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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kidzania Visit - On Tuesday of this week, Beech and Chestnut Class children entered the world of Kidzania where they had the opportunity to experience many different career options and earn 'Kidzos' to spend on a variety of activities. The children made their choices independently or in pairs/groups and experienced first-hand what it might be like to be a courier, or a police officer or a tour bus guide. Thank you so much for your understanding regarding the late return: it meant that the children really were able to get the most out of the day. They all arrived back exhausted but happy and we hope that the children had lots to tell you about the day. Please see the separate letter for information about how to buy a disc of photographs from the day.

When I Grow Up

The Kidzania visit was a key part of our topic about growing up and broadening our horizons. Today, all the children have met people from a range of careers. They have been able to prepare and ask a wide range of questions, as you can imagine! On Tuesday, the children will all take part in hands-on workshops from a variety of careers, ranging from radio broadcasting to opticians. They will enjoy four out of our sixteen workshops and we will try to give children their one of their top choices: the attached information booklet details the workshops which will be on offer (weather, fires and priorities permitting).

All this work gives the children shared experiences for our follow up work, for role play and for writing etc.

Thank you to all our volunteers for giving up valuable time to work with the children: it is really wonderful to see them interacting so well and learning about their possibilities and building their dreams.

School Review: it is the time of year, once again, when we formally review how the year has gone and make plans for the coming years. Below is the link to our electronic survey, which should not take more than ten minutes or so to complete, but which will be extremely helpful to us in making our plans, and is genuinely another chance to have your say. Please do complete this, and check that you answer all the questions please - there will also be space for comments. The Link is also available on our website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2VGTVBQ>

Swimming Pool - We are pleased to say that we have been able to use the swimming pool this week! We will be ready to swim everyday (weather permitting), so please make sure that your child has their **swimming kit (named) in school every day**. We have very limited spare kit.....

PTA - please do sign up for your **fete** roles on the board in the playground. We still need people for refreshment stalls and car park duties as well as other roles. Look out for the PTA flyers and keep selling the raffle tickets!

Please do let class teachers know as soon as possible if you and your children will be unable to attend, as we are practising our Maypole dancing now and need to plan the order etc. our expectation is that all children attend, so please do let us know.

Clubs - **There will not be Craft Club on Wednesday this week, due to staff training.** Children have been offered Care Bears in place of this and have been notified. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ CLUB INFORMATION: MANY PARENTS DID NOT REALISE WE HAVE NO CLUBS ON PARENTS EVENING WEEKS DESPITE NUMEROUS MESSAGES AND REMINDERS! We cannot guarantee places in Care Bear Club for children who have been forgotten, and it causes upset and disruption. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Election and Car Park - Thank you for your care and attention during busy times in the car park, particularly during elections and deliveries etc. Please could I remind you to keep clear of the marked disabled bays; these are for people with limited mobility.

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. Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Clubs and Care Bears	After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
Chestnut Class Assembly	Please note that Chestnut Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 7 th July
Kidzania and Whole School Topic 'Jobs that I do'	<p>The children all had a fantastic day at Kidzania on Tuesday this week. There is a disc available to purchase with photographs from the day, it is currently on a slide show in our reception area - do come in and have a look.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who has responded to our appeal for people to show the children what the world of work can look and feel like: we now have a full complement of visitors for both the careers fair and the careers workshops. The children are all in for a real treat and we hope to gain some super writing from this opportunity as well as opening the children's minds up to the possibilities for them as they grow up.</p>
Swimming Pool	<p>The swimming pool is now up and running and in use. Please ensure that all children have named swimming kit, in a named bag, in school every day ready to swim.</p> <p>Look out for details of the PTA after school swim sessions and check the rota for helpers. The children are really enjoying this, so thank you to all our volunteers.</p>
Sports Activities	<p>We have lots of opportunities for the children to take part in sports activities during the summer term:</p> <p>Sports Morning - Wednesday 13th July, 8.45</p> <p>GAS sports event for selected children - Tuesday 5th July, 1.00 at Boxgrove</p> <p>Tennis - Mr Justin Pollard (James' dad) has very kindly agreed to run some sessions for Apple class and Chestnut class.</p> <p>GAS Cricket - Monday 11th July for selected children at Boxgrove.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will run a sports club on our Inset day - Wednesday 6th July, 9.00-4.00.</p> <p>Details of this and the dates for the 'Summer School' have been sent home - look out for the flyer.</p>
School Fete - 2 nd July	All classes are currently rehearsing Maypole dancing and it would be really helpful if you could let your child's class teacher know if your child will be attending the school fete.

Staff News:

Mrs. Fairbairn has now left us on maternity leave and hopes to return once the baby has been born and is a little grown up. We wish her all the best and will keep you updated with baby news. I would like to thank her for joining in the weighing, estimating and measuring in Chestnut Class, where we now know how heavy an average apple, a kg of water, Mrs Fairbairn and Noah are! She will be missed by all the children, especially Chestnut Class, as she has classroom and at lunchtime roles: she also helps us all with displays around school.

For the next couple of weeks, Mrs. Rhiannon Pinnington will support in school, and we will inform you about our staffing and class structure as soon as we are able to. The changes will be minimal and we are really pleased with the teams and our plans for 2016/17.

Dates for 2016

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Monday 27th June - Chestnut Class visit to 'Cyrano' at the Weald & Downland

(children to be collected from the Museum at 2.15 please.

Tuesday 28th June- Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 28th June 1.00-2.45 - 'Jobs that I do' workshops

Wednesday 29th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - **All welcome**
(even if you haven't attended previous sessions!)

Wednesday 29th June - Rocksteady - for pupils who have signed up

Thursday 30th June - Tennis with Justin Pollard - Chestnut Class

Thursday 30th June - Beech Class Big Camp

Saturday 2nd July 12.00 - 2.30 - School Fete

Monday 4th July - Rocksteady - for pupils who have signed up

Tuesday 5th July 1.30-2.30 - GAS Sports - selected pupils

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed (AAA coaching 9.00 - 4.00)

Thursday 7th July - GAS Sports reserve day - selected pupils

Thursday 7th July - New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class (with their parents)

Thursday 7th July - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 11th July 9.45-2.30 - Cricket at Boxgrove - selected pupils

Tuesday 12th July 1.30-2.45 - New Entrants Parents in Hall, children in Apple Class

Wednesday 13th July 9.00am - Sports Morning - all welcome

Thursday 14th July - Rocksteady - for pupils who have signed up

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 15th July 1.30-2.45 - New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class

Monday 18th July - Scarecrows to be in for Garden Competition

Thursday 21st July 1.30 - St Andrew's Church, West Dean - Y6 Leavers' Service

Friday 22nd July - 8:45am - End of Year Assembly - all welcome

Friday 22nd July 3.00 - PTA BBQ and Rounders



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

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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
Wednesday		David Morris	Tee Ball	Tee Ball	Tee Ball		Tee Ball	Yr 3-6
		J Boxall	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	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday		AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 4-6

Please do make a note of these dates. **The clubs DO NOT run throughout every week of the term!**

We would also like to remind parents that **pick up time is 4pm**. Our staff have been taken advantage of by some regular late collections and we would very much like this to stop. We have decided that charges should be made if this occurs on more than one occasion, unless there is a particular unavoidable reason. The clubs are well run by our dedicated team who really care for the children: please do respect their time and good will by ensuring you arrive in good time for collection.

Care Bear Cub will be available every day, but places are not guaranteed and should be booked in advance. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children!

Thank you for your support in this matter.