



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: Autumn 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Chestnut Class! We hope that you all had a really lovely summer holiday. This term, we have many exciting opportunities to look forward to including learning Djembe drumming and a visit to the London Natural History Museum. We will hold a parent information meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 2.30pm, where we will share more information about the year ahead and also give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.



Adults in Chestnut Class

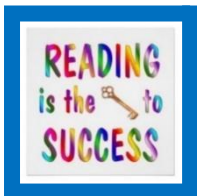
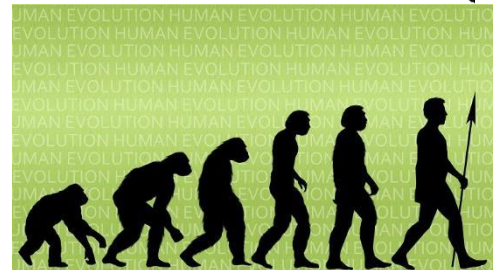
We are excited to welcome Mrs Huxham to West Dean and more importantly to Chestnut Class! Mrs Huxham will be working on Mondays; Mrs Johnson will be working Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Goacher will be our teaching assistant every day.



Our theme this term is 'Evolve and Solve'.

This term amongst many things we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance.

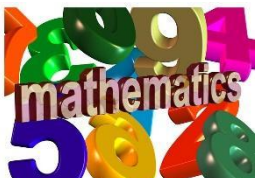
To help us learn, we will read a range of fiction and non-fiction including the book 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. This will provide us with many writing opportunities as well as a wealth of science-based learning and research.



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**.



Spelling homework will be set each **Monday** and should be **completed and handed in by the following Monday**. Details of spelling homework will be available on our Google classroom.



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

Chestnut Google Classroom

Details of homework, as well as our weekly timetable and many of our class lesson resources will be accessible to pupils on our Google classroom site. Some reminders to the children will be posted here, but any important whole class information will continue to be sent out via eSchools email.



As with all online communication, at this age we encourage you to monitor your child's Google Classroom account and do come and tell us immediately if there is anything that causes you or your child concern. We of course monitor this in school as well.

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)		P.E. kit		P.E. kit
Diary & Independent reading book	Diary & Independent reading book	Diary & Independent reading book	Diary & Independent reading book	Diary & Independent reading book
Spelling homework set			Mathematics homework set	
Submit spelling homework	Submit mathematics homework			Reading diaries Checked.
Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook
	Maths homework book		Maths homework book	



P.E. will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Johnson will continue to teach P.E. every Friday afternoon. P.E. kit is compulsory. When it gets colder we understand that children will want to wear a jumper, so we request that this is ideally a West Dean hoodie or a plain coloured sweatshirt. (School jumpers/cardigans will not be allowed to be worn for P.E. this ensures the children have a clean/dry item jumper/cardigan to put on after the lesson.)

On Monday 11th we will have a uniform/kit inspection so PLEASE ensure EVERYTHING is clearly named!

Please feel free to speak to any of us on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help and support in what is going to be a fantastic year in Chestnut Class!

The Chestnut Class team
Sarah Johnson, Sophie Huxham and Sue Goacher