



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

Another exciting week of learning has come to a close and we have celebrated individual running and football achievements, as well as our swimming team's amazing performance on Saturday evening.

Apple Class impressed us all with their lovely assembly and all the children were able to tell us so much about animals, how to write a sentence, paint an otter and much much more!

Our governors and I visited classrooms to celebrate the rich curriculum and the **technology and science** in particular. If you need an outdoor hand wash station, Chestnut Class have designed several prototypes!

The Cormorants Swim Gala was one of my favourite evenings ever and we have more details later in this newsletter.

Look out for news about our Alive & Kicking week, when we will all wear sports/outdoor clothing all week, whilst learning about and taking part in activities to keep us mentally and physically healthy.

23rd–27th March.

Children at Risk—Safe driving in the car park

Please see attached information that was sent out this week to remind us all about safety and respect in both school and The Dean car parks.



Playtime clothes

Y2,3,4,5,6 footballers - please could our footballers have long tracksuit bottoms to wear for football to keep their school trousers clean.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Please log into Eschools to book your Parent Evening Appointment. The booking system will close at 1pm on Monday 16th March.

Thank you.

Yoga at West Dean:

Come along to the new, mixed ability Yoga class at West Dean with Debbie Albon. Classes are running on Monday evening, beginning 24th February, 6.00-7.15 during term time here at school. Look out for details attached.

Please do spread the word so that this is a viable class!



Class Assembly Dates: Spring Term

Maple Class:

Thursday 2nd April

Please do come and join us at 8.45.

The week ahead..... March 2020

Monday 16th March : Parent Evening booking closes at 1pm

Drums—12—4pm

Tuesday 17th March:: - Parents Evening—3.10-5pm

Beech Class—Forest Schools—remember to bring a change of clothes

Swimming Club

Wednesday 18th March: Parents Evening 3—6pm

Thursday 19th March: Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut, 9.30—11.

Ultimate Frisbee at Bishop Luffa 1-3pm—Yr6

Judo Club, 3.00, Mr Pring

Friday 20th March:

Look out for information about our **West Dean Re-cycle Scheme** coming soon.

Amazon wish list link

We have set up an Amazon 'wish list' with details of some resources that parents/carers/grandparents might like to purchase for our school. Staff are currently thinking about items that would like and the list will be updated regularly.

<http://amzn.eu/6F5zEM2>

Staying Healthy at West Dean

Please see the attached letter as a reminder of our coronavirus message.

Thank you all for your support in helping us to delay/prevent the spread of any germs in our population. We continue to seek ways to keep everyone healthy.

Water bottles will be sent home today to be washed over the weekend. Please could they be returned to school on Monday morning.

Important reminder to parents and carers:

Please could you let us know if you have any changes to medical conditions, inhalers or equipment, and/or emergency contact details. The details that we keep on file are only as current as your advice.

Remember—.....if anything has changed, please let us know.



Head Lice **Please ensure long hair is tied back at all times!**

We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please be vigilant and treat your child's hair appropriately if necessary. Nit combs are available from the school office.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Just a reminder that we are a member of The Giving Machine, so please, if you can, do remember to use this website when shopping online.

The Giving Machine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via The Giving Machine you will generate a free cash donation for West Dean Primary School. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. Retailers pay commission to websites that send shoppers to them. The Giving Machine turns this commission into a charitable donation for our school. It's free and easy to use.

Simply visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, click join and search for West Dean CE Primary School or use our quick sign in code 266078, complete the registration form and you will be

PTA News:

Welly Walk—Sunday 15th March, 2.30–4.00



This has been postponed at the request of a number of parents—we hope to do it sometime soon!

We are currently raising money to replace and refresh our **Trim Trail**, which is much loved by the children, as well as all the many other areas you support.

Fools Rules

On 1st April, we have a fun day planned! Look out for details!

Casino Night—Friday 27th March—SAVE THE DATE and look out for more details on the posters around school and sent home.

Don't forget to log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk to purchase raffle tickets for the 'Eggstravaganzer' and to [purchase your tickets for the Casino night](#).



Easter Eggstravaganzer - School Pupil Parliament Fundraising.

Look out for details of our Easter Readathon, Easter Egg Raffle and Tombola.

This has all been sent home, further reminders will follow nearer the time.

Tickets are available to buy on schoolmoney.co.uk.

WORLD BOOK DAY:

March 6th—thank you for supporting our **Bring and Buy Book Stall**—we had a moderately good response and decided to run this again each day before and after school this week. We have books left

And these will be taken to charity shops. Our grand total raised was £63.46.

We are delighted to announce that the Paul Geraghty **The Hunter** signed picture has been won in our auction. And the lucky winner has been notified. We hope that it will bring a lot of pleasure! We did not have any bids for our second picture and will keep it in school—this was not the money spinner we hoped, and we still have lots of super books for sale in school, which we will make available another time. thank you for your support in all our fund raising activities, however—they have a very positive impact on the children's opportunities.



Diary Dates 2020

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July



Sunday 15th March, 2.30-4.00 - PTA Welly Walk in West Dean Gardens

Monday 16th March, 6.00 - Yoga with Debs at West Dean

Tuesday 17th March, 3.00-5.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18th March, 3.00-6.00—Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 19th March, 1.00-3.00—SSP event, Ultimate Frisbee for Year 6 at Bishop Luffa with Mrs Goacher

Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March—Alive and Kicking week in school, look out for details of our activities for happy, healthy lives.

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th March—Bikeability for Year 6

Monday 23rd March, 6.00 - Yoga with Debs at West Dean

Tuesday 24th March—Maths Challenge Christs Hospital—selected Yr 4 pupils

Wednesday 25th March—Arun Swim Gala

Thursday 26th March—Governing Body Meeting

Friday 27th March, 7.30 - PTA Casino Night at The Dean

Monday 30th March, 6.00 - Yoga with Debs at West Dean

Tuesday 31st March, 1.00-3.00—Beech Class visit to Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki's Tutankhamun exhibition

Wednesday 1st April - PTA Fools Rules Day (further info to follow)

Wednesday 1st April, 3.00pm—Easter Egg Tombola in the pavilion

Thursday 2nd April, 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

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Friday 3rd April, 8.45—End of Term Assembly, all welcome to join us

Friday 3rd April, 2.30 - Easter 'Eggstravaganzer' Raffle

Thursday 23rd April, 10.00-2.00—Year 5 Mini-Olympics at Bishop Luffa

Friday 1st May—PTA Sponsored Mini-Olympics (further details to follow)

Thursday 7th May, 1.00-3.45—Tri Golf at Chichester Golf Club for Year 3

Friday 8th May - 75th VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday—school closed

Monday 11th—Friday 15th May - SATs Week

Saturday 16th May—Lions Swimathon

Wednesday 20th May 8.45—Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 21st May, 2.30-3.30 - Community Cafe

Monday 1st June - INSET Day, School Closed

Thursday 4th June 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Monday 15th June—Yellow School Photo's—classes/Year 6 Leavers

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June—Beech Class Big Camp

Thursday 25th June 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Tuesday 30th June 9.30-11.30 —Sports at Westgate KS1

Thursday 2nd July 10.30—Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Summer Term Class Assembly Dates:

Please do come along and join us at 8.45

Apple Thursday 4th June

Maple Thursday 25th June

Beech Wednesday 20th May

Chestnut Tuesday 16th June

The Cormorants Swim Gala

Led by Mrs Goacher, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Cruttenden, our amazing swimming squad put on a breath-taking performance on Saturday evening. With fewer races than previous years, we had to take a reduced squad, but each and every child swam their best in all the races. The whole team supported one another every stroke of the way, with previous pupils and squad members who didn't swim joining in with the cheering and helping behind the scenes.

What a team effort! A third and two thirds of the way through the evening, the interim results were announced, and our squad were in fourth position, out of six teams in the top league. This would have been a worthy position to finish in, but, in the last few races, the children narrowly overtook The March and JYH schools, to finish in second place, only three points behind Bosham School.



Exhausted but jubilant and very proud, the swimmers accepted their trophy on the night, and have now been awarded their well-deserved rosettes. All the other schools taking part are more than twice the size of West Dean—so this is a doubly noteworthy result.

We are looking forward to our next gala on Wednesday 25th March, during our Alive and Kicking week.

Do support our swimming by taking part in the swimathon, where we will swim to raise money for the upkeep of our swimming pool. This has been a great success in the past and we are excited to bring lots of money in to keep this valuable resource viable.

Please see the attached letter explaining how you can get a team together and take part.

Acorn Awards
Friday 13th March 2020

Matilda M - for beginning to join your letters in all your writing

Blaise - for brilliant partner work in gymnastics and literacy, for being patient and a great listener

Anu - for your super work in maths finding symmetry in 2D shapes

Nova - for amazing work choices and descriptive sentences when writing your fantasy story

Evie - for showing such progress, dedication and determination with your swimming, you have come such a long way and we are so proud to have you on the team

Ava D - for showing super collaborative and leadership skills during our STEM challenge, you were confident when sharing your ideas

Mason - for showing a positive attitude to your learning, and beginning to make independent choices which will help you 'be the best that you can be'



West Dean CE Primary School
Club Hub

Spring Term 2020

second half of spring term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Andrea Geall (24.02.20 only)	20	Dance (selected)	£ 5.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	20	Swim WBH	£ 20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	(see below for swimming dates)				
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	10	Cookery	£ 25.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
	Mr Chambers	12	Chess/Strategy	£ 25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mr Pring (excl kit hire)	18	Judo	£ 27.50	Yr 3,4,5,6
	(further info to follow re kit hire)				
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£ 25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Club Dates:

W/C 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th March.

No Clubs W/C 16th March as this is Parents' Evening week.

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 in.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

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.

Judo Club - Thursday 19th March - additional Judo club in lieu of Thurs 23 January./C

Swimming Club - No Club Tuesday 25th February re London visit or Tuesday 31st March when Westbourne House pool is closed for maintenance. There will be an additional swim session on Tuesday 17th March in preparation for forthcoming galas

Dance Club - Monday 24th February only

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 Schoolmoney.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)

Governing Body News:

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin', on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.