



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: Spring 2024



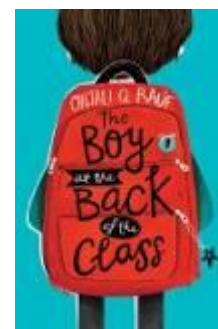
Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a very merry Christmas!



Firstly, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for your generosity for the gifts at Christmas – you are always so kind and thoughtful - thank you very much!

Our theme for the term is 'Crisis and Change.' Our first half term's work will be mainly based on the amazing book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. This will provide us with many different writing opportunities, as well as a wealth of learning about refugees, empathy and change. We will also be focusing on place knowledge and land use in geography, comparing our setting with another European country. We are also lucky enough to be going to Chichester Festival Theatre to see the production of The Boy at the Back of the Class on Thursday 29th February.



Monday 29th January is our exciting trip to the O2 to take part in Young Voices 2024.

Then after half term, we will change our focus to history and science by looking at Titanic and Forces.



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**.



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 **Friday** 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)		SWIMMING 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	

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/plain coloured sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms when it is really cold. (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.)

SWIMMING

The Spring Term brings us swimming lessons at the Westgate Leisure Centre for Beech and Chestnut Class on a **WEDNESDAY morning 9-9:30**. Please drop your child/ren off **between 8:35-8:45 at the Westgate Centre**. We will be talking to the children at length about this on Tuesday 9th January ready to start our swimming lessons on WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY.

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 for more in '24 in Chestnut Class!

The Chestnut Class team:

Sarah Johnson, Sophie Huxham and Sue Goacher