



# 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



## Chestnut Class Parent Information Letter: Summer 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,



We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break!

Our two main themes for the first half term are 'Owls' and preparing the children for our trip to France! Our English work will be mainly based on non-fiction texts, helping us to become experts in all things 'Owls' with our Science learning linked to 'flight.' In French we will be learning as much useful vocabulary and basic conversation skills to enable the children to feel confident when we stay in France. This brings us nicely to our exciting French Residential trip and we will be inviting you in for a meeting where we will give you more information and as an opportunity for you to ask questions.

It is, of course, a very important half term for Year 6 as they will be sitting the SATs tests the week beginning the 14th May. They will be having some specific revision lessons away from Year 5, in order to help them with the 'tricks of the trade' and to ensure they feel ready and prepared for the tests. We will be sending out more information regarding the tests nearer the time, but please reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about, in fact a lot of children end up quite enjoying the week, as there are all sorts of treats in store as well as the actual tests! I'm sure you will be joining us in wishing them lots of luck!

The second half of the term sees our learning based around Paris and the Olympics. We will be lucky to have real-life sportsmen and women coming in to talk to the children as well as learning about the history of the Olympics and the values involved in this special event. We will of course be holding our own Sports Day as well as one or two other special events that we will share with you nearer the time.

Also in the second half of the term we will be embarking on the Sex and Relationships part of our PSHCE curriculum. Again we will be sending out more information before this starts so that you, as parents, can be aware of what we will be covering in class so as you can prepare yourself for any more questions that always arise as a result of the lessons in school.

**Ms Boxall will be taking Year 5 for Forest School, every Tuesday before half term and Year 6 after half term** - so please ensure the children bring in a suitable change of clothes for Forest School (long sleeves and long trousers).



Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Pupils should record details of their reading in their **Homework Diary**. We expect at least 3 reads per week, ideally for at least 20 minutes, and one of these reads will be to an adult. Diaries will be checked each **Friday and each read is worth a house point**.

Year 6 homework will be set as and when is appropriate leading up to SATs. We will return to a normal homework routine after half term.



Year 5 Spelling homework will be set each **Tuesday** and should be **completed and handed in by the following Monday** so they can be marked and new spellings can be reissued on the Tuesday.



Mathematics homework will be set each **Tuesday** and should be completed and handed in by the following **Monday**.

### Chestnut Class Weekly Overview:

Children should bring the following equipment to school on the days shown.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit (To be kept in school all week) SWIMMING kit after half term	YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL before half term Year 6 FOREST SCHOOL after half term	P.E. kit	P.E. kit	P.E. kit
Diary & Independent reading book	SWIMMING kit after half term Diary & Independent reading book	SWIMMING kit after half term Diary & Independent reading book	SWIMMING kit after half term Diary & Independent reading book	SWIMMING kit after half term Diary & Independent reading book
Y5 spelling homework due in	Y5 Spelling homework set	Spelling workbook kept in school bags	Spelling workbook kept in school bags	Spelling workbook kept in school bags
Y5 Maths homework due in	Y5 Maths homework set			<i>Reading diaries Checked.</i>

For the first half term, P.E. will be on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon as well as the usual time with Mr. Johnson every Friday afternoon. **P.E. kit is compulsory and now the weather is warmer there will be NO exceptions - navy blue/dark shorts and school blue t-shirt.** After half term we will be swimming, so a swimming kit will be needed everyday!

Many thanks in anticipation of your help and support for Summer Term in Chestnut Class!

The Chestnut Class team:

Sarah Johnson, Sophie Huxham and Sue Goacher