sign up at the school office for Community Speed Watch even if you only have a little time to offer (this is a small commitment). We do need a few more volunteers to make this happen.

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

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.

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.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on School-money.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.



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.

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)

France Residential Visit - March 2019

For children in Chestnut class, payment is now available on school money for the France residential visit taking place in March 2019. The total amount is £359 but this can be made in instalments; just select the amount that you wish to pay and the balance will reduce accordingly.



Chestnut Class Open Classroom

Chestnut Class will be open for parents and carers to come in and have a look at the wonderful range of homework that the children have been doing this term.

Tuesday 20th November, 3.00-5.00, you are invited to come along and join us in chestnut classroom.

Further details to follow.



West Dean CE Primary School

Club Hub

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 2
Second half of Autumn term x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday					
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs John-	20	Swim	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Matt Horstead	10	Foot- ball	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cook- ery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Miss Hall	14	Dance	£	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£	Yr 2,3,4
Friday	AAA Coaching	35	Sports		1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 29th October, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available

everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15

Our swimming club will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

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.





PARENT POWER DROP IN...

I am offering 'Parent Power' as an informal drop in session open to all parents from Year R to Year 6.

All questions/ worries/ problems are welcome and none are too small or too silly:

- Help my child won't do their homework...
- What even are graphemes and phonemes...
- What does CVC or CVC or CVC stand for...
- Any suggestions that will help with...
- What does expanded addition look like...
- What is partitioning and chunking (sounds quite painful!)...
- I didn't learn long multiplication that way at school - help!...
- My child's reading book never comes home...
- Why don't we have spellings to learn anymore...
- My child is not enjoying playtimes...
- How can I get involved with the PTA...

I am not promising to have the answers to everything, but I will work with you and the staff to see if together we can work it out.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend but do have a question please drop it into the 'Parent Power' box in reception and I will get back to you at a more convenient time.

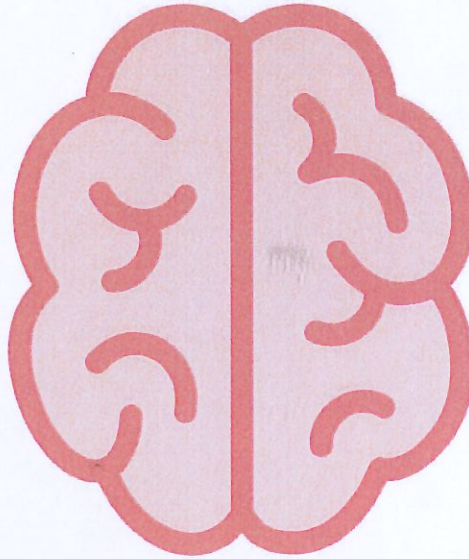
This will not replace Wednesday classroom 'drop ins' but I am hoping it will offer another opportunity to for you to communicate with us: even if it is just to book a convenient time to meet your child's class teacher.

We will trial this in the pavilion on Monday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:00pm for a month, starting after October half term, and if it proves useful we will continue after Christmas too.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Mrs Goacher

QUIZ NIGHT

School fundraiser



22.11.18

West Dean School Hall
7.30pm School PTA AGM

Get to know what the PTA does

8.00pm Quiz begins.

Use your general knowledge to win the GRAND prize

Tickets £5

Includes refreshments

Form you own team, maximum of four people

Bring cash to buy clues and raffle tickets!

***Those attending PTA AGM only do not need to buy tickets**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6 2018

LOGIN

VIDEO

Yes, we need 'little extras'. Such as books and teachers

Education funding has fallen 8% since 2010, and heads are furious about the chancellor's meagre handout

Sian Griffiths

November 4 2018, 12:01am, The Sunday Times



Staff and pupils from the schools featured in BBC2's new documentary
RYAN MCNAMARA

There's a telling moment in *School*, the latest television documentary series to send fly-on-the-wall cameras into some of England's schools. An irate mother is taking the head teacher at Marlwood School, in south Gloucestershire, to task about her teenage son. "He struggles with maths. Why can't he have a maths teacher?" she asks, not unreasonably. The camera cuts away to show a teacher hurriedly swotting up on algebra before a lesson with year 9. In the classroom he turns to write a problem on the whiteboard. As he does so we see the words "PE staff" printed on the back of his tracksuit top.

School, which starts on BBC2 this week, features the usual dramas of naughty pupils — staff turn up one morning to find...

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6 2018

LOGIN

Readers' poll: Should schools rather than the NHS be the government's spending priority?

November 4 2018, 12:01am, The Sunday Times



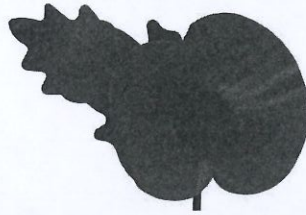
When chancellor Philip Hammond announced an extra £400m in last week's budget for schools to pay for "little extras" such as whiteboards and laptops, teachers complained on social media that it was the same amount as Hammond had allocated to fix potholes.

Schools have had a real-terms funding cut of an average 8% per pupil since 2010, according to independent think tank the Institute of Fiscal Studies. Dozens are closing at Friday lunchtime to save money, there are collection buckets in supermarkets for donations, and parents are paying for everything from toilet rolls to textbooks.

Some say cash-starved state schools should be prioritised ahead of the NHS for government funding. What's your view?

Poll closes at midday on Friday, November 9. The final result will...

THE VALLEY REMEMBERS



**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
AND RE-DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED WAR MEMORIAL,
SINGLETON**

ON THE ARMISTICE CENTENARY

Sunday 11th November 3.00pm

FOR EVERYONE FROM THE VALLEY VILLAGES

This service will take place at Singleton Church and at the War Memorial in the churchyard on the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice. Involved will be representation from the Royal British Legion, the Parish Councils and Valley schoolchildren.

All are welcome.

Please gather at the War Memorial cross in the churchyard before 3pm for the laying of wreaths and the re-dedication, which will be followed by the Act of Remembrance in the church.

Tea will be provided afterwards in Singleton Village Hall.

LOVE
SCHOOL
— Meals —
WE'RE
ALL EARS



Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week, we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

HAVE YOUR SAY

12th November – 16th November 2018

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY

For your chance to win
8 x Family Ice Skating Tickets

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GAS Football



Chichester Cathedral