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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week this has been for us all.

We send our love to everyone and hope that you are staying in touch with friends and family.

Thank goodness for the sunshine and Spring flowers, birdsong and lengthening days.

The team here are working hard in school and in their homes to support you as much as we can, whether you are working and your children are with us, or you are 'isolated' at home together.

The website class pages have lots of great learning and communication on them, so please do use them. They will be developed each week as we become used to this way of working. We encourage you to post images and information about your home learning there, so that we can have a window into the children's achievement. We will award Acorn Awards again next Friday, and will include any support home learning we see on the site in our considerations.

Your teachers will liaise with you via the class pages, about learning—they will let you know when to expect them to be 'on-line'. Please don't worry or be frustrated if you don't get an immediate response, as our staff are working on a number of things behind the scenes and managing their own health and well-being too.

The children in school have been superstars and we have had fun—more fun than they expected to have! I had no idea so much learning could come out of sticks!



Just a reminder that we are a member of The Giving Machine, so please, if you can, do remember to use this website when shopping online.

The Giving Machine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via The Giving Machine you will generate a free cash donation for West Dean Primary School. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. Retailers pay commission to websites that send shoppers to them. The Giving Machine turns this commission into a charitable donation for our school. It's free and easy to use.

Simply visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), click join and search for West Dean CE Primary School or use our quick sign in code 266078, complete the registration form and you will be ready to go shopping!

The week ahead.....  
 School closed  
 until further notice



### Amazon wish list link

We have set up an Amazon 'wish list' with details of some resources that parents/carers/grandparents might like to purchase for our school. Staff are currently thinking about items that would like and the list will be updated regularly.

<http://amzn.eu/6F5zEM2>

### Staying Healthy at West Dean

Wherever you are you are part of the West Dean family and we hope that you are keeping well or recovering quickly.

Thank you all for your support in helping us to delay/prevent the spread of any germs in our population.

#### Important reminder to parents and carers:

Please could you let us know if you have need to collect any inhalers or equipment from school.

If any contact details change, anything please let us know, and we will keep in touch as well as we possibly can.



Our wonderful office team will still respond to email queries between 9am and 12 noon, and there is someone in school from 8:30 until 3pm, but we are often busy and may not always be able to answer the phone immediately.

If you have any suggestions or requests about how we can support you, please do get in touch.

*Acorn Awards*  
*Friday 20th March 2020*

*Reuben* - for working in a group in forest schools, showing good listening skills and getting stuck

*Beatrix* - for her positive attitude in everything she does in class! Always thinking of others

*Harry* - for his enthusiasm in class and assembly this week, it's been lovely hearing him sharing his ideas

*Lucia* - for starting every day with a smile, for her love of others and her unique way of finding the positive in everything

*Mabel* - for her amazing independent write up of our 'poo' experiment, accurate use of vocabulary and connectives—well done!

*Elizabeth* - for being a positive role model - for following instructions, getting started and always working independently

*Solomon* - for his enthusiasm and involvement in his learning. He loves learning new things, what a great attitude



## Diary Dates 2020

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

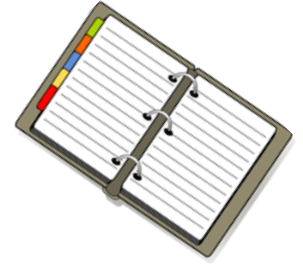
Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July



Friday 8th May - 75th VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday—school closed

Saturday 16th May—Lions Swimathon tbc

Wednesday 20th May 8.45—Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 21st May, 2.30-3.30 - Community Cafe

Monday 1st June - INSET Day, School Closed

Thursday 4th June 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Monday 15th June—Yellow School Photo's—classes/Y6

Leavers

Tuesday 16th June - Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June—Beech Class Big Camp

Thursday 25th June 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 2nd July 10.30—Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral

### Summer Term Class Assembly Dates:

Please do come along and join us at 8.45

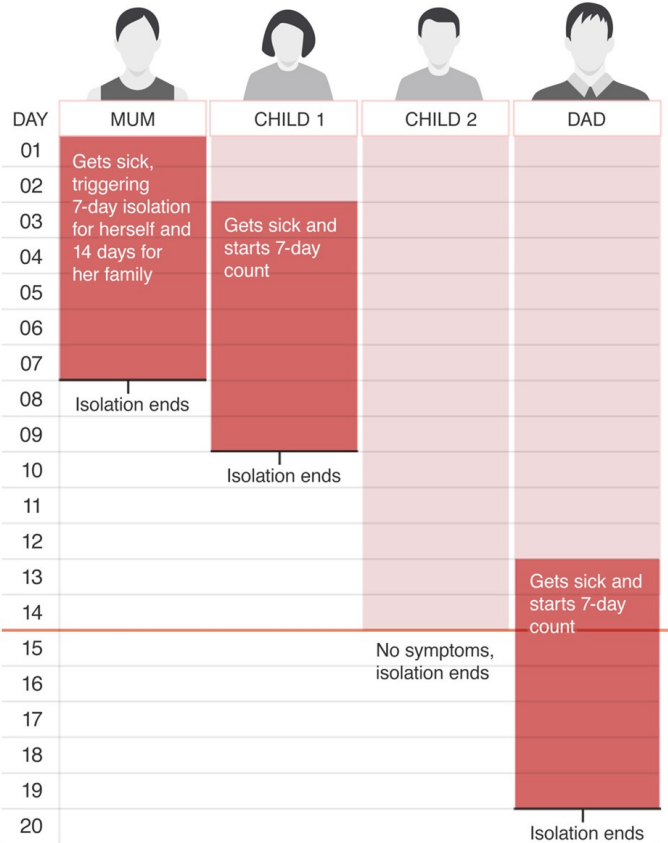
Apple Thursday 4th June

Maple Thursday 25th June

Beech Wednesday 20th May

Chestnut Tuesday 16th June

### What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



Source: Public Health England advice

BBC

	Coronavirus	Cold	Flu
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Source: World Health Organisation, Center for Disease control and Prevention

## Current Useful Information and Reminders:

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the **Chichester District Foodbank**; we are going to continue to have a box in the Reception area to collect any items that you would like to donate and Mrs Jen Rogers has very kindly agreed to make regular deliveries of our goods.

**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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk))

### 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](mailto:pdelahunty@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.