



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school where we have been busy preparing for our Community Café, which is a fabulous way to end the half term. Chestnut Class have worked really hard to train for their varied roles: our maître d'hôtel ('Maître d' or Head waiters), our manager and his assistants, our waiters and waitresses, our refreshment team, the finance team and their manager, the take away team and their grown up support workers were all primed ready for their duties and did a great job! We hope that you were able to join us for hot soup, cakes, cookies, 'meal deals', or maybe even to take away some ready made West Dean apple crumble mix for tea!

This week, we have had our Governors in to see how we are getting with our reading and spelling, SEN and Health & Safety, and we have had many visits from prospective parents looking for places in our Reception year group for September next year.

Beech and Chestnut classes enjoyed their outdoor activities this week, which included cooking on an open fire and archery. These children are also making good progress with their clarinets and saxophones, so we are looking forward to a recital before Christmas.

If you are having bonfire celebrations over the half term, please make sure that you take great care and keep everyone safe.

Don't forget that Ben Johnson will be on-site with AAA Coaching on Monday and Tuesday next week (booking details below).

Have a lovely half term holiday everyone. We will see everyone back in school on Monday 30th October, healthy, refreshed and ready to learn.



West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks Display - Friday 3rd 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.

Cobnor Activity Morning - Beech and Chestnut Class

On Thursday this week, Cobnor Activity Centre came to school. The children from Beech and Chestnut class had the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities in the form of camp fire cooking and archery. We are able to use some of our Government Sports Grant to fund these activities and give our children these lovely opportunities and experiences.

Community Café

A message from Chestnut Class and everyone in school:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Community Café this afternoon and to everyone who has supported us in any way.



We have, again, been overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and the enthusiasm shown for our Community Café. This is such a great experience for the children and we look forward to publishing receiving our detailed accounts from Alex and Alessandro when we return from our October holiday.

Help:

Please could you save any red, green and blue bottle tops for maths throughout school. There will be a box in Reception from Monday to collect them.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

PTA Casino Night

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

Tickets are available to purchase on 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.

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 will be offering sessions at various times of the day 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.



Dates for this will be published in the first newsletter after half term.



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.

Acorn Awards - Friday 20th October 2017

Felix - for lifting and moving the PE mats so carefully with his partner
Sidney - for a super sequence in PE using 4 different body shapes
Elliot - for his brilliant piece of unaided writing (using connectives, time words and adjectives!)
Kitty - for her great acting in RE - strong and really getting into the part of the Queen
Solomon - for making a real effort this term to look for spelling patterns and think about how to get his spelling better. Great work Solly!
Jack - for his consistently excellent learning behaviours. His enthusiasm for how to improve his learning is a great example to us all
Alex - for his excellent entrepreneurial skills - his money making ideas are amazing

Dates for 2017/18

Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2017


Half Term - Monday 23 - Friday 27 October

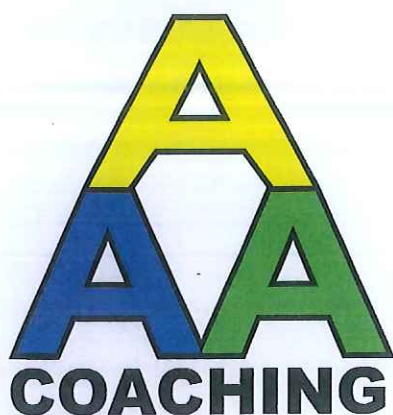
Tuesday 31st October - Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle
Friday 3rd November, 3.00 - Pre-School 'Bonfire' Bake Sale
Friday 3rd November, 6.45 - West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks
Tuesday 7 November, 9.45 - 11.45 - GAS Football Tournament (selected pupils)
Friday 10th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome
Friday 10th November, 8.00 - 11.00 - PTA Casino Night
Friday 17th November - Children in Need (Details tbc - School Council)
Monday 20th November - Yellow School Photographs
Monday 20th November - 'Mysterious Manuscripts' at Chichester Cathedral (selected pupils)
Wednesday 29th November, 9.30-12.00 - Locality Enrichment Day at The March School (selected pupils)
Thursday 30th November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 12th December, 2.00 - KS1 Production (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th December, 9.15 - KS1 Production
Monday 18th December 12.00 - Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Monday 18th December, 1.30 - Christingle Making in School (volunteers needed please)
Monday 18th December, 5.00 - Christingle Service in West Dean Church
Wednesday 20th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

See below for dates for Class Assemblies.

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

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th 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. Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk .
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.
Class Assemblies: 8.45am	Apple Class: Tuesday 14 th November Maple Class: Tuesday 28 th November Beech Class: Friday 1 st December Chestnut Class: Thursday 23 rd 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 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.
AAA Sports Coaching	AAA Coaching will be available in the half term holiday: Monday 23 rd and Tuesday 24 th October. Please contact Ben for information and to book places. ben@aaacoaching.co.uk
	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)



October Half Term **MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS**



£16 per day
(7 hours of sport)



**Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th**



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@ West Dean Primary School



9am - 4pm

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

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 2
Second half of autumn term x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Prudence	14	Think Tank	£ 10.00	Yr4,5,6
	Mrs Crombie	14	French	£ 30.00	Yr3,4,5,6
	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	Yr 1 & 2
Tuesday	Mrs Moss	10	Art	£ 10.00	Yr 2 & 3
	Mrs Goacher/Mr Cruttenden	14	Swimming	£ 25.00	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
	Mrs Lock	14	Aerobics	£ 10.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine	14	Debate	£ 10.00	Yr 5 & 6
	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£ 10.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs Holder	14	Dance	£ 15.00	yr 3,4, 5, 6
	Mrs Garfield	8	Christmas Craft	£ 10.00	Yr 4,5,6,
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Football	£ 15.00	Yr 1, 2 , 3
	AAA Coaching - Mr Johnson	14	Sports	£ 15.00	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Miss Urquhart		Strings	£ 25.00	musicians

Club Dates:

W/C 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec

No Clubs W/C 30th Oct, 11th Dec or 18th Dec

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

Our swimming club will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm

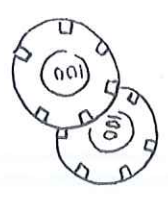
For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

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.

£10 per Ticket

WITH
FREE DRINK
& POKER CHIPS



at: The Dean Pub, West Dean

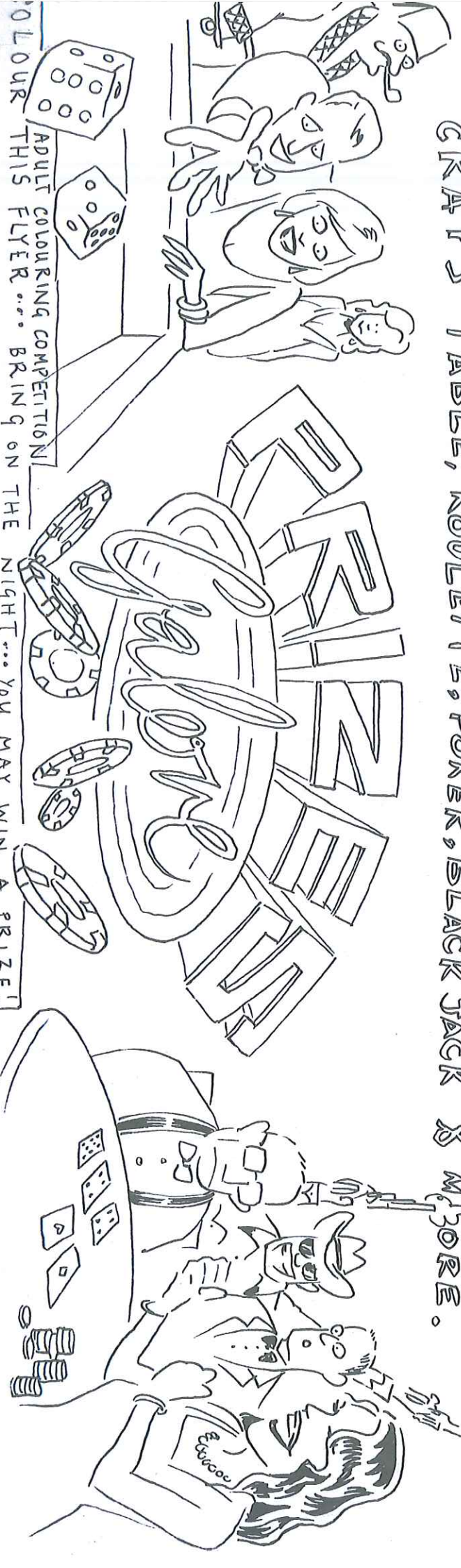
7.00 Friday 10th NOVEMBER

CRAPS TABLE, ROULETTE, POKER, BLACK JACK & MORE.

STAFF NIGHT

DRESS
CODE:
Casual

BUY
TICKETS ONLINE
FROM
SCHOOLMONEY
"SHOP"



ADULT COLOURING COMPETITION
THIS FLYER... BRING ON THE NIGHT... YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!