



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

FÊTE NEWS!

Our PTA committee have been doing a super job of getting everything prepared for the fête, which is tomorrow: Saturday 17th June! Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time for children to be ready to join in the Maypole Dancing, (11:45am) please, for a prompt 12 noon start. The forecast is for sunshine, so do make sure children have sunscreen on, please. They should also have safe footwear: trainers are ideal for Maypole Dancing.

We have had lots of support so far, and are looking forward to lots more cakes arriving later today and tomorrow. It isn't too late to bring in books, bric-a-brac and tombola prizes!

We have not sold as many raffle tickets, yet, as in previous years, so do bring in any stubs you have at home, and be ready to buy lots more! The prizes are looking as high quality as ever!

CLUBS and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please note that there will be **no clubs** running this week as we have our parent consultation evenings. Spaces are available in Care Bears but do make sure you log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk to book and pay for a space. There will be no guarantee that we have space available if you have not booked.

Parent consultation appointments are available to book through our [eschools website](https://west-dean.eschools.co.uk), booking will close at midday on Monday 19th June.

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NUT CLARIFICATION

We have really appreciated everyone's support in making the school safe for all the children - there are two children with nut allergies in school: they are allergic to two different sorts of nuts. We are, therefore, asking that you do not allow any food where '**nuts and peanuts**' are labelled as **ingredients**. This labelling is usually very clear, and in bold.

If packaging is labelled as "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in a factory where nuts are used", then this can be brought into school.



I am pleased that our grown ups and children are now much more aware of this potential hazard, even though it may mean buying peanut butter alternatives for some of us!

Thank you for your support in this.



MATHS

Mrs. Johnson and I have now got most of the maths initiatives in place. Please see last week's newsletter and the separate maths letter for details, as well as the weekly questions at the end of this newsletter. **Sumdog** are running a competition at the moment and for the next few days, which is really exciting and will enable your children to compete against children from lots of other schools nationwide. If you need support in this, please come and speak to Mrs. Johnson.

Maths Matters Challenge are up and running in all classes: they are the children's maths targets which will improve fluency and support all other areas. Children can progress at their own pace, so please do encourage them to work on these targets whenever you can.

Evensong in Chichester Cathedral

Chestnut Class sang in the cathedral on Wednesday. They spent part of the afternoon rehearsing with a choir of adults. This was a huge honour, particularly as several dignitaries, including the High Sheriff of West Sussex, were in the congregation! The children sang and behaved beautifully and were also treated to afternoon tea! Our thanks go to Mrs. Oldman who enabled this to happen and worked very hard behind the scenes for the benefit of our children.

SWIMMING

The **swimming pool** has been in use every day this week, for lessons, and after school some days too. Information is available on the noticeboard regarding the PTA rota for summer holiday swim sessions. Please do sign up to help if you are able to, the children love the opportunity of a fun swim. Without enough adult helpers, we cannot keep the swimming pool open after school and through the holidays, so please do support us in keeping this super resource financially viable.

Children will need to have their swimming kit in school every day for the rest of term please. Swimming kit should be named and in a named bag.

Please remember to turn off the lights in the changing rooms after PTA use after school - thank you.



SCHOOL FETE - Saturday 17th June, 12.00pm
See you all there!

Acorn Awards - Friday 16th June 2017

The children celebrated with Hugo Van Driel during their assembly today.

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)

Please make sure you have the fête date in your diaries!

Saturday 17th June

You will have received your quota of raffle tickets for the fete, please do sell as many as you can and If you need any more please ask at the office.

Thank you to everyone for bringing in gifts and goodies for Our Tombola and Raffle, as well as the cakes which are starting to arrive!



Dates for 2017

SummerTerm Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

Saturday 17th June - School Fete

W/C 19 June - Parent Evenings Year 1, 3, 5 **No clubs this week**

Thursday 22nd June - GAS Science Enrichment Day at Lavant - selected pupils

Thursday 22 June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Tuesday 27th June, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning

Thursday 29th June, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Friday 23rd June 1.15pm - Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

Wednesday 28th June - New Entrants Visit

Tuesday 4th July, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th July - GAS Sports at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 5th July - INSET

Thursday 6th July, 10.30-11.30 - Pre-school Sports Morning

Thursday 6th July - New Entrants Visit

Friday 7th July, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Monday 10th July - Cricket at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th July - Whole School Production - evening show for all children (details to follow)

Fantastic Elastic Travel Show! C'est Fantastique!

Thursday 13th July, 10.00-1.30 - Primary Space Festival, Bognor year 4/5

Thursday 13th July, 1.00 - Maple Class visit to West Dean Church

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

Monday 17th July, 2.30 - Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 18th July - Maple Class visit to the beach (details to follow)

Wednesday 19th July, 12.30 - Sports afternoon

Wednesday 19th July, 3.00 - PTA Picnic & BBQ/Rounders event - all welcome


Thursday 20th July, 12.30 - Sports Afternoon Reserve

Friday 21st July, 1.30pm - Leavers' Service at West Dean Church

Monday 24th July - Transition afternoon and New Entrants' Visit

Tuesday 25th July - Last day of term



	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.
SummerTerm Clubs and Care Bears 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. We have had a number of children this term, expecting to be in Care Bears but not booked in or paid for. We only have 1 member of staff and 12 places each day and this has caused us issues. If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. You can cancel your place through school money and your account will be credited or Please email the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Information is now available regarding clubs for the second half of the summer term. The timetable for summer term clubs is attached for your information.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
Class Open Mornings	<p>Class Open Mornings - 8.45 Apple - Tuesday 27th June 2017 Maple - Tuesday 20th June 2017</p> <p>These are dates when you will be able to spend 20 - 30 minutes in the classroom, finding out about how we learn and teach some specific concepts and skills. We hope that you will join us to aid you in supporting your children.</p>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available in the first full week of the summer holidays; Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August. Please contact Ben for information and to book places. ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>