West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important notice to Chestnut class parents re French Residential visit:

Please note the time of our return to West Dean on Friday 10th March will be 10.15pm as stated on the itinerary.

This week Apple class have been making 'rain catchers' they are in our garden and you are welcome to come in and have a look at them, but please do be careful, they are quite delicate: thank you.

Chestnut Class WW2 Day: Year 6 children from Singleton School will be joining us when we have a visiting soldier to bring our learning to life on Tuesday 14th February. They will be experiencing 'ration' packs and have the opportunity to try on battle dress in addition to having an interactive, historical insight into WW2. Don't forget that children will not need a hot meal or a packed lunch on this day.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

Children are invited to dress up as any book character on the day and to bring in two or three books, in excellent condition, which they are happy to swap. They will all then bring one or two 'new' books home. We will also be doing 'book buddies' during the day.

We have an exciting visit planned by a local author, Ginny Vere Nicoll. She will be joining us on World Book Day to talk to the children about her 'Feel Good' stories based around her dog called Marmite and her puppy Nutmeg. Ginny will be available after school with books sales and signing.

E-Safety: Three of our Year 6 children took part in an E-Safety competition at the Chichester High School with other schools from the Chichester Locality group of schools. With the help of Mrs Pinnington & Mrs. Prudence, Chestnut Class put together a video clip of their interpretation of on-line safety and ours was the winning entry for KS2. The prize was two notebook computers for the classroom, which will be well-used and are valuable additions to our laptops, notebooks and ipads. Very well done to our three ambassadors and to the whole class. Take a look at Madeleine's report on the next page! You may have been shown the clip during the e-safety briefing on Tuesday evening if you attended: it was shown to staff from all of the schools during their briefing on Wednesday evening. **See the video now on the gallery page of the school website.**

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 continue next 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. Please make sure that you have booked your child in for your required Care Bear sessions, places are limited and become filled quite quickly. We cannot guarantee places on the day.

Please Note: There will be no Dance Clubs w/c 27th February or 6th March.

Chestnut Class Community Cafe – Date for your Diary

This will have a French theme as we prepare for our visit to Normandy.
Thursday 16th February, 2.30pm.

Parent Governor Vacancies

You will have received information regarding our 2 current Governing Body vacancies; we are seeking to elect two new parent governors. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 15th February, please do come in and ask at the office if you require any further information.

CHESTNUT CLASS' E-ACHIEVEMENT

(by Madeleine Mason)

On the 7th of February three students went to Chichester High School to present a video that they made and they won! The video was supposed to teach people how to stay safe on the internet, they created the video and focused on keeping their identity safe.

3rd place Fishbourne
2nd place St Richard's
1st West Dean

They learnt what they should post and what you shouldn't, they leant a phrase that helps post a photo, if you don't want a parent or police officer to see then don't post it.
The other children in the class made emoji's to help keep their identity safe.

Quotes

Madeleine Mason one of the children that made the video said, "It was a stressful process and a lot of hard work was put in but it paid off."

Mrs Pinnington a member of staff said, "a lot of thought and hard work went into the video! We had to create a story board, film the individual sections and put them all together! I am so proud of how much work the children put into it."

	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	**Our uniform has now moved over to Game, Set and Match in Chichester, please do contact them or use their website for your uniform requirements.** **We still have stock of some sweatshirts (limited in certain sizes) available to purchase at a discounted price, 50%, come in and have a look.** We will continue to stock in school backpacks and book bags and our popular winter coats are available to order. please come in and ask at the office.
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. You can cancel your place through school money and your account will be credited or** 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, letters were sent home last 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 and Beech visit to CFT.
Lost Property	We have now located a 'Lost Property Bin' on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything 'lost and found' will be placed in here, please feel free to have a look if you think your child has mislaid any uniform or other items.

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

A polite request to parents collecting children from Apple class area, please do make sure that your children remain with you once you have collected them. Younger children running in the playground after they have been 'collected' is causing confusion for other members of staff and parents of other classes.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Pre-School Plea!

Pre-School is having a spring clean and looking to replace some of the more well-loved resources. If you have any good quality toys, Lego, Brio or dressing up, we would love to have them! Please drop them into Pre-School or hand to one of the Pre-School mummies!

Many thanks for all your support.

Pre-School Committee

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

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 – Chestnut Class WW2 Day with rations for lunch

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

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

Wednesday 15th February – Closing date for Parent Governor nominations

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 - Minerva theatre Playwright Sharing Event for year 6

Thursday 2nd March – Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

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 ¾

Wednesday 9thMarch – 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

Wednesday 22nd March, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 23rd March – Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

Tuesday 28th March 8.45 – Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 30th March – Final Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut

Tuesday 4th April, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th April – Dance House Event, Alexandra theatre, Bognor

Acorn Awards -

Our Acorn Awards for this week will be presented during our assembly on Wednesday 15th February.

Today our assembly was taken by Hugo Van Driel.

Our next Acorn Awards will be on Wednesday 15th February.