



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of another really busy term with so many things to celebrate. Do check this week's edition of the Chichester Observer to see our swimming team receiving plaudits, alongside an article about the swimming achievements of Tom, one of our ex-pupils.

We are really proud of the children's achievements in Dance as well: the children performed at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis on Monday and have been praised for their dance routine as well as their behaviour. Our Alive and Kicking Week was a roaring success with everyone finishing the week feeling fitter and healthier! We have an article in this month's Valley Diary which celebrates this and our World Book Day fun too.

It was great to have parents attending our Information Evening on assessment and PTA AGM. Our thanks go to our PTA committee and new members who bring so much to the school. We found out about the planned exciting spending on computers, tablets, outdoor learning resources, books etc and we celebrated the mammoth fund raising achievements of the year. Please do let Claire or our school office know if you would like to join the committee or become more involved in any way.

Next term we will be using some beautiful text-free books as stimuli for our learning and after half term we will be learning about the jobs people do and what we might be when we grow up. We will be inviting you to help us with this and then to come into school to enjoy the work the children have been doing. There is lots to look forward to!

GOVERNOR INFORMATION

The Governing Body met on the 10th March. The meeting started with a presentation by Mrs Canning about her collaborative work with partner schools in the locality, and the benefits of sharing good practice and ideas. During the next part of the meeting governors fed back on their visits to school.

Mrs Hugason-Briem had attended a SEN meeting and was informed of the breadth of support pupils receive to reach their full potential, and the effective use of pupil premium funding. Mrs Parks was impressed with how pupils were working together in Beech Class, and how their learning was monitored to track progress.

On the agenda was also the Head Teacher's Report. The report included how the school had recently been preparing for the forthcoming Church School (SIAMS) Inspection, information on the new assessment systems, and an update on the Impact workshops. We also heard about the exciting shared activities pupils had been involved with such as World Book Day and Alive and Kicking week. Plans for the new building project were also discussed, and ways forward were agreed.

The governors also heard about the success of the second community café run by Chestnut Class and how well they coped with their interviews and job training. A lot of work has been happening behind the scenes on making sure all school policies are up to date, for ratification at the next governor meeting on Thursday 21st April. All policies are available on the school website or in reception.

BUILDING INFORMATION

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please do take a good look at the attached letter regarding the building work and access to school for after the holiday. I am really keen that we work together to keep the children safe and would very much appreciate not having to grumble at anyone making this difficult and hazardous.

Thank you for your support in this.

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
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	Clubs begin again after the Easter Holidays on Monday 11 th April - please see timetable attached for dates.

Acorn Awards Friday 18th March 2016

Elizabeth – for being amazing at Karate

Tilly - for super editing of her Easter Story with a purple polishing pen

Ava - for her full on involvement in our trip to Goodwood Farm – such an active curious learner.

Thinking about everything and soaking up the day!

Rafi - for his enthusiasm in Karate, when applying his own knowledge

Martha - for her brilliant team work skills across all lessons this week

Maggie – for showing good listening and interest during our visitor talks. You asked some excellent questions

Chiara – for showing effort and enthusiasm when taking part in our Alive & Kicking activities this week

Dates for 2016

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 11th April - First Day of Summer Term

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

Monday 18th April - First Aid Sessions for the children in school with HS First Aid

Thursday 21st April - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 22nd April 2 .30pm - Assembly - Book share with parents - all welcome

Tuesday 26th April am - Governor Visits

Monday 9th May pm - Governor Visits

Thursday 19th May am - Governor Visits

Wednesday 8th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - All welcome

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photo's - Classes & Leavers

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

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

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

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed

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

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

Wednesday 13th July 9.00am - Sports Morning

Thursday 14th July - Governing Body Meeting

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

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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
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