



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 2 15th September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have celebrated the first of our KS2 musical instrument lessons: Chestnut Class are learning the saxophone and Beech Class are learning the clarinet. Mrs. Schofield has already taught them lots of skills which will help them play together and to find out if this is an instrument they would like to play in the longer term. It is exciting to see the progress they make in only ten weeks, and we will be inviting you to join us for a short performance just before Christmas to share this with us. Mrs. Urquhart has also returned to teach string instruments and some of our children are continuing string and woodwind lessons on a peripatetic basis: please let us know if you would like your child to be considered for these lessons (these lessons are funded by parents and take place during afternoon lesson time).

We also celebrated lots of 'firsts' and lots of achievements over the summer holidays: we have children representing the school, county and country in sports and activities! We will include some reports on this over the next few weeks.

Class Rep

We would like to ask for your help to assist us with communication between classes. We are seeking out any parents who would be willing to act as a PTA/ Class Rep to communicate news and information to other parents of children in that particular class. This has been really effective in the past, with Whatsapp groups etc allowing quick access to reminders and a means to share information. If you would be keen to get involved please do let us know.



A Plea for Help:

Calling all **plumbers** - if any of our parents happen to be a plumber or know someone that could help, we need some advice regarding our 'water works'. Please do let us know if this is something that you may be able to help with and we can arrange to discuss details.

Also - if you have access to a **trailer or large van** and are happy to give up a little time, we have a large amount of old furniture etc which we need to get rid of. Please let the office staff know if you could take some 'stuff' to the tip for us and arrange a time to do this.

Both of these requests are in a drive to save money, as quotes we receive are sometimes quite steep. If we arrange for another skip, it will cost the school at least £300 and we are facing ever-shrinking budgets. Thank you.

Jeans for Genes:

We will be supporting Jeans for Genes this year and invite all of our children and staff to wear their jeans for the day on **Friday 22nd September** in return for a suggested £1.00 donation towards supporting children with genetic disorders. Normal school uniform for the top and jeans for the bottom please, if you would like to join in.

Fruit Snacks

Please could we all make an effort to send fresh fruit or salad (eg carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks) for snack time, and to try to reduce packaging/waste/rubbish? KS2 children will be eating their fruit at break time from now on, as a general routine, and will need any plastic containers to be named, please, so that they can be returned home. Thank you for your support in keeping the children healthy and the school tidy!

Keeping our children safe and respecting privacy

It has come to our attention that, despite our numerous requests, photos of school and family members have appeared on social media without permission. Although we don't feel that any children have been put in danger, may we remind everyone that this is unacceptable and ask for your support in this matter.

Support and activities arranged by the church:

"Coffee & Catch up". This will run every 3rd Tuesday of the month, during termtime, starting in September (19th) from 8.30am until 10am in Singleton Village Hall. It will be run by Mel Robinson (Rev Kev's wife)

See attached poster

Secondary School Open Mornings/Evenings:

These are opportunities for year 6 children to visit the secondary schools in preparation for transition.

Chichester High School	Wed 27 Sept, 5.30-8.00	Thurs 5 th & Tues 10 th Oct, 9.30-12.00
Midhurst Rother College	Thurs 28 Sept, 6.30-8.30	Tues 10 th & Wed 18 th Oct, 9.30-11.30
Bishop Luffa	Thurs 5 Sept	Tues 10 th & Weds 11 th Oct
Chichester Free School	Wed 11 Oct, 7.00-9.00	Tues 17 th Oct, 9.30-12.00

MATHS MATTERS

Are you and your children making the most of the Maths Matters Challenges, Sumdog on your computers/tablets and the sample questions at the end of the newsletters? If you take advantage of these things, you will really be supporting your child's development well.

Newsletter questions will begin again next week.



Lost Property

Don't forget to check for lost property - this is located in the drawers on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything that is not claimed will either go to our pre-loved uniform or to the clothing bank.

Acorn Awards - Friday 15th September 2017

Fraser - for being such a kind friend to the Reception children

Willow - for growing in confidence in sharing ideas with the class and producing a brilliant 'Space' poem

Emmy - for such a great start in Beech Class, working hard and enjoying the challenges of new learning

Oliver - for really focussed concentration while drawing Egyptian character - an artist in the making?

Alessandro - for being 'Ready 2 Learn' and showing great learning behaviours at all times. What a super role model for others

Ka'ci - for such a super improvement in your handwriting; remembering to join her letters

Dates for 2017/18

Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2017

Half Term - Monday 23 - Friday 27 October

Wednesday 20th September - Beech Class visit to Haslemere Museum

Thursday 21st September - GAS Cycle Event at West Dean (selected children)

Thursday 21st September, 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

Friday 22nd September - Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 25th September - Chestnut Class Viking Workshops in school

Tuesday 26th September - Maple Class visit to Novium Museum and Waterstones

Friday 6th October - Flu Vaccination programme for years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4

Monday 9th October, 12.30 - 2.45 - Chestnut class School Friends Service, Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday 10th October, 3.10 - 5.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Wednesday 11th October, 3.10 - 6.00 - Whole School Parent Evening

Friday 20th October, 2.30-3.30 - Community Café


Tuesday 31st October - Apple Class visit to Portchester Castle

Tuesday 7 November, 9.45 - 11.45 - GAS Football Tournament (selected pupils)

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Assembly - all welcome

Monday 20th November - Yellow School Photographs

Thursday 30th November, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

	Current Useful Information and Reminders
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.
Care Bears 	<p>Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please email the office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247)</p> <p>Thank you for your support in this matter.</p>
After School Clubs	Autumn term after school clubs will begin again next week. Please do check the timetable for dates when the clubs will be running and for weeks when there are no clubs. Please also make sure that you have booked and paid for club place on schoolmoney.co.uk .
	<p>Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.</p> <p>Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.</p> <p>Please you log into to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.</p>
Class Open Mornings	<p>These are dates when you will be able to spend 20 - 30 minutes in the classroom, finding out about how we learn and teach some specific concepts and skills. We hope that you will join us to aid you in supporting your children.</p> <p>Apple Class: Tuesday 3rd October Maple Class: Wednesday 18th October Beech Class: Wednesday 27th September Chestnut Class: Monday 18th September</p>
Class Assemblies: 8.45am	<p>Apple Class: Tuesday 14th November Maple Class: Tuesday 28th November Beech Class: Friday 1st December Chestnut Class: Thursday 23rd November</p>
AAA Sports Coaching	<p>AAA Coaching will be available in the half term holiday: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October.</p> <p>Please contact Ben for information and to book places. ben@aaacoaching.co.uk</p>
	<p>PTA News:</p> <p>If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact Leisa (leisa.chambers55@gmail.com) or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)</p>



Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Starting on 19th September 2017

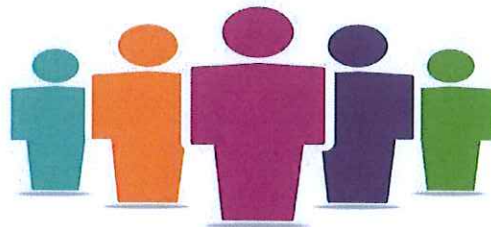
(During term time)

8.30am – 10.00 am

(To fit in with school drop off times)

Singleton Village Hall

**For all parents/grandparents/ family
members/ carers etc with children at
West Dean or Singleton Schools.**



***Pop in for a coffee and chat together after the school
run... get to know other parents... build new
friendships...or catch up with old friends!***

Provision for your younger children is available

Chichester Festival Theatre Drama Workshop for Children Shakespeare for Families

**Saturday 21st October and
Saturday 28th October
11.00am–12.30pm**

This fun and practical workshop is a perfect opportunity for children and families to discover Shakespeare. With craft, storytelling and character-based activities bring some famous plays to life.

For ages 5+ and their families.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Tickets are free but
please book a place
to avoid
disappointment.



Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child during this activity.



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