



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.

John 13



Apple Class - Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Friends,



We are very excited about our first half term learning journey; 'What did the owl see?' The children will be visited by Owls to inspire them about these amazing birds. This links with our 'big hoot little hoot' art project for Chestnut Tree House. Alongside this, the children will focus on the trees in our school grounds and what lives in and around them. We will be looking at the history of our school and how it has changed over the last hundred years. In the second half of term, our learning journey will be; 'Going for Gold!' as we work together as a school towards our 'Paris 24 Showcase Exhibition' at West Dean College. We will be looking at the Summer Olympic games and how to make healthy food as a 'dinner for winner'. Of course, we will be learning some French! Please see the curriculum grid for further details.



As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school and brings a sun hat, thank you.



P.E. will continue to be on **Tuesday (Reception), Wednesday or Thursday (Year 1) and Friday (both year groups)**. Children should have their full P.E. kit in school all week. Please ensure that all items are named as they often seem to get muddled up! Long hair should always be tied back, please. **Small, plain stud** earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are removed for PE days, sports days etc.

'Show and Tell' will continue to take place each **Wednesday**. Animal groups will take it in turns, starting with 'Squirrels' on **17th April**. See below.

Apple Class 'Show and Tell' timetable Summer 2024

Children are invited to bring in small items of personal interest or talk about events/news with the class. We encourage children to use loud clear voices to address the class. In turn, the rest of the class are encouraged to listen and ask relevant questions.

Squirrels -17 th April	Owls-5 th June
Hedgehogs-24 th April	Foxes-12 th June
Owls-1 st May	Squirrels-19 th June
Foxes-8 th May	Hedgehogs-26 th June
Squirrels-15 th May	Owls-3 rd July
Hedgehogs-22 nd May	Foxes-10 th July
HALF TERM	NO SHOW AND TELL-17 th July



Apple Class will continue to take part in weekly Forest School sessions in our school grounds: **Year 1** children on a **Thursday** afternoon and **Reception** children on a **Friday** afternoon. See information below regarding clothing requirements. Please ensure children come to school in their Forest School clothes on their day. We will start these sessions on Thursday 18th April and Friday 19th April.

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Forest School Kit list: Summer term 2024

As you may have noticed, we often get wet and muddy at Forest School. Some children worry about getting their clothes dirty so sending them in in **old** clothes will mean they won't worry about spoiling their good clothes (**no** sequins please!) As our weather is very unpredictable, your child needs to be prepared for all weathers. Layers are good as your child can remove or add clothing to suit the weather conditions.

- **Thin waterproof trousers:** it is important that children have these for **all** Forest School sessions. Separate waterproof clothing is preferable as all-in-ones can be difficult to put on and take off independently. Please ensure the waterproofs are a thin layer as the weather is warmer.
- **Waterproof coat**
- **Long trousers:** jogging bottoms are ideal and will help to keep your child warm and protect from scratches, stings and sunburn.
- **Thin long-sleeved top:** the children may get hot and take top layers off: arms **must be** covered in summer to give protection from scratches, stings and sunburn.
- **Fleece or tracksuit top.**
- **Sun hat:** named.
- **Sun cream** in a named bottle: this should be applied before school. Your child can re-apply as necessary.
- A named **water bottle.**
- **School shoes** to be worn to school: we will change into school trainers or wellies.
- Please name all clothes, especially waterproofs as these all look very similar.

Thank you for your support.
Ms Boxall.

Your child will bring their **book bag** home every day- please check it for any letters, first aid notes or comments we have made in their home/school diary. We would like to encourage you to share a book every day with your child: the children are always so proud when they have done their three reads. There are some helpful hints to support this inside the home/school diary. Each child will also have a phonics pack containing the sounds they are learning and a Maths pack. Please practise these 'little and often.'



Library days will continue to be a **Monday** for **Reception** and on a **Tuesday** for **Year 1**. Children will be given the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. This is intended to be a book for you to **share** with your child and not one they should be expected to read independently. These books may be kept at home and returned on their library day.



Swimming will begin in the second half of this term-further information will follow.



Every Wednesday at 3pm the classroom will be open for ten minutes. This is a lovely opportunity for you to pop into the classroom with your child and look at what they have been doing.

Please feel free to come and see us if you wish to discuss anything: your comments and support are greatly appreciated.

We're sure this term will be both an exciting and enjoyable one for all of us.

Best wishes,
Laura Plackett and Alison Chilton