

West Dean Church of England Primary School

West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ

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Newsletter 25 16th March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who took part in our Mother's Day Wrap, whether you made a donation or received a gift – we raised £309.50 This, together with a very generous donation from a parent, has enabled us to give each child a book token which they can use to select a book for their classroom. (further details below)

West Sussex Sports Partnership – Quicksticks Hockey Tournament – West Dean Champions

A group of year 5 children, accompanied by Mrs Goacher, took part in a sports partnership Hockey Tournament at the Westgate Centre on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Goacher said that the children were fabulous, true team players who showed great sportsmanship which culminated in us winning the competition. We are now in the West Sussex County Competition – well done team, you were awesome!

West Sussex Music - Andre De Silva

We had a music lesson with Andre De Silva on Tuesday, he came into school to show us how much fun it can be to play with music in rounds and with different techniques.

International Student Placement - MFL, Rebecca Cunningham and Lorna Wynn

We have two PGCE students in Beech class, this week and next, from Chichester University as part of their International Student Placement Fortnight. This experience will help us in planning our whole school topic in the summer term which will focus on Spain. Our work experience, Aida Ellingsen, is with us in Apple Class, part time, until the end of June

Parish Council Meeting – Mrs Moss and three members of our most current school council attended a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday evening: the children were a credit to our school and presented really well.

Parent Evenings – Tuesday 27th March & Wednesday 28th March. Bookings will go 'live' on e-schools on Monday 19th March.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Interviews were held today and we will be able to announce our appointment at the start of next week. Our new TA will initially work in Beech class, KS2. Four candidates were grilled by our interview panel and by members of our new Pupils' Parliament, as well as spending time getting to know Chestnut Class.

PTA – **Movie Night** - Paddington II was very well attended last night: the children loved wearing their pyjamas, thank you to everyone for supporting this.

Plea to Parents - Apple Class need your old cotton reels and wooden clothes pegs please. If you have any that you could donate please do let us know.

If you have any pre-loved uniform please do bring it in for our uniform shop. We are short of trousers, skirts and dresses.

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will be on Wednesday 28th March at 3.00pm - do come along and have a look at our selection.

March

The week ahead.....

Monday 19th:

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

Tuesday 20th: Beech Class Assembly, 8.45

Clubs: Gym - Miss Hall (Yr 2,3,4) Swimming - Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson (selected pupils) Art - Mrs Moss (selected pupils)

Wednesday 21st:

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

Thursday 22nd Swimming Lessons at Westgate for Beech and Chestnut

Clubs: Lego - Mrs Pearmine (Yr 3,4,5,6) Fun Fit (Yr2,3,4,5)

Friday 23rd: Apple Class Assembly, 8.45.

Beech Class visit to Amberley Museum. Guinness World Record Dance Attempt

Clubs: Tag Rugby - AAA Coaching (Yr 4,5,6) Multisports - AAA Coaching (Yr 1,2,3) Strings - Miss

Urguart (selected pupils)

West Dean CE Primary School Council is evolving into a School Parliament.

You may have already heard, through the children, that we are changing the way we get our children involved in making decisions to improve our school. Our aim is to enable every child and adult at West Dean to be able to play an active role in contributing to these decision making processes. It also supports us in responding to the need to promote 'British values' as part of how we work together to make the school a special and effective place of learning.

Every child and school adult will be a member of one our five **Departments**. We also hope to involve some parents and Governors, so do let us know if you would be able to come along and take part.

The five Departments are:

- Environment
- · Curriculum and Learning
- Finance and Fundraising
- · Healthy and Happy Lives
- Belief and behaviour

Each of these Departments will have certain roles and jobs throughout the year.

The Departments will make suggestions to the Pupils' Parliament of elected Year 6 pupils. These pupils will be 'in office' for half of the school year: September to mid February/mid-February to July. The Pupils' Parliament will then make 'proposals' to the Adults' Parliament.

The Adults' Parliament will decide whether a 'proposal' is agreed in its entirety, if it needs any amendments or if it is not to be followed. All decisions will be ratified by the Adults' Parliament. You will see that we are aiming to replicate our country's parliamentary system in a child-friendly way.

As you may be aware, the monarch does have certain powers to intervene in this decision making process, and so the governing body, guided by me, will take this role!

Books for School

We are delighted to be able to offer our £5 Book Tokens for you to shop for 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.

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school on Tuesday 27th (Wednesday 28th March, 3.00 onwards, to co-incide with Parents' Evenings. Please do come along and have a look at the lovely selection of books on offer. If you would prefer to spend your book voucher allocation at our Book Fair, please do let us know and we can make sure that you can make a selection for our library. This would also benefit the school because we can earn commission on books sold at the Fair which will enable to choose additional books for our library.

West Dean School Parliament - Sponsored Readathon

Our newly formed School Parliament met this morning for the first time. Our Finance and Fundraising Department have proposed that we hold a sponsored Readathon. This will encourage all of our children to read as much as possible over the Easter holidays in addition to raising funds for our School Parliament. Other Departments within the Parliament can then 'bid' for funding for projects that they would like to undertake.

All of our children are invited to take part in the Readathon and we are in the process of designing sponsor forms and book marks; they can be sponsored for reading a book, a chapter or 5 minutes per day, whatever is suitable for each child. You may like to read the book that has been chosen with the book token.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild To pick up a book and read with a child" - Dr Seuss

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.

Sport Relief -

Non-uniform Day Our School Parliament have suggested a non-uniform day in return for a minimum donation of £1. Money raised from this will be split equally and will be donated to Lizzie Williams, a Paralympian who visited us during our 'Alive & Kicking' week, Sport Relief and School Parliament. This will take place on Thursday 22nd March and children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day.

Child Care Facility

In response to enquiries from parents, we are hoping to be able to put together a list of child care providers.

If you are a registered child minder, if you use a registered child minder or know of anyone who would be happy for our recommendation, please do let us know.



Emily - for always trying hard in everything!

Nova - for settling so well into a new school and being such a kind friend

Wilf - for his really thoughtful questioning during our workshop at Marwell Zoo, as well as being a fantastic ambassador for the school

Tilly - for her great pronunciation and efforts in French

Sidney - for fantastic learning and effort with his swimming

Chestnut Class - Our fabulous Hockey Team:

Amy, Holly, Charlie, Jamie, Alex and Jack For showing beautiful manners and great sportsmanship at Quicksticks Hockey. They won because of great teamwork and determination. (Mrs Goacher was very proud to take them!)

Beech Class Busy Bees

Beech class have been learning all about bees:

Last week Mr Canning came in to talk to the children all about keeping bees and producing honey. This week Mrs Chambers came in to help the children with their 'bee' art work.



Look out for honey, on-sale soon!

Spring Term Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018

Tuesday 20th March, 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 22nd March - Non-Uniform Day (see note above)

Friday 23rd March 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd March - Beech Class visit to Amberley Museum

Friday 23rd March - Guinness World Record Dance Attempt

Week commencing 26th March - Parents' Evenings & Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 28th March, 3.00pm - Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Wednesday 28th March 3pm - Pre-school bake sale

Thursday 29th March 8.45am - End of term Easter Assembly

Easter Holidays - West Dean Readathon

Monday 16th April - Art on a Postcard closing date

Monday 23rd April - Thursday 26th April - Art on a Postcard Exhibition

Thursday 26th April - Governor Meeting

Friday 28th April - Novium Museum Sleepover - Beech Class

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May - Future Flyers at Westgate - selected pupils

Week commencing 14th May - SATs week

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

Friday 25th May - Chestnut Class Community Café

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

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

Saturday 23rd June - Summer Fete

Thursday 28th June 8.45am - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd July 8.45am - Beech Class Assembly

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

Wednesday11th July, 8.45am - Apple Class Assembly

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

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

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

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

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July - Inset Days

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

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

NB: Autumn term 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 places)

Tuesday 18th December - PTA Christmas Party in the afternoon

Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

















	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Chichester District Foodbank	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.
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.
Care Bears	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.
After School Clubs	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.
	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.
Late Arrivals	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 9 th 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.
	PTA News: If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa (leisa.chambers55@gmail.com) or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) PAT Electrical
	Safety Testing Do we have any of our parents out there with PAT testing expertise? If you think you might be able to help us with this please do let us know.



FREE Bikeability Level 2



Cycle Training Holiday Courses

(Minimum age 10 years)

Easter Holiday Course

9th - 12th April 2018 (4 days) 9.00am until 11.00am

Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Summer Holiday Course

30th July – 2nd August 2018 (4 days) 9.00am until 11.00am

Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

For further information please contact us

T: 03302226709 or 0330 2226746

or

E: cycle.training@westsussex.gov.uk



Easter Half Term

MULTI-SPORTS

CAMPS





Tuesday 3rd (7 hours of sport) Wednesday 4th

£16 per day







Facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

Thursday 5th Friday 6th





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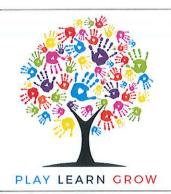


Football - Indoor Hockey - Dodgeball - Boxing (non-contact) - Baseball - Mini Olympics - Cricket Mini Golf - Tag Rugby - Tag American Football - Volleyball - Basketball - Fitness Games - Gymnastics Table Tennis - Netball - Badminton - Tag Games - Team Games - Relay Races - Tennis - Archery

To register your child email: ben@aaacoaching.co.uk

www.aaacoaching.co.uk





The Handprint Tree

Keeping the parents of West Dean Pre-Schoolers informed about what their little learners have been up to!

Introducing our new School Business Manager!



Alison

While she may be taking on a new role with the pre-school, she is certainly not new to most of you. Alison has been involved with West Dean Pre-School for close to a decade. Until recently, she was the Deputy Supervisor for the setting. We are thrilled to announce that Alison has taken

on the role of School Business Manager.

Alison started out as many of us do, as a pre-school Mummy. Her son Jamie is an alumni. Initially, she volunteered her time with the Parents Committee and held the role of treasurer for a number of years. For the past six years, she has been employed as part of the in-setting team. Current children and previous students will all agree that Alison has been a most loved fixture of the pre-school. We were all so upset when due to some health concerns it was no longer practical for Alison to remain in setting day-to-day. However, with her previous business and

bookkeeping experience, we are so very pleased that she will continue to be part of the West Dean Pre-School team as the School Business Manager.

In her new role, Alison will be responsible for the administrative and financial side of the business. She will deal with the invoicing, banking and accounting as well as ensure that aspects of the operational side of the pre-school run smoothly. She will act as a key link between the setting and the Parents Committee.

We are also happy to announce that two Deputy Supervisors have been officially appointed. Tracey, who has been working in the role of Acting Deputy since the Autumn Term has taken on the role of Deputy Supervisor (A). Along with the normal supervising duties, Tracey will also be responsible for coordinating the training and qualifications of the setting staff. The role of Deputy Supervisor (B) with responsibility for SENCo duties, will be held by Carol. Thank you so much to both Tracey and Carol for taking on these new and essential roles.

Calling all bakers...

West Dean Pre-School will be holding an Easter Bake Sale on **Wednesday the 28th of March**. We would like to ask parents to contribute by both baking and buying! Please drop off your tasty Easter themed baked goods to the pre-school in the morning. We will be selling items at all the collection times (12:00, 1:00 and 2:30) as well as at the primary school at 3:00 pm. PLEASE REMEMBER **NO NUTS**!!! (Big school is nut free©)



Mapping out our future childcare sessions

We are pleased to announce that the attendance numbers at pre-school this term have been some of the best on record for this time of year. Both the morning and lunch sessions are full on most days. The afternoon sessions have also been well received by parents and children alike! We continue to get calls for information from potential new parents.

That being said, we are mindful to not over extend our numbers so that we cannot fully accommodate the children that we already have registered with the setting. In order to work out our future scheduling, we would like to ask you to register your interest for the upcoming Summer and Autumn terms. Please know, that any sessions that your child already attends will continue to be theirs, however we know that some parents are thinking about increasing their child's hours in the next couple of terms. Any additions sessions cannot be guaranteed, but this will give us a better picture of what spaces we will have available in the coming months. We will try our best to accommodate all the requests but please know that our spaces are limited, especially for 2 year olds.

We ask that you please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to the pre-school as soon as possible. Copies can also be collected at the setting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with Kerry or email us at westdeanpreschoolinfo@gmail.com

West Dean Pre-School is a registered charity governed by a Parent Committee. While the Committee executive is made up of five registered Trustees/ Directors the parents/carers of every child are automatically part of the Committee.

The day-to-day operations of the school are overseen by the amazing staff. The administrative and financial duties of the business are the responsibility of the Parent Committee.

To get more involved with the Committee email us at westdeanpreschoolinfo@gmail.com

Invoices for the second half of the Spring Term will be emailed shortly!

Time for a SPRING CLEAN

The birds are chirping and the daffodils are in bloom...it must be SPRING! And other than a clear sign that summer is just around the corner, it is also the prime time to clean-up the pre-school.

During the Easter break, we will be organising a day for parents and friends to come by and help us tidy and spruce up the pre-school.

We need people to volunteer to help. You need not be a professional gardener or have above average painting skills - everyone is welcome.

On the to-do list are:

- · Weed the flowerbeds, plant new flowers, trim trees
- Repaint fence and shed
- Sort and clean out the toy shed
- · Wash and disinfect the toys
- · Clean out the gutters, wash windows

An email will be sent out with more information and asking parents to sign up to help...stay tuned!

Lets put the 'fun' back in fundraising

At the end of January, a fundraising meeting was held at the Dean Inn. Those in attendance were enthusiastic about helping to raise funds for the pre-school and a number of wonderful ideas were raised and discussed.

We will be sending out more information on upcoming fundraisers in the coming weeks. (See accompanying minutes)

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM

19th March - Sports Relief

GO GO JETTERS DISCO!



29th March - Last Day Spring Term

SUMMER TERM

16th April – First Day Summer Term

7th May – Bank Holiday

28th May - 1st June - Half Term

20th July - Last Day Summer Term

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN CHILDCARE SESSIONS

Child's Name	D.O.B														
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		y				
	AM	LUNCH	PM	AM	LUNCH	PM	AM	LUNCH	PM	AM	LUNCH	PM	AM	LUNCH	PM
Current Sessions								21							
*Summer Term															
*Autumn Term															

AM Sessions run from 9:05 to 12:00 (£13.50)

LUNCH Sessions run from 12:00 to 1:00 (£4.50)

PM Sessions run from 1:00 to 2:30 (£8.50)

Please remember that if you are using your child's 3-4 year old entitlement hours, our policy has recently changed and we now require that starting in the Summer term, each child attend at least one afternoon session per week as part of the claim for these hours. For the Autumn term, this increases to two afternoon sessions per week.

^{*} The Summer term starts after the Easter break. The Autumn term starts in September 2018.



After school on Wednesday, 28th March 2018

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE!

Please take me shopping to buy a new reading book for school! I've got a £5 book token and I can choose!

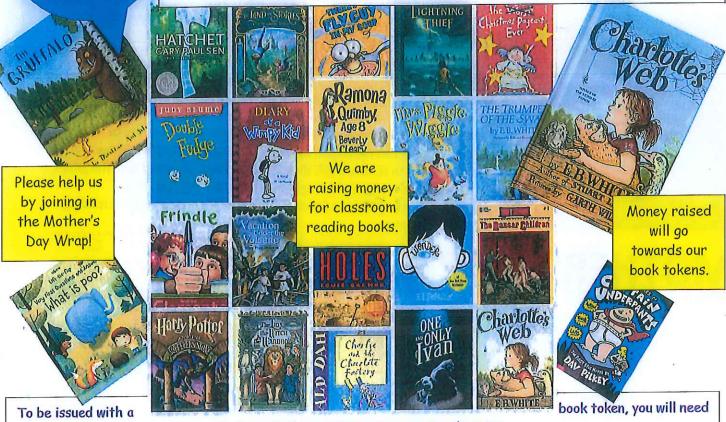
We need some fresh and exciting new books for children to read....... Who better to choose these than the children themselves!

Throughout the coming weeks, before the Easter holiday, we will be giving each child a £5 book token. We would like you to take your children shopping to choose a book. The book should be one they would love to read!

They will then bring it into school, where we will stamp it with the school name. Your child will then be the first one to read the book, and we will put a bookplate inside the cover, written by your child, recommending the book to others.

The book will then remain in the class library for others to enjoy.

In this way, we will improve the library in each classroom.



to let school know when you are going shopping.

We will then give you an up to date list of books which have already been chosen.

We ask that you choose a book which is not on the list.

In this way, we will ensure that we don't get too many of the same book.

You may use the money to buy two cheaper books, or put it towards a more expensive book. Although we don't need the change back, we cannot afford over £5, so we hope that you will be able to help us manage this!

Children's Activity Afternoon



24th March 3 - 5pm



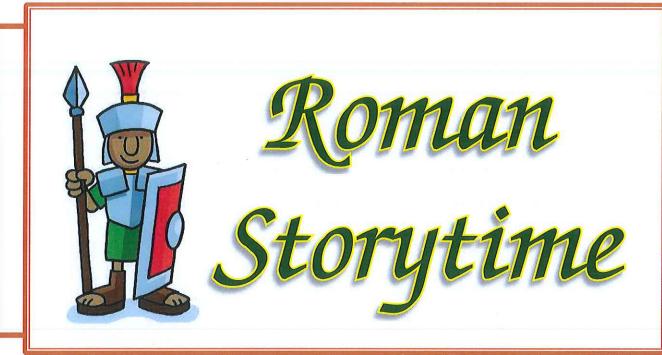
Singleton Village Hall for all children aged 4 - 11 years *



Lots of activities including arts & crafts, games, songs, flags, stories and more...finishing with tea together

Please call Melanie on 01243 811213 to book, there's no cost but it would be helpful to know numbers for catering... please inform us of allergies etc

*Under 4's welcome if accompanied by a parent, over 11's welcome to be a helper



Join us at the library for Roman Stories and craft. Also meet a Roman!

Saturday 2nd June 11.00am-12.00pm











Parents and carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity.







Day	Adult Lead	Мах	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French		Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 1,2,3
Tuesday	Miss Hall	14	Gym	£ 10.00	Yr 2,3,4
	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	selected
	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	selected
Wednesday	AAA Coaching	14	Change4Life	£ 15.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery		Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Lego	£ 10.00	yr 3,4, 5, 6
	Various External Coaches	20	Fun Fit	£ 10.00	Yr 2,3,4,5
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Tag Rugby	£ 15.00	Yr 4,5,6,
	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Multisports	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2, 3
	Miss Urquhart		Strings x4		musicians

Club Dates:

W/C 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March and 19th March No Clubs W/C 26th 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.

AAA Coaching will be available on Friday 9th February, which is an Inset day.

During February half term - Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February.

During the Easter Holiday Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April.

To book a place please contact Ben Johson ben@aaacoaching.co.uk







Pergola Open Craft Festival Air Theatre 25 June-7 July Arts and -3 June

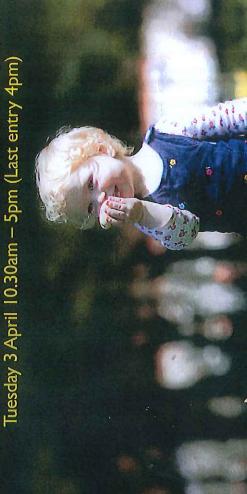
Chilli Fiesta 0-12 August

Guitar Festival and Concerts <u>nternational</u> 8-23 August Tapas Evenings 4-25 August

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Good Friday – Easter Monday 9am – 5pm (Last entry 4pm)

30 March — 3 April



Explore the glorious Gardens and see the spring flowers this Easter Easter trail (chocolate prize) • Craft activities • Face painting • Games Book in advance www.westdeangardens.org.uk

Adults £9 (normal gardens entry) | Children £4

West Dean Gardens, West Dean, Chichester, PO18 0RX





www.westdeangardens.org.uk/events



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The lucky winner will recieve a Family Ticket to Tulleys Farm



Please complete your details and your Fairtrade Poster design then return to your Chartwells service counter by Friday 16th March

Name:			
Age:	Class `	Year: .	
School:			



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