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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

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Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

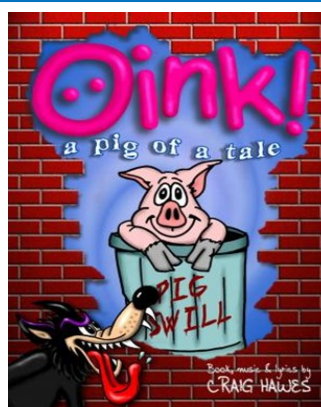
### Teacher Recruitment

A rigorous and successful teacher recruitment process took place on Thursday this week, with five very strong candidates who had been shortlisted from a total of seventeen applications. We were delighted to include some members of Pupil Parliament in this recruitment process; the candidates said that they were impressed by the challenging questions that the children posed during their meetings with them.

We now have a full team of teaching staff for September 2023, full details of which will be shared with children and families in time for our 'Moving up' transition day on 5th July.

### SSP Tri-Golf Event at Chichester Golf Club.

Mrs Goacher and Mrs Emery, one of our school governors, took a group of Year 3/4 children to Chichester Golf Club to take part in the SSP Tri-Golf event. They had a lovely afternoon with the opportunity to try new golf skills and even had a chance to have a go on the Crazy Golf course.



The buzz of excitement continued this afternoon, as Mrs Johnson led auditions for children in Chestnut Class who wish to have a speaking or singing part in our school production of OINK! later this term.

Please save the date, **Monday 10th July**, as this promises to be a spectacular performance by your children.

All children in the school will be participating in the performance in some way and topic learning across the school will focus on the theme of 'Farming & Food' during the second half of term, to link in with production preparations.

The production itself will take place in a large marquee kindly made available to us by West Dean College, and pitched on the lawn in front of the main house. What a magnificent setting—we are so lucky!

The PTA are currently busy putting plans together for refreshments and additional entertainment to make the evening a special end of year social event for our whole school community.



### Maple Class Visit to Pizza Express

As part of their 'Come Dine with Me' topic this term, Maple Class were lucky enough to have a visit to Pizza Express in Petersfield this week. The children were able to prepare their own Margherita pizza, including kneading and stretching the dough, before watching the experts cook the pizza for them. They brought their pizza back to school (resisting temptation on the coach) and enjoyed a hearty lunch!



### Breakfast Bears



Our brand new Breakfast Bears club is now open. Come and join us for breakfast everyday from 8.00—8.35.

Available to book on  
[schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk).



### GOOD LUCK To our fabulous Swim Team

competing in the Cormorants Swim Gala at the Westgate Centre this Saturday evening. **Go West Dean!**



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 19th May 2023*



- Yr R**   **Barney P** - for your careful use of tools when using the clay. Brilliant!
- Yr 1**   **Todd** - for settling in so well in Apple Class. You are a good listener, helpful and kind. Well done!
- Yr 2**   **Berti** - for your keen attitude towards our food technology this week. You successfully made your own pizza and fruit salad. Well done.
- Yr 3**   **Owen** - for your super cricketing skills and your supportive sportsmanship.
- Yr 4**   **Iris** - for being an amazing poet. You have such creativity with words and successfully used poetic devices to produce some powerful imagery.
- Yr 5**   **Felix** - for participating fully in class discussions and thinking carefully about the future of our planet.
- Yr 6**   **Lucia** - for an all round tip top week. You have worked hard in our science investigation and thought about how it might feel to be Cam in our class novel. Well done!



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 21st July 2023



**Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Thursday 20th July**

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



### Summer Term 2023

Saturday 20th May	7.30pm, Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (Swim Squad)
Tuesday 23rd May	6.45 Pupil Parliament Parish Council Meeting at West Dean College
Wednesday 24th May	1.30—3.30, SSP Tennis at Bishop Luffa (selected Yr 3/4)
Tuesday 6th June	Whole School visit to West Dean Arboretum
Thursday 8th June	1.00-3.00, PTA Poolside First Aid Training
Saturday 10th June	Cycling Club—Ditcham Park Hill Climb event
Monday 12th June	9.00, Yellow School Photographs
Wednesday 14th June	GAS singing event—Yr 4 rehearsal at The March (details tbc)
Thursday 15th June	1.00-3.00 Future Flyers
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Morning
Wednesday 21st June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Monday 26th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers Service in Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 28th June	1.30 - 2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Wednesday 28th June	5.30, GAS Singing Event at St Paul's Church Yr 4 (details tbc)
Wednesday 5th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Wednesday 5th July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Thursday 6th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 10th July	Summer Production at West Dean College—'Oink!'
Friday 21st July	AAA Coaching, 9.00—4.00 (School closed, Inset)