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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Community Café on the last Friday before half term. We had so many lovely cakes and bakes for our revival themed Café and we raised the amazing sum of £441.95 which will go towards our French residential visit in the spring.



Chestnut Class visited Chichester Festival Theatre this week and enjoyed the performance of David Walliams The Midnight

Gang.

We were lucky enough to have two Archery experts with us in school this week and our KS2 children had the opportunity to try out their skills and hit a bullseye!



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 vol-

The week ahead..... November 2018

Monday 5th November:

Year 1 & 2 Football Tournament at Chichester College (selected children)

Tuesday 6th November:

GAS Football Event (Yr 5/6 Chichester University) 10.00 - 11.30

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

Wednesday 7th November:

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

Thursday 8th November:

8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Clubs: Dance Miss Hall (Yr 4,5,6), Lego Mrs Pearmaine (Yr 2,3 & 4)

Friday 9th November:

8.45 - Whole School Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

10.00-12.40 Beech Class Visit to Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service (packed lunch)

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

PTA AGM followed by QUIZ Fundraiser in the school hall (Tickets £5 per person on SchoolMoney)

PTA AGM 7.30pm (No ticket required)

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 us £5 per head via School Money. We'll do all the rest!



We will be holding Class Open Mornings, please do put the dates in your diaries and come along and join us.

We are able to offer a Crèche facility if we have some notice - so please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to use this.

Class Open Mornings 8.45

Apple Class - Thursday 15th November

Maple Class - Wednesday 14th November

Beech Class - Tuesday 13th November

Chestnut Class - Monday 12th November

West Dean Wear it Well - Shwop Shop. Donations are already coming in - thank you.

Welcome to our new West Dean Wear it Well Shwop shop; please see attached details of our first event which 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 you wish.



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.

Our own Remembrance Assembly will take place in school, at 8:45 on Friday 9th November, led by Mrs Moss and Beech Class, directly before they leave for a service and activity at the cathedral. Poppies are available to purchase in our Reception with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.



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/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>

It takes just a few minutes to install on your web browser and means that every time you log on to a retailer that supports this scheme you will get a prompt asking you to donate.

Please see attached further information. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget - West Dean Bonfire Night - Friday 2nd November.

The site and Bar are open from 5.00pm, with the Bonfire Lit at 6.45pm and Firework display commencing from 7.15pm,



Due to the introduction of the Gate system and the high volume of cars arriving last year, we are attempting to minimize the over use of transport, so please advise all attendees that if they are capable of arriving on foot, it would be greatly appreciated.

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

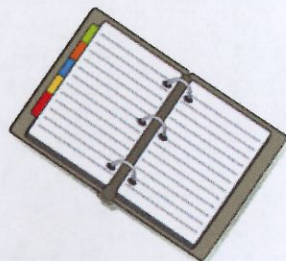
2018/19 INSET days

Friday 15th February 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Monday 5th November, 9.30 - 11.30 - Year 1 & 2 Football Tournament at Chichester College

Tuesday 6th November, 10.00-11.30 - GAS Football Event at Chichester High School (selected yr 5/6)

Thursday 8th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 9th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly, all welcome

Friday 9th November 10am - Chichester Cathedral School Friends Service - Beech Class

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)

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

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 3/4 (selected)

Thursday 17th January, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

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



Acorn Awards
Friday 6th November 2018

Felix B - for amazing improvement in his reading

Aven - for always being ready to learn and enthusiastic about school

Amelia - for always being considerate and kind to everyone she is with

Bradley - for some amazing listening and super writing with his story

James - for super creative writing when turning our poem into a story

Max - for effort in his maths work; showing independence and accuracy using the expanded method to add and subtract

Hepzi - for always trying her best to make a positive impact on her learning. Her thank you letter was beautifully worded - a super piece of writing



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.

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.



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)

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.

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.

A shortage of EpiPens is causing worry for people with allergies in the UK.

The makers of the adrenaline injection pen, which is used to treat severe and life threatening allergic reactions, say the supply problems are due to manufacturing issues. The Department of Health said they were working with the manufacturers to "resolve the supply situation as quickly as possible". Limited supplies were being closely managed. "Any patient who is unable to obtain supplies should speak to their doctor about using an alternative adrenaline auto-injector device," said a government official.

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership

From next Wednesday (7th November), the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership will be running a bike safety quiz on their website. The quiz is open to all primary school students and all those who score 100% in the quiz will receive a set of lights for their bike.

Below is the link to the quiz:



<https://>

www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk/page/bikeability-quiz

The quiz will be open for 2 weeks and will close on **Wednesday 21st November.**

The Safer Roads Partnership will collate a list of winners from each school and deliver the lights after all the results are in.