



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Dear Children and Parents,

We are excited to share our plans and the super learning which is happening throughout school, as we return to a fuller timetable and more 'normal' school life. Our school has been compared to a classic car: we are currently accelerating from a slow lockdown pace to sixty and doing it as quickly and smoothly as we can, so please bear with us if some activities are communicated with less notice than usual! Our calendar for the rest of the term is filling up so that we can give the children the wealth of learning experiences we always aspire to.

Chestnut Class will take part in bikeability next week (Cycling proficiency), and they are also having an exciting Aztec day, supported by Mia's parents (Do see the advert attached, with information about their home delivery meal business—and let us know if you would like to advertise here too).

We made good use of the election day despite the disruption this always causes: Chestnut Class researched, made and tested bows and arrows in their outdoor learning session and learnt about ancient Aztec society. They also did their third tenor horn lesson, where I am delighted to say they, and Beech Class, are making excellent progress. Mr. Wilkins, their music teacher, who teaches in many other schools, praised us for our high expectations and outstanding learning behaviours. I feel that this is a credit to all the staff, the children and families at home, as we work together to reinforce these high expectations.

Our younger children have caterpillars ready to form chrysalises, and this is all tied in beautifully to their indoor and outdoor learning. Do take a look at the planters outside Maple Class where they have herbs, radishes and strawberries already showing themselves—we hope to keep the caterpillars away from here!



Please continue to stay safe and PLEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.

Look at this lovely rainbow!
 A sign of hope and God's promise!

Please take extra care in our car park for the next couple of weeks, as we have the works carried out to get the swimming pool area ready for use.

ONLY PARK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-SCHOOL, YR OR Y1 CHILDREN PLEASE, AND PARK CAREFULLY.

Car sharing would be appreciated.

WE WILL BE INTRODUCING NEW PARKING PERMITS FROM 17TH MAY, IN OUR CAR PARK AND IN THE SELSEY ARMS CAR PARK TOO.

FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We have been allowed the use of a small area of land near school to use as a forest school area, which will enable us to lighten the use of our grounds and vary the activities even more. Ms Boxall has devoted hours of her time to securing grants, resourcing and preparing for sessions, clearing brambles etc. We now need some **fencing**..... If you have expertise or resources to help us to make the boundaries of our new area safe with some fencing, please contact us as soon as possible.

Diary Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021: Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April—Friday 23rd July

Half Term : Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

Tuesday 11th May - Chestnut Class Aztec Experience

Wednesday 12th May—Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton

Thursday 13th May—Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton

Thursday 13th May, 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

Monday 17th May, 1.15—Year 6 School Nurse visit

Tuesday 8th June, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Monday 14th June - Yellow School Photos. Leavers and Classes

Tuesday 6th July, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Friday 9th July, 2.30-4.30—Community Café

Wednesday 14th July, 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School

Thursday 15th July, 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School

Friday 16th July, 9am—Leavers' Service at West Dean Church—confirmed date

Wednesday 21st July—Sports afternoon , rounders match and PTA BBQ

Friday 23rd July, 8.45—End of Term Assembly



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Please do take a moment to have a look at our website; we are always updating information and making improvements so that you have access to all of our information in one place. We are asking you to be vigilant too, if you spot anything that needs updating or changing or any errors, please do let us know.

You can also download the eschools app, just go to the App store for your device and search eSchools—look out for Owl logo.

Dear Parents and Carers

After School Clubs Summer Term 2021

We are planning to resume some of our After School Club provision, beginning with AAA Coaching and some school staff led clubs.

Mr Johnson will run his sports club on Friday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm and each 'bubble' will have a 2 week block. Mrs Moss will run a fun French club, for 2 weeks for each bubble.

AAA sports club will take place outdoors, on the field, weather permitting; if the weather is wet then the bubble will be in their classroom with alternative resources. Mrs Prudence will run a STEM club, Mrs Johnson will run an art club and Miss Ashton will run a board games club, all in 2 week blocks in the classroom bubbles.

The cost for the 2 week block will be £10 per child, this is available to book and pay for on school-money.co.uk. Booking will be open from 9.00am on Monday 12th April.

If we don't have sufficient numbers in each bubble to make clubs viable to run, we will have to make the decision to cancel the club or offer the weeks to one of the other bubbles.

Clubs will run for 6 weeks, in 2 week blocks, from Friday 23rd April until Friday 28th May.

We will monitor and review this provision and if it is successful and safe, we will look at continuing and possibly expanding this for the second half of the SummerTerm.

A timetable is attached below.

After School Club Provision W/C 19th April - W/C 24th May - x 6 weeks

| Date | Beech | Mapples | Chestnut | Chestnut Class Dance Club—Thursday |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 23 rd April | Ben AAA Coaching | JA Board Games | GM French | Ellie Holder |
| 30 th April | Ben AAA Coaching | JA Board Games | GM French | 29 th April |
| 7 th May | SJ Art | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | 6 th May |
| 14 th May | SJ Art | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | 13 th May |
| 21 st May | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | KP STEM | 20 th May |
| 28 th May | GM French | Ben AAA Coaching | KP STEM | 28 th May |



West Dean CE Primary School
Chestnut Class Community Café Friday 9th July 2021

We will be hosting a French themed Community Café at West Dean on Friday 9th July, 2021.

This will be Mrs Moss' final Community Café as Headteacher of West Dean and we will be inviting, not only members of our school community, but guests from West Sussex County Council, the Diocese, GAS schools, our Chichester Locality and friends of the school who have worked with us in the past.

Thank you to all of the children who have designed a picture to be used for the invitation for our Café. We are looking at the designs now and will try to incorporate as many as we can to create a super invitation to go out to our guests.

Please do also 'Save the Date' and come along and join us, further information will follow in due course.

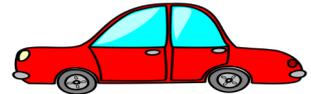


Car Parking

We have started our swimming pool renovation works this week. During this time, the car parking adjacent to the swimming pool fence will be unavailable. Please take care when parking if you are on our school site during this time.

Some of our parents make use of the car park at The Selsey Arms pub, Nicky very kindly allows us to do this but please do be considerate of other users and of the patrons of the pub as they have priority use.

Nicky and The Selsey Arms have supported us with our Headteacher interview days and this has meant that we have had the space to be Covid safe and adhere to restrictions. It is so lovely to see the pub open and up and running again and we would like to encourage our community to support them in any way they can - the food is delicious!



Beatrix has had quite a lot of her haircut off for the Little Princess Trust - she will be sending her hair to the charity but has also set up a fundraiser to try and raise money for the charity and their childhood cancer research.

Beatrix has now raised £605!!, which is an amazing amount of money. If you would like to make a donation please follow the link gf.me/u/zrnay3 and thank you for your support.

Drums—Ben Van Driel

Please see attached information regarding Drum lessons which will begin again, on Monday afternoon, after half term.

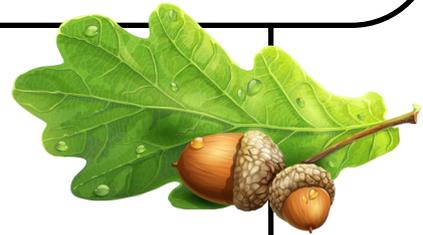


Apple Class current topic is vehicles. If you have any toy vehicles that you no longer want or need that you can donate, please do bring them in for the children to make use of.



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West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards—Friday 7th May 2021



Nella - for your super sentence about bugs and being a minibeast expert!

Reuben - for always wanting to do your best and having such a positive approach to your learning!

Finlay - for your creative 'out of nowhere' artwork. You used lots of techniques and it looked amazing, well done!

Aven - for your careful and accurate use of a table to solve some tricky division problems,. You should be very proud of your work!

Florence - for ALWAYS having a smile inside and outside the classroom. Your happy and caring attitude shines in Beech Class!

Alice - for being a great teacher during our outdoor learning afternoon. You were patient and calm as you taught your Year 6 trainee Aztecs to make a successful bow. Great collaboration.

Tallulah - for your effective use of technology in our writing lessons. Super independence and effective learning behaviours.

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

March 2021

Governing Body News:

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on Schoolmoney.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

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.

Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.

PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin', on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.