



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was 'Alive & Kicking' week, when the children have learnt about being healthy and staying safe. We have had lots of different, exciting activities and visitors during the week, please ask the children what they have been doing. Children have worn sports clothing and trainers throughout the week and taken part in Rugby, aerobics, Teeball, Karate, they have been mindful and eating healthily. Friday was Sport Relief and children raised money in different ways and brought in their donations..

Our next important parent event is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 5.00 to 7.00pm and is an opportunity to find out about our **reporting and assessment methods**. We will explain national testing (SATs etc) and how we are approaching it: there will be test materials available to see too. The second important part of this evening event is the **PTA AGM** where you can find out how we are spending our hard earned money! Children will be able to watch a film, as we are combining this with **Film Night**. Please see separate flyer for more information.

**Please note: There will be no clubs next week.** Information regarding clubs and care bears for the summer term has been sent home with the children.

Please look out for information next week regarding building maintenance works during the Easter holidays and beyond.

	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. <b>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</b>
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Parent Group	Support and Friendship Group for Parents - with Mrs Diane Clack. Do come along and join the group to share parenting ideas. <b>Wednesday 23rd March 8.35 - 10.00 This will be the final session</b>
Clubs and Care Bears After School Childcare Provision	<i>There will be no clubs during the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March. Care Bears will be running as normal Clubs begin again after the Easter Holidays on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - please see timetable attached for dates.</i>
Chestnut Class - Yr 6 Bikeability	Year 6 children to be taken to Singleton School each morning at 8.35 and will be brought back to school at 12.00 by parent volunteers (If you have volunteered to help you will have received a timetable - thank you). Bicycles to be taken to Singleton School on Monday morning, with locks and keys, and collected Thursday afternoon.

### **Chestnut Assembly**

As a result of Bikeability for Y6 next week, (which is in the mornings), we have moved Chestnut Assembly from 8:45 on Tuesday to 2:40pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, when they will do a reduced version of their assembly which will inform you all about e-safety and entertain you with World Songs.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Dates:** Please see our electronic letters for the full calendar

## **West Dean Swimmers pull off the Hat Trick!**

Swimmers from West CE Dean Primary School have won the Chichester Cormorants Primary School Swimming Gala for the third consecutive year.

There was fierce competition from five other schools, Bosham, The March, St Richard's and Central, as well as their friendly rivals Jessie Younghusband, who came just 8 points behind in second place. At one point, West Dean were fourth and halfway through the evening it was impossible to tell which school might take the top position. There was some amazing swimming from all the children, some of whom had never competed before in a competition. The events were in all four strokes, including freestyle relays for girls and boys, ending with an extremely nail biting eight swimmer freestyle relay Squadron, which clinched the competition for West Dean.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the team then swum to victory, this time with just the Years 5 & 6 swimmers, in the Primary School Sports Partnership Gala at the Arun Leisure Centre. This was another superb achievement for this school of just 101 children, and was hard won, with some very tough competition.

All the children have made amazing progress in their swimming this year and we are so pleased with the team's triumphs.

The text here is part of our newspaper report and we hope that the Valley Diary and Chichester Observer will include our news! This is a huge achievement for each individual as well as for the whole team. As a small school, we have to work hard to field a team, and some of our swimmers were significantly younger than the majority of competitors. We are grateful to our talented and dedicated staff, who have given up their own time to coach this squad and to prepare them so well, as well as coaching them all in lessons this term. The children have built so much confidence and resilience just from taking part in the galas, and we can see this transferring into other curriculum areas and inspiring others. We also want to thank our parents for supporting so enthusiastically, as always! We are proud of the children and they are proud to be part of this super team. Well done everyone!

## Dates for 2016

Spring Term Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holidays Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

*Inset Days: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Bikeability Yr 6**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Dance House - rehearsal and performance**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2.40 p.m - Chestnut Class Assembly - all welcome**

**Tuesday 22 March 1.00 - Animazing visit to Apple Class**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Final Corporate Challenge in Chichester 6.30pm - selected pupils**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8.35 - 10.00 - Final Parent Support session with Mrs Clack.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30 - Music Performance, Noah's Ark, all welcome**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3.00 - Pre-School Bake Sale**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 5.00 - 7.00 - PTA Film Night and Information Evening**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term: Easter Assembly - 8:45 - all welcome**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - First Day of Summer Term**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - GAS Enrichment Day - Swimming at Westbourne House (Selected Pupils)**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - First Aid Sessions for the children in school with HS First Aid**

After School Clubs  
Summer Term 2016

w/c			11.04.16	18.04.16	25.04.16	09.05.16	16.05.16	
Monday		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday		K Prudence	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Think Tank	Yr 3-6
		E Wells		Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 1-3

After School Clubs  
Summer Term 2016

w/c			06.06.16	13.06.16	27.06.16	04.07.16	11.07.16	
Monday		E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 1-3
Tuesday		SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
		S Johnson	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Glee Choir	Yr3-6
		S Goacher	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Yr 1-2
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