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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

Newsletter 4 - 30.09.2022



Apple Class Apple Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our Apple Class Apple Sale, we were absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of our community—both helpers & volunteers and customers. A special thank you to Mrs Plackett for organising such a brilliant sequence of learning for the children, that had such a meaningful, real-life outcome, as well as special thanks to Simon Dixon for turning all of our West Dean School fruit into the many jars of delicious chutney and jam.

Together we have raised an astounding amount, at last count £444. This is almost enough to cover the whole cost of the new wooden block set that we purchased for Apple Class. Thankyou, Thankyou, Thankyou, and well done Apple Class shopkeepers!

School Uniform

Just a reminder to please make sure that school uniform is named. This makes it so much easier for us to return items that are found in school.



Apple Class already have 6 un-named jumpers and cardigans in their class 'jumper dumper'

Please do check in the lost property bin on the deck of the pavilion for any missing items.

Marvellous Mathematicians

Well done to Emily, George, Émie and Reuben, who represented the school superbly at the Primary School Year 5 Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital School



on Wednesday. The children worked really well together, to solve all manner of tricky challenges and were rewarded with a fantastic tea in the school's impressive dining hall. All four were in awe of the huge and inspiring school building!

Harvest Festival Service — Friday 7th October, 8.45am.

We are once again pleased to be holding our School Harvest Festival Service in St Andrew's Church this year. We ask parents and carers to bring children directly to the church, for our Harvest Festival Service, on **Friday 7th October by 8.35** ready for an 8.45 start, rather than coming to school first.

Staff will be available to welcome the children between 8.25 and 8.35 and we ask that you access Church Lane from the A285, operating a one-way system, dropping off at the Church and exiting through the village.

I am delighted to be able to invite parents, carers and relatives to join us for the service this year, which will last for approximately half an hour. If you intend to do so, please drop your child off first, as described above, before finding parking. There will be a limited amount of space available in the church car park.

As part of the service, the children will be offering your donated produce, singing the harvest songs that they have been practising, reading their poetry and saying prayers which they have written.



Harvest Offerings & Donations

We will be having a harvest collection again this year, to support the work of Chichester Food Bank. Sadly, a growing number of people within our locality rely on this invaluable resource amidst the ever-growing cost of living. Please help us to help the foodbank, buy making a donation, preferably from the list of urgently-needed items displayed here on the right. **Thank you**

Please send donations into school with your child on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** next week, so that the offering can be organised into a display in church on Thursday afternoon. After the Harvest Festival Service, all donations will be taken straight to the Foodbank in Chichester town centre.

It sounds awful to say it, and we really don't mean to seem ungrateful, but the Foodbank have requested that the following items are not donated, as they have plenty in stock:

- X** CEREAL
- X** BAKED BEANS
- X** PASTA
- X** TEA & COFFEE



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS ✓

- TINNED CARROTS & GREEN BEANS - **RUN OUT**
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICES - **RUN OUT**
- CONDITIONER, SHOWER GEL, DEODORANT - **RUN OUT**
- TREATS E.G. CHOCOLATE BARS, ENERGY BARS
- COOKING OIL
- SPONGE PUDDINGS - **RUN OUT**
- LONG LIFE NON DIARY MILK, E.G. SOYA, OAT
- JAMS & SPREADS
- TIN OPENERS
- DRIED PULSES
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING MATERIALS



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 30th September 2022



Alfie Year R - for your positive attitude in Apple Class. You always come in with a smile on your face! :)

Sophia Year 1 - for being a brilliant baker! You were so enthusiastic about making the muffins for our Apple sale :)

Conran Year 2 - for your excellent statement and exclamation sentences. You thought carefully about what you wanted to write and made your sentences interesting! Well done!

Tilly Year 3 - for your beautiful sunset background. You carefully mixed and blended the colours, well done.

Ollie Year 4 - for using your excellent skills when reading and learning about life in the Stone Age.

George Year 5 - for persevering to find the missing number. You made links and showed awesome mathematical thinking. Great reasoning!

Lucia Year 6 - for your super mathematical thinking. You used bar models and the inverse to find the missing number.



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023

Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July



Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 4th October	Bookfest visiting Author in school for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 5th October	Beech Class walk to the Trundle
Thursday 6th October	Flu Vaccination programme
Thursday 6th October	6pm, Punjabi Cookery with Deepali Stamp (Indian Street Food) Places available
Friday 7th October	8.45, Harvest Festival Assembly at West Dean Church
Thursday 13th October	Whole School Arboretum Visit to West Dean Gardens
Monday 17th October	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 19th October	Year 6 Height & Weight Programme
Monday 31st October	Closing Date for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 2nd November	1.30-3.00 SSP Fundamentals, Bishop Luffa—Maple Class
Thursday 3rd November	Chestnut Class visit to Portsmouth DD Museum (details tbc)
Wednesday 9th November	1.00-3.00 SSP Dodgeball at Westgate, Chestnut Class
Thursday 10th November	West Sussex Fire & Rescue visit to Maple Class
Friday 11th November	10.45, Remembrance Assembly
Friday 11th November	2.30-4.00 Revival Community Cafe
Monday 14th November	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 15th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Wednesday 16th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Thursday 17th November	8.45, Beech Class Assembly
Friday 18th November	Children in Need
Thursday 24th November	8.45, Maple Class Assembly
Monday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 1st December	8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly