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Dear Parents and Carers,

The **Summer term** is always very special at West Dean: we do hope that you will be able to join us for as many of our Summer events as possible. This year is a particularly important one as we celebrate the **Queen's 90th Birthday** and we are lucky enough to be invited to the local village tea party, which is free of charge for all residents of West Dean and all families and staff of our school. It will take place from 3pm - 10pm on Sunday 12th June on the lawn in front of West Dean College. This will be a lovely family afternoon with a pay bar and cream teas, a hog roast, bouncy castle, family friendly games, and a local band - all included. 'The Skedaddles' are a Chichester based function band specialising in unique renditions of classic and modern covers, such as Kings of Leon, Sublime, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Van Morrison, The Kinks, Stealers Wheel, Daft Punk, Arctic Monkeys, plus many more. We recommend families bring picnic blankets and hope that you all enjoy this special occasion. Our thanks go to West Dean Parish Council and the Edwards James Foundation for enabling this lovely event to happen.

This week's Learning

This week in school has been a busy one with children selecting their favourite text free books, which we will all work on next week. Children will work with friends from other year groups to orally tell the stories from our lovely inspirational picture books; they will then have the opportunity to do some writing linked to their chosen books. We are planning to share all this work with you later this term.

Dance House






On Monday 21st March, you may recall that our dance group performed in a show called 'Dance House' at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis, which we take part in every year.

Their dance was entitled: Aborigines' Jam, combining contemporary and acrobatic styles of movement and portraying warriors preparing for battle, using strength of movement and a variety of dynamics. Their performance was noted for its "originality, creativity and sheer exuberance" and the group were chosen to perform **again** at the Special Highlights Evening on Tuesday 17th May. Jill Hoskins, who organised the shows, said, "Your dancers just blew me (and the entire audience!) away on Tuesday night. I didn't think West Dean could get any better, but they did on Tuesday night, they were just fantastic and so beautifully behaved! The standard of dance was even higher this year, as evidenced by your dance and your dancers." Well done to everyone who took part and our thanks to Ellie who consistently inspires and excites the children with our super dance club.

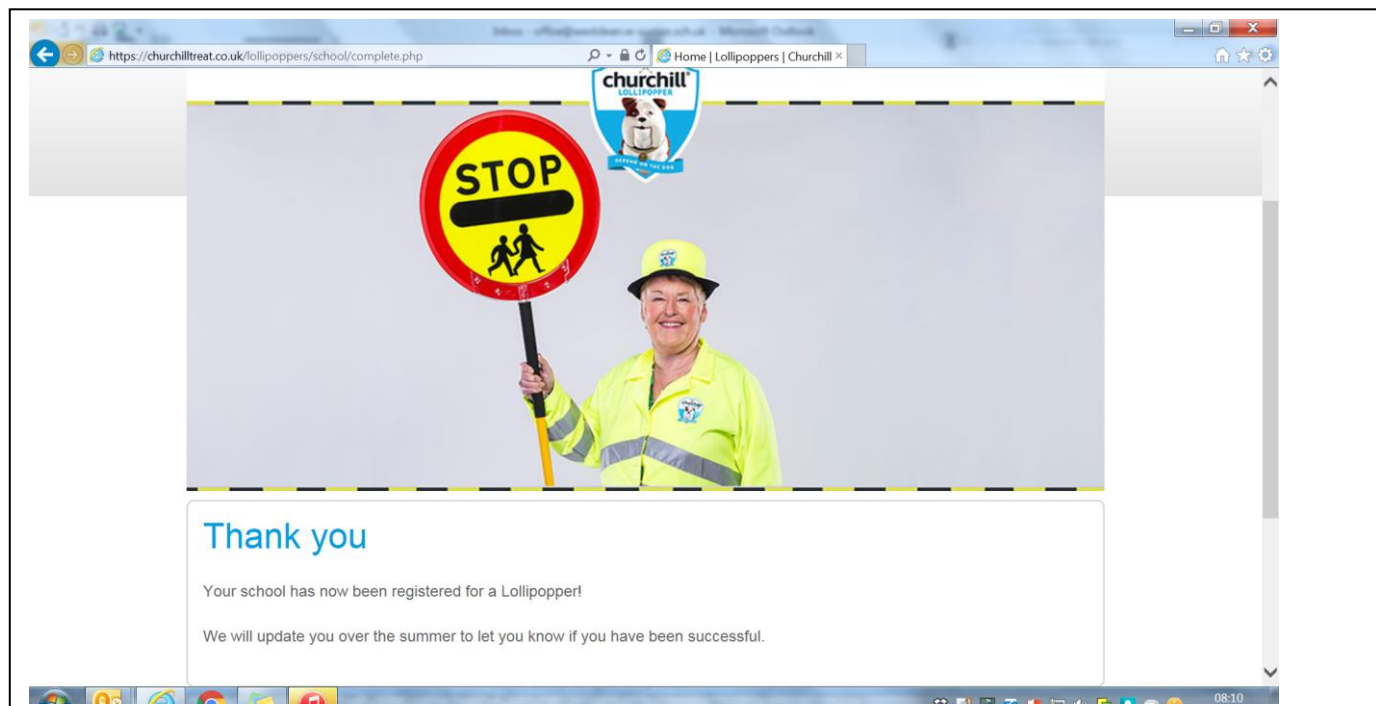
For anyone who would like to show their appreciation of the time and commitment the children receive from Ellie, she is getting married over the next couple of weeks and we are clubbing together to get her some Euros for holiday travel. If you would like to send a card or a donation, we will pass this onto her, along with our donations.

Grounds Day THIS SATURDAY!!!! Tomorrow!!! 21st May approximately 10am - 2pm.

Mrs. Canning, Mr Snow and I have surveyed the grounds and found plenty of jobs for our parent and teacher grounds day. There are fence panels to paint, 'stuff' to put in our compost heap, weeds to remove, outdoor learning areas to pressure wash and the swimming pool changing room to spruce up etc..... Please do see Liz Canning for details & sign up on our board in the playground.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Clubs	<p>***Please note that clubs will NOT be running w/c 23rd May***</p> <p>Please could you make sure that all outstanding monies are paid to Mrs Muggeridge as soon as possible.</p>
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	<p>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</p>
Grounds Day 	<p>Please join us to help tidy, paint and prepare, from 10am until 2pm on Saturday 21st May</p>
Learning Journals	<p>Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.</p>
Class Assembly	<p>Please note that Maple Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 16th June. Please note that Chestnut Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 7th July.</p>
Clubs and Care Bears	<p>After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466</p>
Sainsbury's Active Kids	<p>Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion has now ended in store - please dig deep and find all those coupons lurking in your bag!</p>
Kidzania and Whole School Topic 'Jobs that I do' 	<p>This KS2 visit to London will support us with our topic which is all about inspiring children to have aspirations to achieve as adults as well as children! Children will gain valuable insights into the 'jobs' and careers out there for them, and we will use this as a stimulus for writing, maths work and to drive work in other curriculum areas.</p> <p>For our Early years and KS1 children we will have Jack Northeast, a drama student who worked with us on our Fantastic, Elastic brain show, to come in and do some exciting workshops.</p> <p>You will find attached our promotional leaflet to see if you would be willing to come into school to run a small hands-on workshop or chat briefly to children about your job/career/role. You may not be keen/able to do this yourself but you may know someone who would be, someone who will inspire our children and who is good at communicating and could bring in some exciting props etc. Please do let us know if you would like to be involved.</p>
Swimming Pool 	<p>We are hoping to have the swimming pool up and running and ready for use following the half term holiday. 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 sign up to the rota.</p> <p>We have arranged for some Poolside First Aid training - look out for details, Wednesday 25th May, 1.00-3.00. The more volunteers we can have to help the better it is for us to arrange and supervise sessions and make the most use of the pool for the children.</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>Goodwood Racecourse - Year 6 'Racing to School' maths event, Thursday 19th May.</p> <p>AAA Coaching will run a sports club on our Inset day - Wednesday 6th July, 9.00-4.00.</p> <p>We also have 2 days of sports coaching during the half term, Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June, please let the office or Ben know if you would like a place. If numbers aren't sufficient it will not be viable to run this.</p> <p>We are also planning a 'summer school' with Ben for some of the days during the first two weeks of the summer holidays - look out for further details.</p>

Thank you to everyone who nominated our school for the Churchill Lollipopers - fingers crossed!



'When We Grow UP!'

We now have some fabulous opportunities lined up and will make our plans regarding dates and times early next week, so please do support us by sharing your experience with the children: we will need to know if you are able to contribute by the next Tuesday 24th May, please. See the attached flyer for details or ask the class teachers. The greater the variety we have, the better the children's experience will be!

Swimming

Please do sign up to support afterschool swimming and let Mrs Goacher know if you are able to Volunteer to supervise any sessions.

Poolside First Aid training has been arranged for Wednesday 25th May, 1.00-3.00. Please do let us know if you are able to join us.

Open Farm Sunday - 5th June 2016

Goodwood Home Farm is open from 12noon to 4pm. Meet some of the animals and the people who grow and make our food. Sheep shearing displays; beekeeper; children's activities; watch the milking; taste samples of award winning Goodwood food and drink. Barbeque and beer!

For more information about this and other farms open in the area, visit www.farmsunday.org

PTA Beetle Drive - Please note that this event has been cancelled.

Unfortunately, we did not have a very positive response to our proposed Beetle Drive, so we have decided to postpone this to a later date.



Parent Evenings for Year 1, 3 and 5.

Booking will go live on our web-site for parent evening appointments on Monday 6th June. Details will be sent home nearer the time.

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

Saturday 21st May, 10.00 - 2.00 - Grounds Day - please come along and join us if you can!

Wednesday 25th May, 1.00 - 3.00 - First Aid Training re Swimming Pool

Friday 27th May - Community Café



Tuesday 31st May, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Wednesday 1st June, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Thursday 9th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45

Sunday 12th June - West Dean Village Day 3.00-10.00pm at West Dean College

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photos - Classes & Leaver

Wednesday 15th June - Little Big Sing at The March School - Maple Class

Thursday 16th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Friday 17th June 10.30am - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings Yr 1, 3, 5 (details tbc)

Monday 20th June 1.00-2.45 - 'When I Grow up' /Jobs that I do' workshops

Tuesday 21st June - KS2 visit to Kidzania in London - info to follow

Thursday 23rd June 1.00-2.45 - 'Jobs that I do' workshops

Friday 24th June - Careers Fair - Time tbc



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!)

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

Thursday 30th June - Beech Class Big Camp - details to follow

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

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 - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

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

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

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

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 17th July 1.30-2.45 - New Entrants for Sept 2016 in Apple Class

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

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



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	Cancelled	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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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