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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautifully sunny way to end our half term. We hope that you have enjoyed the INSET day with your children, or made use of our AAA Coaching day, and that you have a super half term break. The staff have been busy today taking part in our regular safeguarding (child protection) training, and getting school ready for the second half of the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Community Café** last Friday afternoon - whether you baked cakes, supplied resources, helped with logistics or just came along to enjoy the refreshments and entertainment - merci beaucoup! We raised an amazing £415: this was the best café so far, in terms of money raised. We look forward to using some of these funds to make our whole school production (*C'est Fantastique!*) as fantastic as possible! See the diary dates for more info and 'watch this space'.

STAFFING NEWS

The governors and I are pleased to announce the appointment of our new teacher, Miss Katie Hall, who will take up a teaching role in school in September. We are absolutely delighted that she has accepted our offer and she is excited about coming to join our team. We will have more news for you after half term!

Year 6 Racing to School at Goodwood

Mrs Pinnington and Mrs Graham took our year 6 children to Goodwood Racecourse on Thursday for a 'Racing to School' Day. This Education programme is the flagship service of the small charity Racing to School (formerly the British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust, No. 1040590 founded in 1994), the children had the opportunity to take part in maths based activities in the parade ring, the weighing room and the paddock before actually experiencing a Goodwood race meeting. They had a super day in the sunshine and learnt lots.

E-Safety - JSPC delivered some very useful e-safety refresher training to our staff this week - here are some top tips:

- **Thinkuknow** - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Guide to internet safety and safe surfing for young people from **Think U Know**. Learn about online safety when using the internet, blogs, chatting, online gaming etc.
- Agree with your child 'anytime looks' - that you can look at what your child is doing on their devices and on the internet at any time.
- Encourage children to use tablets rather than mobilephones that are connected to networks or wi-fi.
- Switch off the Wi-fi to disable on-line access.

Please do come and chat to us if you have any concerns about this at all. For any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Moss or Mrs Prudence in confidence: they are the Designated Safeguarding Officers for our school.

CAR PARK SAFETY - we have increasing concerns about the safety of our children in the car park.

Thank you to those who have heeded our requests for extra care. Just a reminder -

Please do not:

- leave children in the playground until a school grown up is present
- park at the bottom clogging up manoeuvring space, especially when there are spaces at the top
- park in the car park unless you have YR or pre-school children with you (please display a permit)
- drive and park safely!

MORE SWIMMING NEWS!

The **swimming pool** will be up and running ready for our return after half term. Information will be available shortly regarding the PTA rota for after school use. Please do sign up to help if you are able to, the children love the opportunity of an after school swim. Thank you to our 2 PTA members who attended our poolside first aid training this week. Please do sign up to help keep our swimming pool open after school and through the holidays.

ESSA Gala

EVEN MORE SWIMMING NEWS...

Following on from the huge success of our Aquathon Team: Jamie, Ewan, Charlie, Jack and Ashton, all whom I am incredibly proud of; Mrs Cruttenden, Mrs Johnson and I had the joy of taking four of our most experienced swimmers to the ESSA Regional Relay Finals being held at Guildford on the evening of Saturday 20th May.

Our amazing team: Dylan Atkinson Yr 6, Mathilde Butcher Yr 6, Kitty Hogg Yr 5 and Oscar Mathias Yr 6, swam in 2 relay events: a medley relay and a freestyle relay. They were swimming against 18 of the fastest primary schools from the County Round (which they competed and qualified in earlier this year) from the following areas: Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

The competition is immensely tough and although we did not make it through to the National Finals (which is a tiny relief as they are held in Sheffield and this year are on the same day as our school fete!) the team somehow managed to shave a further 2 seconds off their medley relay time and 6 seconds, yes, 6 seconds off their freestyle relay time which is a massive amount as any of you who swim (or have swum) competitively will appreciate! They qualified in the freestyle relay with a time of 1.19:34 and their time on Saturday was 1.13:36 - simply fantastic.

Well done guys - we are so very proud of you and I hope you feel very proud of yourselves too.

I would also like to thank all the parents for their support towards our various swimming teams as we really couldn't train and compete without the support from you too - THANK YOU.

Now, get swimming everyone as we have some BIG swim suits to fill next year!

Mrs Goacher.

Everyone Active Westgate Leisure Centre knows how living down here near the coast and with lots of you booking/booked their holidays for this country or abroad that all parents and guardians would like their children to be able to use the beaches and/or swimming pools in a safe and confident way. Our **group swimming lessons** allow your children to learn while having fun and the continuous development programme will help them move on and up the scheme as quickly as they can once achieving certain awards. With swimming lessons 6 days a week we have something that hopefully everyone can book into. Our Interactive Aqua Passport allows you to see progress and help see what skills they need to develop in general swimming session to reach the next target. We have spaces available now for you to join your children (or yourself should you wish too). For more information please contact grahamgardiner@everyoneactive.com and we can contact you with all the information you need to know and get your little one/s (or yourself) started as soon as possible.



SCHOOL FETE

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND LOOK OUT FOR THE PTA INFORMATION

Our newly formed PTA are already very busy behind the scenes and we have lots of exciting plans for this year's fund raising event.

Without the Apple Affair this year,
it is even more important that we have a super successful fete.

See below for further information.

Wednesday 6th June is Non-Uniform Day, when children will be able to wear their own clothes for the day in return for bringing in items for our tombola and raffle prizes.

Acorn Awards - Thursday 25th May 2017

Robert - for great lego addition and subtraction

Christopher - for working hard to learn your pairs to 20

Tilly - for working hard at using our spelling strategies so effectively - what a spelling whizz!

Matilda - for being a 'fraction superstar' - having a positive attitude to challenging mathematics

Rafi - for having a positive attitude to your learning and for consistently working hard on your spellings

Alessandro - for thinking like a scientist during our heart rate investigation

Year 6 - for being brilliant mathematicians at the Goodwood 'Racing to School' event

PTA News:

Following our AGM our new PTA chair is Leisa Chambers, our thanks to Claire Mitchell and her team for all of her hard work and support. Claire is still here with us until the end of term and will be our guiding light through the Fete! We now have a new team of Committee members.

'What's App' groups have been set up for committee members and helpers. There are a great group of helpers but we are always looking for people to join us.

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 fete 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.



Dates for 2017

SummerTerm Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017

Wednesday 6th June - Non-Uniform Day for Tombola prizes

Thursday 8th June - Election Day School open as normal

Monday 12th June - Yellow School Photos

Wednesday 14th June - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral - information to follow

Saturday 17th June - School Fete

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

Thursday 22 June, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

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 - 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!

Friday 14th July, 2.00pm - Music Concert

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



	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.
Summer Term 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.</p> <p>The timetable for summer term clubs is attached for your information.</p> <p>Letters have been sent home regarding club provision for the next half term and clubs are now live on schoolmoney.co.uk.</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</p> <p>Apple - Tuesday 27th June 2017</p> <p>Maple - Tuesday 20th June 2017</p> <p>Beech - Friday 16th June 2017</p> <p>Chestnut - Friday 9th 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.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places.</p> <p>ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>