

Newsletter 25 - Friday 18th March 2022

Mr Williams is unfortunately still unwell at home with a non-Covid related virus. He sends his thanks to the staff team and members of the school community who have kept school running so smoothly in his absence and kept learning exciting through testing circumstances this week - in his words, 'a real-life superhero effort'. Mr Williams, along with all of us, hope and pray that all who are currently unwell recover quickly and will be able to return to school next week.

In order to ensure that we manage the outbreak of Covid-19 as quickly as possible, please LFD test your child before coming to school on Monday.

Comic relief—Red Nose Day 2022

Primary schools were encouraged to embrace the theme of 'Superheroes' as a focus for fundraising, so we invited the children to come to school dressed as their own choice of superhero for the day, in return for a donation to Comic Relief. **We will be collecting donations via SchoolMoney.** This is available as a shop item for £1, you can pop as many items in your basket as you wish.

The superhero theme was open to the children's own interpretation. As you can see from the photographs, the children have had a super hero super fun day.

We were able to hold our Friday celebration assembly, all together, outside in the sunshine, in true 'Superhero' style! Prizes were awarded for the most thoughtful costume. Well done to Eloi Giral as 'Banksey' and Bronte Daniel as Mary Anning.



School Uniform Update:

We are now offering West Dean 'hoodies' as part of our school uniform range. These can be an addition to the children's PE kit, can be used for outdoor learning, at play times, taking part in sports events etc., but are not compulsory. They are available from Game, Set and Match priced at £20. The children's sizes are available up to age 12/13, then adult sizes begin at XS upwards. These are now available to order on the website www.GSAM.co.uk.



Chestnut Class Virtual Museum Tour

Year 5 and 6 had been preparing a class museum inspired by their homework and learning about the Viking period in British history. They were so looking forward to opening their class museum to visitors and sharing the fantastic work that they had completed in class and at home. However, in the current circumstances, this would not have been appropriate; therefore, they decided to invite Chestnut Class parents to a virtual museum tour of their exhibits. The children did themselves proud, showcasing their hard work and welcoming guests to their museum, giving them the opportunity to share their learning.





*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 18th March 2022*



Sophia Year R - Super Sophia! For your amazing, joyful attitude to school life! Your smile, kindness (and sunglasses) is always there!

Ned Year 1 - Brilliant Ned! Wow, what a superstar reader you are! Practise at school and home is making a huge difference.

Jack Year 2 - for your enthusiasm with our visitors this week. You worked really hard during superhero dance and you asked some great questions when the Police Officer was in. Well done!

Matilda Year 3 - for your determination and careful drawing of a flower. You observed and copied so brilliantly! Well done!

Emie Year 4 - for your excellent work on fractions. You have shown a brilliant understanding in all our work this week. Superstar!

Rupert Year 5 - for consistently giving your best in all areas of school life. Well done!

Keio Year 6 - for adapting quickly and presenting confidently in our Viking Museum.



We really enjoyed welcoming Dance and Beyond to school who delivered super hero workshops to all year groups. The children were enthusiastic, eager participants and showed great team work! The staff were very impressed with how well the children learnt the dance and shared their creative ideas.

Dance & Beyond also wanted to take the opportunity to bring to your attention the range of dance classes they offer.: Ballet, Modern & Tap, Musical Theatre, Boy's Dance and more!

Please see attached information for further details.



HM Government Tax Free Child-care Scheme

For further details about the Government's Tax Free Childcare Scheme go to www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk.



We are able to accept payments through this scheme for our afterschool clubs and care bears facilities.

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Maple Class Police Visit

Maple Class welcomed PCSO Jason Lemm into their class this week. There was great excitement as all the children were allowed access to the 'Panda' car on the playground during their break. The children learnt about Road Safety and The Green Cross Code and also learnt all about the Police vehicles.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you from all of us for all the kindness and support you have shown us.

All your lovely donations of cakes and biscuits have definitely helped to keep our spirits up during this busy time whilst we have been coping with illness and absence through the school.



Sports Partnership Athletics Event

Some children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Sportshall Athletics event at Bishop Luffa this week. The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of field and track events, specifically tailored to Year 3 and 4 pupils, with children from other local schools.

Mrs Goacher and the children had a fabulous afternoon. Thank you for your support with pick-up arrangements and apologies for the last minute time changes.





Diary Dates 2021/22



2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 28th February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April

Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February



Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Tuesday 22nd March	Woodwind Lessons in school
Wednesday 23rd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital
Thursday 24th March	Apple Class visit to Arundel Wetlands Centre
Thursday 24th March	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 24th March	6.00-9.00—Punjabi Cookery—Deepali Stamp
Monday 28th March	10.00—Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 30th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 30th March	SSP Arun Swim Gala (tbc)
Wednesday 30th March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th April	Last Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers
Monday 25th April	Bikeability for Year 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 27th April	Authors Abroad, Writing Enrichment at Portfield (selected)
Thursday 28th April	2.30 Chestnut Class parent information session re Foxlease residential
Thursday 5th May	Chichester Falcons Softball (in school for Beech and Chestnut)
Tuesday 17th May	Chestnut Class residential visit to Foxlease—Friday 20th May.
Monday 23rd May	Drama4All Workshop in school for Apple and Maple
Monday 13th June	Yellow School Photographs
Thursday 16th June	SSP Future Flyers

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2022

Spring 2
Second half of spring term

x 5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs J Reynolds)				
	& Miss C Bond)	20	Football	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Art/Drawing	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs K Prudence	10	STEM	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£20.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April - x 5 weeks

Dance Club will run for four weeks only – no Dance Club on Thursday 17th March

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available every-day, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in, at least 24 hours in advance, if possible.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm. Our swimming club, this time, will be training for the possibility of taking part in the Swim Gala competitions. Children must be able to confidently swim a length (20M). If you are not sure, please check with Mrs Johnson or Mrs Gaocher.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

Please collect your child from the Reception area. Children will only be released to parents or carers unless we have been notified of alternative arrangements.

Clubs will go 'live' on Friday 18th February at 3.00pm.