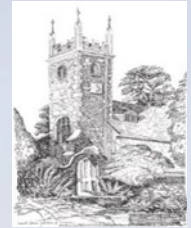




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Newsletter 22 5th March 2021



Dear Children and Parents,

Today has been the final day of home learning and rainbow learning in school. I am proud of how everyone has adapted to this strange time, and we are really looking forward to having everyone back in school. The daffodils are coming out and the outside of school is ready for playtimes, for your PE sessions and for lots of outdoor learning. The classrooms are ready and waiting for you. Everywhere is clean and fresh.

Some last minute reminders:

- ◆ *Have some good nights' sleep over the weekend and get into your new school routine quickly*
- ◆ *School uniforms please*
- ◆ *Please don't bring in pencil cases, books or any other resources—we will keep everywhere tidy and try not to share our belongings, so that we do not pass any germs around*
- ◆ *Bring your PE kits and trainers so that they are available all week, so that we can do lots of PE and outside learning*
- ◆ *Bring slippers if you would like to*
- ◆ *Wear a warm layer underneath your school shirt if you may be cold—the windows will all be open!*
- ◆ *Follow the government guidelines: don't mix with other people outside school. This could put us all at risk.*
- ◆ *Please do not bring dogs or puppies onto the playground/car park—we are encouraging safe distancing and this is not possible when people gather around a lovely new puppy! We know some of you are keen to show off your new additions to the family, but please wait until it is safe to do so.*



School Full Opening

We hope that you are excited to come back to school properly on Monday 8th March.

Please refer to the attached document, sent out last week, for more information about this.

In the meantime, please do all you can to stay safe. There are staff and colleagues in our neighbouring schools who are very poorly with the virus—we want to protect everyone from this.

Keep up the safety precautions and stay positive. Look at this lovely rainbow! A sign of hope!

HOME LEARNING CONTINUES:

If your child is at home isolating due to Covid, but is well, we are committed to supporting with home learning. This will look a bit different to the large scale Google Classroom presence, but we will do all we can to make it work.

If your child is at home poorly for any reason, we will not provide home learning resources, as time off school for illness is for recuperation!

Apple and Maple Classes will continue to use the Google Classroom Message Board for communication, as this has proved really effective.

Our Google Classrooms will now be 'mothballed' a little, but will be used as and when teachers feel they will be useful. Chestnut Class may still use theirs, for example, for homework, and as good preparation for secondary school.

I am pleased to confirm that Debbie Alban has agreed to continue our Yoga sessions on Tuesday evening, 5.30-6.30, up to the Easter holiday. Tuesday 9th through to Tuesday 30th March. If you would like to take advantage of this and join in, please do join in. As previously stated, you may turn off your video and mute if you prefer to be private.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2218643518?pwd=aGIwaFpnT3ZQSUZ4dmdPNlV1a0NIIdz09>



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, Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

Monday 8th March, we will be open to welcome all children back.

World Book Day—Thursday 4th March 2021

Thank you to everyone for joining in with our very different World Book Day. We will give you all your £1 World Book Day vouchers on Monday when we are all back in school together.

Your teachers will tell you what your classes are doing for **WEST DEAN BOOK WEEK!**



HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT

The process of finding our new Headteacher has begun! Your ideas are being collated for the advert and application pack by our school governors. Once this post has been advertised, we will then design the interview process, with more support from WSCC. We will keep you updated and involved along the way. This will take a few weeks, and we will be able to hold interviews after the Easter holidays.



Are you looking for a way to get more involved with the school?

Are you interested in making a valuable contribution to your child's education?

Are you interested in helping to shape and oversee the administrative arm of the primary school?

Then we are looking for YOU!

Become a Parent Governor!

For more information, speak to the school office, or contact the Clerk of Governors, at pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

**Current Useful Information and Reminders:
March 2021**

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)

Governing Body News:

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community.

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.

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.