



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is 'Alive & Kicking' week, when the children will learn about being healthy and staying safe. We have lots of different, exciting activities and visitors during the week, please ask the children what they have been doing. Children can wear sports clothing and trainers throughout the week, if they wish, with their school sweatshirts on the top. Friday is Sport Relief and children are asked to bring in a donation.

Our next important parent event is on Wednesday 23rd March from 5.00 to 7.00pm and is an opportunity to find out about our **reporting and assessment methods**. We will explain national testing (SATs etc) and how we are approaching it: there will be test materials available to see too. The second important part of this evening event is the **PTA AGM** where you can find out how we are spending our hard earned money! Children will be able to watch a film, as we are combining this with **Film Night**. Please see separate flyer for more information.

Please note: There will be no clubs for the next two weeks. Information regarding clubs for the summer term has been sent home with the children today.

Please ensure that you return your child's report, with your comments by Friday 18th March.

Please ensure that you have returned your consent forms for the Bikeability event (Year 6).

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Parent Evenings	Tuesday 15 th March 3.10-5.00 and Wednesday 16 th March 3.10 - 6.00 Teaching staff will be available on Monday and Thursday this week for alternative appointments if you are unable to make Tues or Wed.
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.
Parent Group	Support and Friendship Group for Parents - with Mrs Diane Clack. Do come along and join the group to share parenting ideas. Wednesday 23rd March 8.35 - 10.00 This will be the final session
Clubs and Care Bears After School Childcare Provision	<i>There will be no clubs during the weeks commencing 14th and 21st March. Care Bears will be running as normal</i>

Acorn Awards

Friday 4th March 2016

- Aaron* *for working together with Teale to create a collaborative jellyfish collage*
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- Rosie* *For 'fantastic fraction' work*
- Keturah* *for persevering and learning from her mistakes in maths*
- Maia* *for working hard on map reading in Geography and using co-ordinates*
- Amelia P* *for working logically in maths – using what she knows in new situations,
(linking fractions and decimals)*
- Oscar* *For showing serious attitude to his learning and being focused and on task at
all times*

Dates for 2016

Spring Term Monday 4th January - Thursday 24th March

Easter Holidays Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

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

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Monday 14th March - Alive & Kicking Week - various activities

Monday 14th March - Parents Evenings this week - R, Yr 2, 4 & 6

Tuesday 15th March - Arun Swim Gala - selected pupils

Wednesday 16th March - EYFS & KS1 Superhero Workshop

Wednesday 16th March - ESSA Swim Gala (selected pupils)

Thursday 17th March - Final West gate Swim for Beech and Chestnut

Friday 18th March - Sport Relief - Wear sports clothes and make a donation

Monday 21st March - Bikeability Yr 6

Monday 21st March - Dance House - rehearsal and performance

Tuesday 22nd March 8.45 a.m - Chestnut Class Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 22 March 1.00 - Animazing visit to Apple Class

Wednesday 23rd March - Final Corporate Challenge in Chichester 6.30pm - selected pupils

Wednesday 23rd March 8.35 - 10.00 - Final Parent Support session with Mrs Clack.

Wednesday 23rd March 2.30 - Music Performance, Noah's Ark, all welcome

Wednesday 23rd March 3.00 - Pre-School Bake Sale

Wednesday 23rd March 5.00 - 7.00 - PTA Film Night and Information Evening

Thursday 24th March - Last day of term: Easter Assembly - 8:45 - all welcome

Monday 11th April - First Day of Summer Term

Monday 11th April - GAS Enrichment Day - Swimming at Westbourne House (Selected Pupils)

