



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are parking carefully.

We have all had a busy week, especially Maple Class who have visited the Planetarium and West Dean Gardens. Chestnut Class have started their theatre project with Chichester Festival Theatre and we will soon be contacting you with details of how you can buy tickets to the Festival of Singing for our January United Voices event.

Beech and Chestnut Classes are making a super start with the violin and viola.

Congratulations to the children for all their house points and Respect Rewards this week too.

Please do put the class Open Morning dates in your diaries, as these are the best way to find out how we teach key concepts. You won't be put on the spot - you will just be able to join in with your child in class!



APPLE AFFAIR

Please do make as much jam and chutney as you can this year, and get ready for our cake and toffee apple making! We will not be making savoury food due to new regulations, but will be doing more cream teas, face painting and crafts. So, if you have any simple but popular crafty ideas, please let us know!

Look out for the PTA flyers and sign up on the board in the playground to let us know how you can help.

Reminder that Friday is an INSET day for baking and making, but AAA coaching are available.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you for supporting our Jeans for Genes day today -

We have raised £111.49 for children with genetic disorders.

French Residential Visit

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our meeting this afternoon -

The children will have brought home a letter with a permission slip for you to complete and return.

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	These will be sent home over the next few days and will only be returned to school on Monday 17th October
Class Open Mornings 8.45-9.30 (first half of term)	Beech Class - Tuesday 4 th & Wednesday 19 th October Chestnut Class - Wednesday 21 st September & Tuesday 18 th October Maple Class - Wednesday 28 th September & Monday 10 th October Apple Class - Tuesday 11 th October
Class Open Mornings 8.45-9.30 (second half of term)	Maple Class - Tuesday 8 th November & Monday 28 th November Beech Class - Wednesday 9 th November & Tuesday 22 nd November Chestnut Class - Monday 14 th November & Wednesday 23 rd November Apple Class - Tuesday 15 th November & Friday 2 nd December
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 11 th October, 3.15 - 5.00 Wednesday 12 th October, 3.15 - 6.00 Thursday 13 th October, 3.15 - 5.00
Class Assemblies 8.45	Thursday 10 th November Beech Thursday 24 th November Chestnut Thursday 1 st December Maple Friday 9 th December Apple
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Autumn Term Clubs and Care Bears	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. Please see attached club timetable for the Autumn term. Please do make a note of these dates. The clubs DO NOT run throughout every week of the term! We would also like to remind parents that pick up time is 4pm (unless otherwise stated) . Our staff have been taken advantage of by some regular late collections and we would very much like this to stop. We have decided that charges should be made if this occurs on more than one occasion, unless there is a particular unavoidable reason. The clubs are well run by our dedicated team who really care for the children: please do respect their time and good will by ensuring you arrive in good time for collection. If you have signed up for a club it is important that children attend each week once they are allocated a place: often clubs have limited numbers and waiting lists. We often have disappointed children when forms are not returned on time or clubs are full. There is a lot of organisation required to co-ordinate all of our clubs and we do our best to ensure that children can attend the clubs they have selected. Please do support us in this by committing to their attendance and not leaving booking to the last minute. Please remind your children which clubs they are doing to avoid confusion at the end of the day. Care Bear Cub will be available every day, but places are not guaranteed and should be booked in advance. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! If you have booked a place and your child is not attending please let us know. Please email: sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com or text 07507 327466 Thank you for your support in this matter.
School Uniform	If you have ordered and received uniform, please could you make payment to the school office.
School Meals	You will have received a letter this week regarding Universal Free School Meals and Free School Meals. Please could you return any slips to the school office as soon as possible.

Dates for 2016/17

Autumn Term Tuesday 6th September - Friday 16th December 2016

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Inset Days: Friday 30th September

Friday 30th September - INSET - AAA coaching available (ben@aaacoaching.co.uk)

Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd October - Apple Affair at West Dean College

Monday 10th October, 10.30 - School Friends Service at Chichester Cathedral, Chestnut Class

Tuesday 11th October, 3.15-5.00 - Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 12th October, 3.15-6.00 - Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 13th October, 8.45 - Harvest Assembly - all welcome

Thursday 13th October, - Chestnut class all day, Chichester Festival Theatre Visit - info to follow

Friday 14th October, 11.00 - Beech Class Weald and Downland

Monday 17th October - Learning Journals returned to school please

Friday 21st October, 2.30 - Chestnut Class Community Café

HALF TERM

Thursday 3rd November - Thursday 24th November - 1.00-2.30 Chestnut Class - Squash at West Dean

Tuesday 8th November, 9.30-11.45 - GAS Football Tournament at Chichester High School (selected pupils)

Wednesday 9th November - GAS Enrichment Maths at The March (selected pupils)

Thursday 10th November, 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

Friday 11th November, 8.45 - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Monday 21st November, 8.30 - Yellow School Individual and Sibling Photographs - please let us know if you would like to include pre-school siblings (we do this at 8:20am)

Monday 21st November, 11.00 - Flu Vaccination for Year 1, 2, 3

Thursday 24th November, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 1st December, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th December, 2.30 - Apple & Maple Theatre Visit (information to follow)

Friday 9th December, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

Monday 12th December, 2.15 - Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 13th December, 12.00 - Chartwell's Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December, 1.00 - Christingle making at West Dean

Wednesday 14th December - Christingle Service at West Dean Church - **5:15pm**

Thursday 15th December, 8.45 - End of Term Assembly - all welcome

Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins for children

Thursday 19th January, - Festival of Singing - Y5/6 at Chichester Festival Theatre - rehearsal in the day and performance in the evening - info to follow

Acorn Awards - Friday 23rd September 2016

Harry - for starting to join his letters

Amelia - for her hard work in maths and using partitioning to help her add successfully

Indie - for his brilliant and beautifully presented thank you letter (about the chickens)

Hepzi - for being such a grown up, helpful and hardworking member of Beech Class

Milly - for showing us that 'there is always another question' in our floating and sinking science! Great interest and enthusiasm

Joe - for showing his amazing insights during our Macbeth workshop, his ideas were impressive