



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break - we have enjoyed hearing all about the children's activities over the holidays! Apple Class have started the half term with their trip to Portchester Castle - read on to find out more from Bonnie and Rupert's report.

This week has had a theme of remembering running through some of our lessons and assemblies - this will continue into next week with our Remembrance Assembly at 8:45 on Friday - do come along if you are able. You will also find information below about other events, including our PTA Casino Night, Children in Need and our MATHS MATTERS workshops/ information sessions for parents.

If you are having bonfire celebrations over the weekend, please make sure that you take great care and keep everyone safe - the West Dean College event is always fun - details below:

## West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks Display - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

West Dean are holding their traditional, free, bonfire and firework display for local families, West Dean staff and students on the front lawn of West Dean College. The West Dean Arms cash bar will operate from a tent on the front lawn from 5.00pm and suitably warming food will also be on sale to give everyone a chance to quench their thirst and get something to eat before the bonfire is lit at around 6.45pm. Queues can grow quite long, so don't be afraid to come along in good time. The firework display will start at around 7.15pm. Please come in via the West Dean College entrance.

## Help please:

Thank you to those of you have supported in this already. Please could you save any red, green and blue milk bottle tops for maths throughout school. There will be a box in Reception from to collect them.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

## PTA Casino Night

Please see attached information regarding the PTA Casino Night at the Dean on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00

Tickets are available to purchase on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) priced at £10 each.

PTA will be running a taxi service at the end of the evening in return for a donated fare which will all go to the school.

If you require a taxi service please contact Leisa Chambers in advance: [leisa.chambers55@gmail.com](mailto:leisa.chambers55@gmail.com).

**MATHS MATTERS - come into school and find out how we teach calculation!**



Following on from our well-received parent support for spelling, we are shining the spotlight on maths for the rest of the term and into the Spring. We are offering

## PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

where we will be demonstrating how we teach calculation. This will be a really valuable opportunity to find out which vocabulary we use and how we move children on from working with small numbers to solving complex maths problems at the end of KS2. Do you know how to partition numbers? Can you multiply two digit numbers? How would you help your child dividing numbers? Come and find out how practical resources, pictures and an understanding of mathematical vocabulary supports learning. and how you can help at home. We will be providing materials to help.



In the meantime, are you and your children making the most of the Maths Matters Challenges, Sumdog on your computers/tablets and the sample questions at the end of the newsletters? If you take advantage of these things, you will really be supporting your child's development well.



We are repeating each workshop/session three times: we hope that this enables everyone to come to one session for each of the four operations/rules of number/calculations.

Please don't be put off by any of the content, even if you don't know how to do long division!  
We won't be putting anyone 'on the spot' but will be demonstrating maths and how we do it at all levels from YR to Y6.

We will also be providing some booklets showing how you can support at home, guidance on how to explain things, support with which vocabulary to use and a clear picture of the progression from basic counting to manipulating complex numbers.

Maths Matters - Parent Information Sessions/workshops			
	8.45 - 9.30	2.10 - 2.55	5.45 - 6.30
Addition	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Subtraction	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Multiplication	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Division	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January

### Community Café

A message from Chestnut Class and everyone in school:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Community Café and to everyone who supported us in any way.  
Thank you to Alex and Alessandro, our accountants, who are delighted to report that we raised the amazing amount of £442.23



### Apple Class Visit to Portchester Castle



On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Apple Class went to Portchester Castle on a coach. We had our lunch outside on the benches.

We had to go up lots of stairs to get to the top of the Keep, which is a really tall part of the Castle.

We did some sketching in our sketch books.

It was really fun.

By Bonnie Mcleod Yr 1 and Rupert Anstee Yr 1



Look out for information attached regarding Children in Need - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. School Council and Mrs Chilton are, once again, leading this.  
Let's all make it Spotacular!



**Poppies** will be on sale in Reception from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.  
Please join us for our Remembrance Assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45am.



Our next PTA 'Coffee Morning' will be held in the pavilion on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45-9.15, come and join us for a coffee and a chat. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Acorn Awards - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017*

*Emily - for fabulous reading, and having a go at new words*

*Robert - for amazing handwriting, every letter on the line, and taking his time*

*Mabel - for settling in so well and getting stuck into everything we've been doing*

*Josh - for his politeness and consistent good manners and cheerfulness*

*Ava AV - for her involvement in all our learning this term - always ready to answer questions and keen to work*

*Maia - for showing a welcoming and inclusive attitude to others in a team, It was a great lesson for all of us to learn from*

*Charlie Gran - for showing effective learning behaviours and working well with others in a team*

**Dates for 2017/18**

**Autumn Term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 3.00 - Pre-School 'Bonfire' Bake Sale

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 6.45 - West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks

Tuesday 7 November, 9.45 - 11.45 - GAS Football Tournament (selected pupils)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00 - 11.00 - PTA Casino Night

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need (Details tbc - School Council)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Yellow School Photographs

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 'Mysterious Manuscripts' at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30-12.00 - Locality Enrichment Day at The March School (selected pupils)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 - KS1 Production

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30 - Christingle Making in School (volunteers needed please)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church


Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

**See below for dates for Class Assemblies and above for Maths Matters Workshop dates.**

**Spring Term Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**



	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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. <b>Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a>. 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.</b>
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 <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a> .
	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.  <a href="#">Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</a>
Class Assemblies: 8.45am	Apple Class: Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November Maple Class: Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November Beech Class: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Chestnut Class: Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
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 <sup>th</sup> 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. <b>Late Collections</b> 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.
	<b>PTA News:</b> If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa ( <a href="mailto:leisa.chambers55@gmail.com">leisa.chambers55@gmail.com</a> ) or contact the school office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> )



Dear Parents / Guardians



As you may already know, **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Our school is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme, the **Big BBC Children in Need Spotacular, with Lloyds Bank.**

We will be taking part in spotty-themed fundraising activities, including:

- a non school uniform day (wear something spotty if you can!) on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - £2.00 minimum donation to participate.
- We are taking part in 'Pudsey's round pound countdown' and will be able to accept the old round pound coin so if you have any left please bring them into school! There will be a spotty tin in the office for your round pounds from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- School Council will also be selling spotty ribbon for 50p and also providing spotty face painting for £1.00 during morning and lunchtime playtimes on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**



### **This is where we need your help!**

You can help us make this a memorable event that raises as much money as possible, by supporting the fundraising activities in our school.

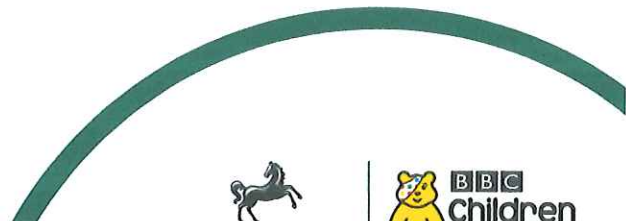
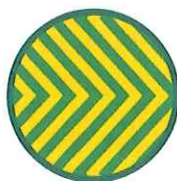
We are aiming to raise even more this year to support disadvantaged young people across the UK.

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children in the UK.

Thank you for your continued support.

From Emily, Freddie, Wilf, Sonny, James S, Tristram and Katrin from School Council

Save the date!  
Appeal Week starts  
13 November





# WE'RE ALL EARS 2017

**LOVE**  
**SCHOOL**  
— *Meals* —  
**WE'RE**  
**ALL EARS**



**HAVE YOUR SAY**  
13<sup>th</sup> November – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**COMPLETE OUR SURVEY**  
For your chance to win  
**FANTASTIC PRIZES**

GO TO [WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK/NSMW](http://WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK/NSMW)  
TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week, we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

Complete our survey for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!

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TAKE PART IN OUR  
**NSMW SURVEY**