



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

*Reminder: no clubs this week because so many staff and children are in France!*

## World Book Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Children were invited to dress up as any book character on the day and to bring in two or three books, in excellent condition, which they were able to swap: this was a super opportunity and we have lots of lovely new books to read! Thank you for your support with this event. We had an exciting visit by a local author, Ginny Vere Nicoll. She joined us, with her dog Marmite, to talk to the children about her 'Feel Good' stories based around her dog and her puppy Nutmeg. The children were fascinated and asked lots of insightful questions. The children enjoyed reading together with children from other classes and there was some super writing in role.

## Corporate Challenge

Despite the awful wet and windy weather, 8 runners from Chestnut Class braved the elements to take part in the Corporate Challenge - a competitive run around the centre of Chichester, which has been held for 25 years. There were several hundred children from Primary Schools in the area taking part. In fact there were so many girls this year that they split the usual year 5 into two separate races! The children were brilliant, they put their all into their races and we were very proud of them. Their individual and combined times turn into points which will be collated individually and as a team over 3 runs in total.

So watch this space to see how they all get on!

Good luck West Dean Runners and our

thanks to Mrs Johnson and parents for enabling us to take part.



**Chestnut Children** are leaving for **France** on Monday! We will let you all know how we are getting on during the week with a new gallery on the website and we will keep in touch with school.

Parnets/carers - Please note that we depart at **6:15am on Monday morning 6<sup>th</sup> March**: please ensure you arrive at 6am! We cannot wait for late arrivals! The time of our return to West Dean on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March will be close to 10.15pm.

**Triple P Parenting Support** sessions continue next week with lots of advice and guidance from Liz Vickery, who is running the sessions for us - please see attached flyer for further information.

**Please note that the final session will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March instead of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> as originally planned.**

## Christ's Hospital Maths Challenge

Mrs Clemens took four of our children from Beech class to take part in a 'Maths Challenge' at Christ's Hospital. "Great fun was had by all".



The boys came 10<sup>th</sup> and the girls came 20<sup>th</sup> out of 30 schools.

They were exceptionally well behaved and polite and thoroughly enjoyed their hot tea and watching the band parade.

They had to tackle challenges under time pressure and learnt lots, including 'a nonagon is a nine sided shape' and 'think before you do things'!



**Please Note: There will be no Dance Clubs w/c 27th February or 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

Current Useful Information and Reminders	
Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions	Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in to see your child's work, to chat to teachers and to ask about Learning Journals, at these drop-in sessions. <b>Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15</b>
School Uniform 	Our uniform has now moved over to Game, Set and Match in Chichester, please do contact them or use their website for your uniform requirements. We still have stock of some sweatshirts (limited in certain sizes) available to purchase at a discounted price, 50%, come in and have a look. We will continue to stock in school backpacks and book bags and our popular winter coats are available to order. please come in and ask at the office.
Valley Voices	Please do come and join our 'Valley Voices' adult choir which will be led by Emily Barden in the school hall, 6.00-7.00, every Wednesday evening. (term time only)
Spring Term Clubs and Care Bears 	Care Bears After School Provision - this will run every day from 3.00-4.00. This is not a default club for anyone who forgets to collect their children! Please make sure that you have booked for your required places through <a href="http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk">www.schoolmoney.co.uk</a> . 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. 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 Please email: <a href="mailto:sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com">sandra.muggeridge@btinternet.com</a> 07852 255628 (Please note new telephone number), or contact the office ( <a href="mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk">office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> - 01243 811247) Thank you for your support in this matter. <b>The timetable for spring term 2 clubs is attached for your information.</b>
	Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line. Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events. <b>Current events available to book are.</b>
Lost Property	We have now located a 'Lost Property Bin' on the decking outside of the pavilion. Anything 'lost and found' will be placed in here, please feel free to have a look if you think your child has mislaid any uniform or other items.

### IS YOUR CHILD WORTH LESS?

This important county-wide campaign for better funding for West Sussex schools continues, as you may have seen on national news and in our letters. Pupils and staff visited 10 Downing Street with our letters. You can support our schools in our campaign for fair funding on Facebook and there is a petition which can be found at the following link: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761>

## Dates for 2017

Spring Term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Chestnut Class French Residential Visit**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Apple Class visit to Goodwood Farm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, 12.00-3.30 - SSP Arun Swim Gala, Yr  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming for Beech and Maple

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, 9.30-2.30 - Maths Challenge at Chichester Cathedral (selected yr 3)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Governor Visits to school

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.45 - Maple Class Assembly

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Collective Worship Enrichment day at Singleton (selected yr 4)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 12.30-3.00** - ESSA Swim Gala - Horsham (selected pupils)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.45 - Governor Visits to school

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Beech Class visit to Butser Farm Park

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Cormorants Swimming Gala at Westgate

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Maple Class visit to Marwell Zoo

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Parents Evening for Year R, 2, 4 & 6

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, 8.45 - Chestnut Class Assembly

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Westgate Swimming, Beech & Chestnut

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** 8.45 - Beech Class Assembly

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Forest School Enrichment Day at North Mundham (selected pupils)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** - Final Westgate Swim for Beech and Chestnut

**W/C Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Bikeability for Year 6 at Singleton School

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**, 8.45 - Apple Class Assembly

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Dance House Event, Alexandra theatre, Bognor

*Acorn Awards -  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March*

*Lucia - for amazing handwriting, practising the letters in her name so carefully*

*Evie - for being such a fantastic role model to our class*

*Ava - for showing resilience and persevering in our maths challenge*

*Harry - for being such a fantastic example of a Beech Class person*

*Ka'ci - for her focus and thoughtfulness when writing her 100 word story*

*Tilly - for her thoughtful choice of vocabulary to create emotion in her 100 word story*