



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring our children have had a really good week again in school. At a time when there has been a lot of drama in the press about the tests and assessments in schools, with children and parents around the country becoming anxious and distressed, our children have taken this in their stride and risen to the occasion. Whatever our test results show, we can see that we have children in every year group, especially in Year Six, who can shine in many ways and in many situations! We are looking forward to seeing these children taking a lead role in the next Community Café, which is on Friday 27th May from 2.30 to 3.30pm. (Please see the attached promotional materials, produced by the children of Chestnut Class) They will also have lots of other opportunities to shine before they reach the end of their time with us, including: the Leavers' Service in the Cathedral, our own Leavers' Service in St. Andrew's Church, Sports Day, the workshops and trip for our topic on 'When I Grow Up', our work on Peer Mediation, our Open Days, the fete where they can prove themselves to be experts at Maypole Dancing and helping to organise, GAS Sports Day and, lastly, the PTA BBQ where they will challenge themselves in the traditional rounders match against the teachers..... (We are already planning our strategies!)



Centurion Way Project Update

I am delighted to be able to update you on the progress of the cycle path behind school. The Centurion Way has been extended by the South Downs National Park Authority, upon consultation with the local community, using funding from the Department for Transport. This money had to be used within quite a short timescale which meant that, given the limited funding available as well as the time required for consultation and planning, the path terminates in West Dean, behind school, with no official access to school or the village. The intention has always been to open the path up to the village when a safe exit point could be agreed, and I am pleased to say that this has been achieved. Planning is being sought for a ramp which will bring cyclists and walkers onto Motor Road just behind our car park, near Pre-school. In the long term, it is hoped that this will be a permanent permissive route, enabled by the support and consent of the landowner, the Edward James Foundation. The long-term ambition is to extend the route to the South Downs Way, Cocking and ultimately all the way to Midhurst!

Importantly for us, we should soon have school cycle storage funded by the SDNPA, as this was part of the agreement following consultation with our School Council and community. Please do be sensible for the time being, until the ramp is in place, as the current slippery slope being used is dangerous and involves trespassing on the land of the very landowners who are supporting the project. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

'When We Grow UP!'

We have had some exciting offers of involvement in our workshops and job fair, and we really look forward to giving the children the opportunity to learn about the variety of jobs and careers out there. Please do support us by sharing your experience with the children. This would involve an afternoon of your time and could be as simple as allowing children to interview you about your role, training and what you enjoy about it, or you could contribute activities for a workshop with ten to a dozen children. The greater the variety we have, the better the children's experience will be. Please ask the teachers for details.

Swimming

It is almost time to take the plunge! Mrs. Goacher has sent out some letters: we rely on your help and on having a reasonable number of parents trained to supervise the pool after school. This is vital in making good use of this super but expensive resource so that it can be used for lessons, our club and for PTA after school fun use.

Grounds Day

There is lots to do to prepare the grounds for our Summer events, so please do come along and wield a spade, paintbrush or wheelbarrow to spruce the grounds up! See Mrs. Canning for details & to sign up.

Current Useful Information and Reminders	
Clubs	Please note that clubs will NOT be running w/c 23 rd May Please could you make sure that all outstanding monies are paid to Mrs Muggeridge as soon as possible.
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
Grounds Day 	Please join us to help tidy, paint and prepare, from 10am until 2pm on Saturday 21 st May
Learning Journals	Please remember to return your Learning Journals in on Monday morning every week.
Maple Class Assembly	Please note that Maple Class Assembly will now be on Thursday 16 th June.
Clubs and Care Bears	After School Childcare Provision - Please see timetable attached for dates. Care Bears contact telephone number: 07507 327466
Sainsbury's Active Kids	Sainsbury's Active Kids Promotion has now ended in store - please dig deep and find all those coupons lurking in your bag!
Kidzania and Whole School Topic 'Jobs that I do' 	This KS2 visit to London will support us with our topic which is all about inspiring children to have aspirations to achieve as adults as well as children! Children will gain valuable insights into the 'jobs' and careers out there for them, and we will use this as a stimulus for writing, maths work and to drive work in other curriculum areas. For our Early years and KS1 children we will have Jack Northeast, a drama student who worked with us on our Fantastic, Elastic brain show, to come in and do some exciting workshops. You will have received our promotional leaflet to see if you would be willing to come into school to run a small hands-on workshop or chat briefly to children about your job/career/role. You may not be keen/able to do this yourself but you may know someone who would be, someone who will inspire our children and who is good at communicating and could bring in some exciting props etc. Please do let us know if you would like to be involved.
Swimming Pool 	We are hoping to have the swimming pool up and running and ready for use following the half term holiday. Please ensure that all children have named swimming kit, in a named bag, in school every day ready to swim. Look out for details of the PTA after school swim sessions and sign up to the rota. We have arranged for some Poolside First Aid training - look out for details, Wednesday 25 th May, 1.00-3.00. The more volunteers we can have to help the better it is for us to arrange and supervise sessions and make the most use of the pool for the children.
Sports Activities  	We have lots of opportunities for the children to take part in sports activities during the summer term: Sports Morning - Wednesday 13 th July, 8.45 GAS sports event for selected children - Tuesday 5 th July, 1.00 at Boxgrove Tennis - Mr Justin Pollard (James' dad) has very kindly agreed to run some sessions for Apple class and Chestnut class. GAS Cricket - Monday 11 th July for selected children at Boxgrove. Goodwood Racecourse - Year 6 'Racing to School' maths event, Thursday 19 th May. AAA Coaching will run a sports club on our Inset day - Wednesday 6 th July, 9.00-4.00, we are also planning a 'summer school' with Ben for the first two weeks of the summer holidays - look out for further details.
'Pre-Loved' Uniform	We will be holding a 'pre-loved' uniform sale in the pavilion after school on Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th May at 3.00. If you have any good quality clothes that your child has outgrown, please do bring them in. Come along and see what we have in stock, all proceeds go to school.
Boots Opticians -	Check your little one's eyesight with a story There's an estimated one million children who can't see clearly which can impact on their development. Make sure nothing holds yours back with our exclusive eye check storybook. Boots have developed Zookeeper Zoe, an interactive story containing a range of eye check activities to read with your child and help you understand if they might need support with their vision. Join the adventure FREE by downloading the eye check storybook available from the App Store and Android App Store.

News from our Governing Body

A brief summary of the last governors' meeting held at the school; to keep you informed as to what is being discussed and our plans for the future.

We were delighted to introduce Lindy Nash to the team. Lindy is the new Clerk for the governors and will be responsible for producing all of the minutes and correspondence from the governing body.

A main focus of the last meeting was the budget, which has now been set for 2016-2017. We are lucky that the school is financially in good shape and that the children have access to top class teachers and brilliant facilities, but we continue to safeguard the future of the school by forecasting all costs and spending accordingly. We remain grateful that the school PTA continues to financially contribute to the children's learning and helps the school with providing the swimming pool and support for other trips and activities.

We also discussed the completion of the works to the school which were carried out over the Easter holidays. The newly insulated and watertight flat roofs will be obvious in the colder months, and the light levels from the new roof light is already making a huge difference to the children and staff in Maple class. You will also be aware that we recently had the Church School effectiveness inspection and the results of this will be published in the near future.

As always, if you have any questions around the governing body, please do not hesitate to submit them via the school office. Please note that there is also a notice by the reception regarding safeguarding our children. Should you ever have any need to discuss the wellbeing of the children you will see details of how to do this above the signing in book.

Zoe Mann

Acorn Awards Friday 13th May 2016

Darcy – for sharing her amazing homework and talking so confidently about it to the class

James – for thinking carefully about editing his writing

Indie - for a super attitude to the tests this week and for working with steady determination

Charlie Gran – for working so hard, challenging himself on his spellings

Charlie Thacker - for his great throwing and catching in our PE lesson

Tilly – for working hard on multiplication with super results, well done!

Maggie – for challenging herself at the same time as giving happiness to others less fortunate – What an achievement!

Dates for 2016

Summer Term Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd July

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

Inset Days: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Tuesday 17th May - Dance House (selected pupils) Alexandra Theatre

Tuesday 17th May - Paul Ulson visit to Beech Class re Egyptians

Wednesday 18th May - Governor Training 5.30-7.30

Thursday 19th May am - Governor Visits

Thursday 19th May - Year 6 'Racing to School' at Goodwood

Thursday 19th May - 'Pre-loved' Uniform Sale 3.00

Friday 20th May - 'Pre-loved' Uniform Sale 3.00

Saturday 21st May, 10.00 - 2.00 - Grounds Day - please come along and join us if you can!

Wednesday 25th May, 1.00 - 3.00 - First Aid Training re Swimming Pool

Thursday 26th May, 5.30 - 6.30 - PTA Beetle Drive

Friday 27th May - Community Café

Tuesday 31st May, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Wednesday 1st June, 9.00 - 4.00 - AAA Coaching

Wednesday 8th June 8.40am - Di Clack Parent Support Group - **All welcome**
(even if you haven't attended previous sessions!)

Thursday 9th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45

Monday 13th June - Yellow School Photos - Classes & Leaver

Wednesday 15th June - Little Big Sing at The March School - Maple Class

Thursday 16th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

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

W/C Monday 20th June - Parent Evenings Yr 1, 3, 5 (details tbc)

Monday 20th June 1.00-2.45 - 'When I Grow up' /Jobs that I do' workshops

Tuesday 21st June - KS2 visit to Kidzania in London - info to follow

Thursday 23rd June - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Thursday 23rd June 1.00-2.45 - 'Jobs that I do' workshops

Friday 24th June - Careers Fair - Time tbc

Tuesday 28th June- Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 28th June 1.00-2.45 - 'Jobs that I do' workshops

Thursday 30th June - Tennis with Justin Pollard - Chestnut Class

Thursday 30th June - Beech Class Big Camp - details to follow

Saturday 2nd July 12noon - School Fete

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

Wednesday 6th July - INSET - school closed (AAA coaching 9.00 - 4.00)

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

Thursday 21st July - St Andrew's Church, West Dean - Y6 Leavers' Service



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	Yr3-6				
Wednesday	David Morris	Tee Ball	Yr 3-6				
	J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday	K Prudence	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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Tuesday	SM/JB	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Cookery	Yr3-6
	S Johnson	Glee Choir	Yr3-6				
	S Goacher	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Yr 1-2
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	J Boxall	Craft	Craft	Craft		Craft	Yr 1-3
Thursday	K Prudence	Think Tank	Yr 3-6				
	E Wells	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Yr 4-6
Friday	AAA Coach	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Yr 4-6