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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 13 5th June 2014

Thank you to all our PTA team who are busy behind the scenes getting ready for the fete. Please do sign up for 'duties' on the board in the playground as soon as possible.

The children are preparing and practising the Maypole Dancing, as well as emerging themselves in other exciting learning opportunities this term. Beech and Chestnut Classes visited the Weald and Downland Museum on Tuesday, where they had first hand experiences from WW1 times and they have also worked really hard to be ready for Friday night's performance of 'Music Around the World' with our Goodwood Area Schools. Our children have made superb progress with Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Mathias, learning a whole octave as well as some flats and sharps in less than a year, when good progress is considered to be 5 notes! They are able to read music and perform for an audience. Well done everyone.



We wish our swimming team lots of luck for Saturday evening's swimming gala and look forward to the pool being open on Monday, when we hope the water and air temperatures will be warm enough for us to begin swimming.

Our staffing for this term is unchanged, and the structure of the classes will remain the same for September, with YR & Y1 in Apple Tree Class, Y2 in Maple Class, Y3 & Y4 in Beech Class and Y5 & Y6 in Chestnut Class. We will have some staffing changes for 2014/15, however, as Mr Atkins will be leaving us. We are seeking to employ a new teacher, who will probably teach in Maple Class, allowing Miss Wynn to move to Beech Class and Mr Murray to move to Chestnut Class. Obviously, the teaching positions depend very much on the expertise of the person who joins our team, and any changes will be put in place to ensure the best possible learning for our children.

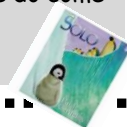
Author Visit - Tuesday 10th June

Paul Geraghty, a fabulous author/illustrator, will be working with all our children on Tuesday, and will give a talk to both Key Stages during the day. He will also work in the classrooms with the children whilst they do some writing, inspired by his books and illustrations.

We hope that this will motivate our young authors and illustrators throughout school to produce some fantastic stories and poems.

A selection of his books will be on sale from 2:50pm, with an opportunity to have them signed by Paul himself! Please do come into school to purchase books and meet the author, or bring your children straight after school.

(If the weather is nice, we will do this outside)



PTA FETE Saturday 14th June

Please spread the word, sign up on the playground board and keep an eye open for PTA flyers.

NB: **non-uniform day** on Monday 9th June.



Please bring in gifts for the children's tombola prizes.

After School Clubs

Please see overleaf for dates!

Swimming club starts for YR/1&2 - see separate letters.

Aspire After School Sports Club - Unfortunately, we have been unable to arrange for our Aspire After School Sports Club to run on Thursday afternoons this term. We are hopeful that we will be able to secure dates for this club to run again in the Autumn term. Aspire would like us to pass on their apologies.

Please, please collect children promptly after clubs.

Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has brought vouchers in -

Just a reminder that the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers promotion has now finished. Please could you send in any vouchers that you may have as soon as possible. We will then select sports resources from our catalogue and the children will benefit from all your support. Thank you.

Please remember to log-in to our web-site to check for up to date news, previous newsletters and information and to keep in touch with what the children have been doing in school.

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Dates for 2014

Summer Term starts Tuesday 22nd April and ends on Wednesday 23rd July

Inset Days - Wednesday 3rd July

Friday 6th June - GAS Music Gig at Midhurst Rother College - 5:30pm

Saturday 7th June - Cormorants Swim Gala, Westgate

Monday 9th June - Non-Uniform (tombola gifts for fete) 

Tuesday 10th June - Author Paul Geraghty visit - for all pupils -
& book purchase/signing

Wednesday 11th June - Yr 3 /4 Quad Kids at Bishop Luffa

Thursday 12th June - GAS Able Pupil Science Day at Singleton (selected pupils)

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Friday 13th June - GAS Able Pupil Science Day-Singleton(selected pupils Yr 5/6)

Saturday 14th June - Summer Fete - 12:00 - 3:00pm

Wednesday 18th June - Maths Challenge at Westergate School (selected pupils)

Thursday 19th June - Governor Visits in School am

Friday 20th June - Beech Class Assembly 8.45 - all parents & governors welcome

Monday 23rd June - Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral 1.00 (Y6 parents welcome)

Tuesday 24th June - Parents' Evening 3.00-5.00 Yr 1, 3,4,5

Wednesday 25th June - New Entrants Visit

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Thursday 26th June - Chestnut Class - Cricket Festival at Boxgrove (selected pupils)

Friday 27th June - Maple Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 1st July - Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2nd July - INSET and Y6/7 secondary Transition Day
- Y6 pupils visit secondary schools

Thursday 3rd July - New Entrants Visit

Tuesday 8th July - New Entrants Visit


Wednesday 9th July - Governing Body Meeting - 5:30pm

Friday 11th July - Chestnut Class Assembly 8.45

Tuesday 15th July - GAS Sports (17th - reserve) selected pupils

Tuesday 15th July - Apple Class Assembly 8.45

Wednesday 23rd July - End of Year & Leavers' Service at West Dean Church
1.30pm - 2:30pm - All welcome

Wednesday 23rd July - Y6 V staff rounders game & PTA BYO BBQ 3.00-5.00
Last day of term  **All welcome**

Parking & Road Safety

- * Please only use The Dean Pub car park at drop off and pick up times - they are very supportive but do not want their spaces full during their busy times (eg Sports morning)
- * Please do not cross the A286 where the bus stops are - use the safer lowered pavement areas south of the junction.
- * Please take care in the school car park - accidents have happened this term - it could be a child! Cross the car park in the safest place - by the swimming pool changing rooms.
- * The Parish Council responded to our children's letters about safety on the A286 and we are working with them to further improve safety. Do let us know if you see dangerous driving and please keep within the speed limit.



CLUBS

Our clubs now run in five week blocks, wherever possible, but for fewer weeks where half terms are particularly short. (Dance Club may be an exception to this)
The dates are as follows:

Week commencing -

- 9 June
- 16 June
- 23 June
- 30 June (no choir - INSET)
- 7 July



Acorn Awards - 23rd May 2014

Skye - for improving her handwriting

Lauren - for enjoying sports day, with such a big smile

Kitty - for her really neat and "chatty" fete thank you letter

Madeleine - for being a good team player at sports day, you ran with a big smile

Molly - for being kind and caring to the younger children. We saw you out of the window being so helpful

Jack - for showing what a super star he can be. We know what you can achieve!

Arwen - for a super attitude at swimming. For giving your best and improving



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