

#### West Dean Church of England Primary School West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ Telephone: 01243 811247 Headteacher Mrs G. Moss Newsletter 35 25th June 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

The school is a busy place as we work hard with our core subjects, especially our maths and writing, and we are also focusing on the other learning and social skills which are so important to our young people.

Having Chestnut Class immersed in their French activity week has been a lot of fun, tiring and enlightening, as we have all challenged ourselves: physically on long walks, in the rain or on a hill on our bikes; socially being patient with one another when we are tired; emotionally being brave enough to order 'tarte au citron' for our dinner and coping with a break from school routines. We have been supported by Russell and Mrs Goacher on their bikes, and by Pierre-Nicholas & Marion with their native French virtual French conversation sessions. As I type, Chestnut Class are tidying up after their authentic French dinner, supplied in style by Nikki at The Selsey Arms, and they are preparing for the movie night. They will all sleep well again tonight, as will Mrs. Goacher and Mrs. Prudence!

Beech Class have also been challenged by their long walk and river study, and have followed this up with some practical water study and data handling. There will be Zoom performances for parents of Beech and Chestnut Classes, on Thursday morning, 1st July. Times and invitations will be sent out early next week—we hope you will join us!

Our younger children continue to use the school environment to develop their learning and there is evidence of readiness for our Joseph production, as all our children have been involved in making scenery for the show with Mrs. Canning.

Thank you for all your support in ensuring children have the clothes and equipment they need each day—we know that this is a busy time for everyone.

# Please continue to stay safe and LEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGH-OUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.

Face Coverings **(masks and visors)** are available to buy from our Reception if you have forgotten yours.

THANK YOU FOR PARKING CAREFULLY - THIS SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING A LITTLE :)

Look at this lovely rainbow!

A sign of hope and God's promise!

Check out the **tea towels and aprons** available to order, with your wonderful children's images and some lovely depictions of our staff team, 2021!.

A classy addition to any kitchen!

## AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING MOBILE PHONES -DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS OR MAKE VIDEO CALLS IN THE SWIMMING POOL AREA ONLY USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IN

THIS AREA IF IT IS FOR AN EMERGENCY PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR FACE COVERINGS IN THE SWIMMING POOL AREA Yellow School Photographs



Your child will be bringing home the Yellow School Photograph proofs with them today.

Please follow the on-line ordering instructions, this should be clear, but please do contact us if you have any questions.

#### Diary Dates 2021/22

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

## 2021/22 INSET Days



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Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

Schools re-opens for Year 1 to 6 on Monday 6th September (Reception Monday 1 September)

Monday 28tl	n February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July
onday 28th June, - 🔅	1.15-2.00—New Entrants' Visit (first group, selected pupils—outside)
hursday 1st July -	Beech Class Tenor Horn performance (between 9:45 and 10:15)
Ch	estnut Class Tenor Horn performance (Between 10:45 and 11:15)
Ex	act timings and Zoom invitations to follow by emails to parent email address
unday 4th July –	10.30-5.00 - Rotary Club Family Fun Day (details attached)
uesday 6th July –	1.15-2.00 - New Entrants' Visit (second group, selected pupils) - outside
ednesday 7th July -	School Closed for INSET—in service training for staff
riday 9th July, -	2.15-4.30—Community Café Unfortunately, this even has been cancelled.
ednesday 14th July —	Sports afternoon & rounders match
riday 16th July,	9am—Leavers' Service at West Dean School (via Zoom to parents)

- Monday 19th July— 5.30 Governing Body Meeting
- Wednesday 21st July 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show & reception Oakwood School
- Thursday 22nd July 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & reception Oakwood School
- Friday 23rd July 8.45—End of Term Assembly



# <u>Joseph News</u>

# Costumes for the show!

Please could we ask, in preparation for our end of term show, that every child has a pair of black leggings or trousers to wear. Nearer the time, we will ask that these be brought into school in a named plastic bag, but we will send a reminder!

Any other costumes needed will be sorted out by the individual classes and teachers, but we will endeavour to give you as much warning as possible, if your child requires anything more!

In the mean time, please can we ask that your children listen to the songs as much as possible – this link on YouTube is very close to the version that we are using in school:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iunttQHhbY&list=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7fF3DP1crOdQ2m\_c



As the excitement builds for Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat, and our production date comes closer, we are in need of your help.

If you have any of the following items please we would be very grateful...

Strips of brightly coloured fabric (in one block of colour) at least 30cm×150cm Strips of brightly coloured fabric (in one block of colour) at least 30cm×50cm Rope (preferably pale coloured) suitable for waist ties Berets (will be returned)

### Car Parking - Permits

Thank you for ordering and collecting your parking permits—the situation in the school car park has already eased a little and is, therefore, safer. It remains vital to drive slowly and carefully, however, as we have had a further accident involving the gate—please, please take care!



I trust that the parking in The Selsey Arms car park is less congested too, and that people are taking the opportunity to park and stride from the church car park.

Our aim is to improve parking behaviour and safety for our community, rather than to make money out of this—the charges are covering our admin costs and providing a donation to the church, pub and Forest School. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Bag 2 School

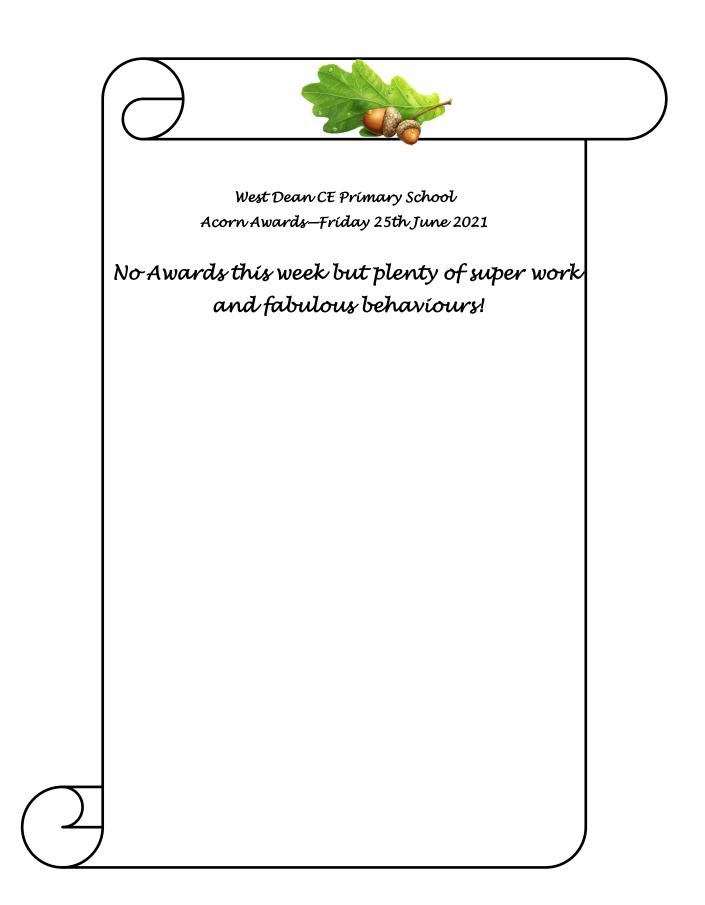
We had a collection on Wednesday 23rd June at 9.00. Thank you to everyone who supported this. we raised  $\pounds$ 53.10 for the school, which will be put to good use as always!

Our **lost property** bin is full again with many items of uniform that is not named. Please check this as soon as you are able. It is that time of year again for our hugely popular annual plant sale. We are lucky to have a beautiful selection of plants and flowers to make your pots and gardens look fabulous! We also have West Dean home grown tomato plants on

offer this year! Please help yourselves to plants and pop a donation on schoolmoney.

Suggested donation: 50p a plant. Enjoy!





## 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 (<u>office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

Thank you for supporting out PTA Rainbow Day, we raised over £300!

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.

# West Rean CE Primary School Business Bonanza

#### LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY

We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of  $\pounds$ 20 for a small box and  $\pounds$ 40 for a whole page for half a term (usually 6 weeks).

Please log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk to make your donation , this is available as a shop item, alternatively contact the school office:

office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247

