



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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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



Apple Class - Autumn 2022

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back! A very warm welcome to our new children and parents.



For the first half term our focus will be on ensuring the children are happy and settled as well as our first learning journey which will be, 'Robots, Me and More.' This topic allows the children to get creative and share their own experiences. We will then be learning about, 'Autumn, Acorns and Apples' and we will be using all our delicious apples in the Forest School area to enhance our learning. After half term we will be focusing on two super books: 'Our Very Own Dog' and 'Lenny and Wilbur' as part of our learning journey, 'Pets and Vets.' Leading up to Christmas we will be looking at, 'Stickman'. Please see the curriculum grid for further details.



We will learn and play outside as often as possible, so please make sure that your child has a named pair of trainers and wellies for playtimes.



We provide fruit and vegetables as a **snack**, but please feel free to provide a named snack pot containing your own fruit or vegetables if you wish.



For the first half term, **P.E.** will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Children should have their full P.E. kit in school all week. Please ensure that all items are named as they often seem to get muddled up! Long hair should always be tied back, please. **Small, plain stud** earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are removed for P.E. days, sports days etc.

'**Show and Tell**' will take place each **Wednesday**: please send in small and special items for showing please. Animal groups will take it in turns, starting with **Hedgehogs on 14<sup>th</sup> September**. See below.

## Apple Class Show and Tell timetable Autumn 2022

Children are invited to bring in items of personal interest or talk about events/news with the class. We encourage children to use loud clear voices to address the class. In turn, the rest of the class are encouraged to listen and ask relevant questions.

The groups rotate each week starting with...

**Hedgehogs** -14<sup>th</sup> September

**Owls** -21<sup>st</sup> September

**Foxes** -28<sup>th</sup> September

**Squirrels** -5<sup>th</sup> October

**Hedgehogs** -12<sup>th</sup> October

**Owls** -19<sup>th</sup> October

## HALF TERM

**Foxes** -2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Squirrels** -9<sup>th</sup> November

**Hedgehogs** -16<sup>th</sup> November

**Owls** -23<sup>rd</sup> November

**Foxes** -30<sup>th</sup> November

**Squirrels** -7<sup>th</sup> December

**NO SHOW AND TELL** -14<sup>th</sup> December

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We are excited to remind you that Apple Class will continue to take part in weekly Forest School sessions in our school grounds: **Year 1** children on a **Thursday** afternoon and **Reception** children on a **Friday** afternoon. See information below regarding clothing requirements. Please ensure **children come to school in their Forest School clothes on their day**. We will start these sessions this week (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Forest School Kit list: Autumn term 2022**

We often get wet and muddy at Forest School. Some children worry about getting their clothes dirty so sending them into school in old clothes, rather than in their uniform, on the day of Forest School will mean they won't worry about spoiling their good clothes (no sequins please!) As our weather is very unpredictable, your child needs to be prepared for all weathers. Layers are good as your child can remove or add clothing to suit the weather conditions.

- **Waterproof trousers:** it is important that children have these for **all** Forest School sessions. Separate waterproof clothing is preferable as all-in-ones can be difficult to put on and take off independently.
- **Waterproof coat**
- **Long trousers:** jogging bottoms are ideal and will help to keep your child warm and protect from scratches, stings and sunburn.
- **Long sleeved top:** arms need to be covered to give protection.
- **Fleece or tracksuit top.**
- **School shoes** to be worn to school: we will change into school trainers or wellies.
- Please name all clothes, especially waterproofs, as these all look very similar.



Your child will bring their **book bag** home every day- please check it for any letters or comments we have made in their home/school diary. We encourage you to share a book every day with your child: just 2 pages/ 5 or 10 minutes a day will be very valuable. There are some helpful hints to support this inside the home/school diary. Each child will also have a phonics pack containing the sounds they are learning and a Maths pack. Please practise these 'little and often.'

Every **Monday** your child will be given the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. This is intended to be a book for you to **share** with your child and not one they should be expected to read independently. These books may be kept at home and returned each Monday.



We have set up our new **Google Classroom** for this year. Please look out for your invitation to join as we will be using this platform to communicate with you. Please come and ask if you have any difficulty joining and also support each other: Year 1 grown-ups are Google Classroom experts!

Our Apple Class 'Meet the teacher' parent information session is on Wednesday 14th September at 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about life and learning in Apple Class and to ask any questions.



Every Wednesday at 3pm the classroom will be open for ten minutes. This is a lovely opportunity for you to pop into the classroom with your child and look at what they have been doing.

Please feel free to come and see us if you wish to discuss anything: your comments and support are greatly appreciated.

We're sure this term will be both an exciting and enjoyable one for all of us.

Best wishes,  
Laura Plackett and Alison Chilton