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Dear Parents and Carers,

Chestnut Children have had a busy week in France and will be arriving back late this evening. They have been letting us all know how they have been getting on during the week with a gallery and news on the website.

Triple P Parenting Support sessions Please note that the final session will be Tuesday 14th March instead of Thursday 16th as originally planned.

Centurion Way Project Update for Stakeholders

The South Downs National Park Authority is pleased to announce that works are underway to construct the new steps access from the extended Centurion Way path to Motor Road at West Dean. The steps incorporating a ramp to enable cycles to be wheeled to and from the path should be open later this month to provide path users with direct access to the village amenities such as the West Dean Stores and Tea Rooms, West Dean Primary School, The Dean pub and enable onward journeys to West Dean College, the Weald and Downland Museum and other northerly destinations. The access will also provide the West Dean community and travellers from the north, direct access to the new path for southerly journeys to Lavant, Chichester and onward connectivity to the coast via Salterns Way and the Pagham Harbour route.

See attached summary for further information.

Maple Class – African Art Day with Mrs Pitt

Mrs Pitt worked with Maple Class exploring different ways to use wax resist. They loved making masks and learning how to improve their sketch books.



Apple Class Visit to Goodwood Farm

On a rather wet Wednesday this week, Apple Class put on their wellies and visited Home Farm at Goodwood. They saw cows, bulls and calves, and were able to have a drink of milk that had been produced only 2 days before in the dairy! Some of them were also able to find out how butter is made, and brought some of their own back to school. They were also able to see, and touch, some lambs and sheep. Some of the lambs were only 10 days old. It was very muddy, but they had a great time. They are now going to be doing lots of exciting English and Science work based on what they saw and learned. A huge thank you to Sarah and Anna from the farm, who led the groups, and answered all of their questions.



West Sussex Sports Partnership Swim Gala

On Wednesday 8th March, Beech Class, Ashton, Jack, Charlie, Ewan, Holly W, Kitty, Amelie and Rosie represented West Dean at the Arun School Sports Partnership Swimming Gala.

The competition includes individual events in all four strokes plus a medley and freestyle relay with lots of rules, firstly to learn, and then remember!

This Gala is usually for children in Years 5 and 6 and the standard of swimming is high, but that did not deter this mighty team who swam fantastically and tried their hardest in every event. We knew the competition would be tough being against older and more experienced swimmers. Mrs Cruttenden, Mrs Johnson and I feel so proud of everyone who took part - we may not have won but we certainly worried a few teams when they realised we were a squad of children from year 3 and 4 holding our own against much bigger swimmers! Well done Mighty Team West Dean!



Future events:

Wed 15th March: a fabulous team boasting several County Swimmers and a demon 'finisher', namely: Oscar Mathias, Mathilde Butcher, Dylan Atkinson and Kitty Hogg will be representing West Dean at the ESSA (English Schools Swimming Association) Gala. This is the county round and only the fastest two schools from each round will go on to the Regional round held in April so wish our fabulous team good luck in this event...

Sat 18th March - The highlight of our swimming calendar: The Chichester Cormorants Primary School Gala. West Dean has won this event for the last three years and this year the competition is as tough as ever. Our squad is training hard and this should be a magnificent competition which really is all to swim for... wish us luck and watch this space!

Finally, my message to you all is **GET SWIMMING EVERYONE** - help to build our future squads now!!! Mrs Goacher xx



	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
School Uniform 	Our uniform has now moved over to Game, Set and Match in Chichester, please do contact them or use their website for your uniform requirements. We still have stock of some sweatshirts (limited in certain sizes) available to purchase at a discounted price, 50%, come in and have a look. We will continue to stock in school backpacks and book bags and our popular winter coats are available to order. please come in and ask at the office.
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' adult choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Spring Term Clubs and Care Bears 	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: sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com 07852 255628 (Please note new telephone number), or contact the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter. The timetable for spring term 2 clubs is attached for your information.
	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. Current events available to book are .
Lost Property	We have now located a 'Lost Property Bin' on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything 'lost and found' will be placed in here, please feel free to have a look if you think your child has mislaid any uniform or other items.

Dates for 2017

Spring Term Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 7th April 2017

Monday 13th March, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Challenge at Chichester Cathedral (selected yr 3)

Tuesday 14th March - Governor Visits to school

Tuesday 14th March, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 15th March - Collective Worship Enrichment day at Singleton (selected yr 4)

Wednesday 15th March 12.30-3.00 - ESSA Swim Gala - Horsham (selected pupils)

Thursday 16th March - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

Thursday 16th March, 8.45 - Governor Visits to school

Friday 17th March - Beech Class visit to Butser Farm Park

Saturday 18th March - Cormorants Swimming Gala at Westgate

Tuesday 21st March - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

Tuesday 21st March - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd March - Parents Evening for Year R, 2, 4 & 6

Wednesday 22nd March, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 23rd March - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

Friday 24th March, 8.45 - Apple Class Open Morning

Tuesday 28th March 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Tuesday 28th March - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

Thursday 30th March - Final Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut

Thursday 30th March - Governing Body Meeting

W/C Monday 3rd April - Bikeability for Year 6 at Singleton School

Monday 3rd April, 2pm - Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 4th April, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th April - Dance House Event, Alexandra theatre, Bognor

Thursday 6th April, 8.45 - Maple Class Open Morning

Thursday 18th May - Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 25th May - Racing to school at Goodwood - Year 6

Friday 26th May - INSET

Thursday 8th June am - Governor Visits

Monday 12th June - Yellow School Photos

Saturday 17th June - School Fete

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

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

Wednesday 5th July - INSET

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

*Acorn Awards -
Friday 10th March*

Sidney - for using his sounds to read words without help

Raife - for becoming more independent in his writing

*Emmy - for listening and taking part so confidently at swimming
yesterday – a real little West Dean fish!*

*Matilda - for using full sentences to answer questions about our book
and adding extra detail where necessary*

*Charlie - for loving his reading recently and for overcoming his initial
fear at the swimming gala*

Chestnut Class – for a very busy week in France

Year 3 & 4 Swim Team - for fantastic effort in the gala