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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 32 - 27.05.2022**

Dear Parents and carers,

How the past five weeks have raced by. It seems no time at all since we were celebrating Easter and here we are almost at the end of May and drawing the first half term of summer to a close.

In those few short weeks, however, so much has been going on, and as I write this, we are all looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with our School Tea Party on Friday afternoon. It will be wonderful to have the whole school community together again after such a long time without events of this kind being possible in school.

As always, huge thanks to the members of our PTA, who have given so much of their time and enthusiasm to organise and prepare for the tea party.

Last week, I had the absolute privilege of spending four days with Chestnut Class, as they embarked on their residential trip to Foxlease outdoor centre in the New Forest. It might surprise some parents to hear that three nights away with 22 children feels like a privilege, but I mean that sincerely. I am incredibly proud and impressed by the way all of the children approached the many challenges of the week and by the way that they worked so well as a cohesive team, supporting and encouraging each other throughout. It was magical to see the children so comfortably enjoying the peace and beauty of the forest and each other's company; so much so, that the nearly seven-mile walk that they did on Thursday was completed with big smiles and not a single tired moan!

Words cannot describe how pleased we are to once again be able to run trips of this kind; it adds such a special element to the children's school experience and enables us as teachers to see a very different side to your children's skills, talents and qualities, that we wouldn't otherwise necessarily see in the day to day school setting. Well done Chestnut Class, you did yourself proud.

I am immensely grateful to the huge effort and dedication of Mrs Prudence and Mrs Shears in organising and leading such a successful trip, and to Mrs Goacher, Mrs Pearmaine and Mrs Reynolds for their care and support of the children whilst we were away.

So many wonderful photographs were taken during the trip – below is just a snapshot to provide a flavour of the wonderful time the children enjoyed.

School life is nothing if not unpredictable, and as the head of a small, rural school, I knew from the start that there would always be surprises around the corner and often be times where I would need to roll up my sleeves and get my hands dirty. Last Tuesday was one of those days, as Mrs Duck, who, as you know has been sitting on her nest in our swimming pool area for the past month, let us know that all ten of her eggs had hatched and ten fluffy little ducklings were running around trying to get into the pool. Now, cute as they are, we don't really want ducks in the swimming pool, as we were very keen to get in and clean it all up in preparation for the children starting to use it after half term. So, there then proceeded one of the more obscure, but amusing jobs I have had to do so far at West Dean.

Managing to scoop each of the ducklings into a plastic trough, Ms Boxall and I set off carrying them down to the village green and the river, pursued by a quite cross sounding Mrs Duck. Superbly demonstrating the well-known phrase 'taking to it like a duck to water', all ten little ducklings jumped straight into the river and began to swim and were soon rounded up and led to safety by their mother. There then followed a very exciting announcement in morning assembly and a gradual procession down to the river bank by equally excited children for the rest of the morning, as each class had a chance to visit Mrs Duck and her new family. Not something you see every day, and a lovely spring memory for us all. Included in the pictures below, you'll see some incredible photos of the nest, captured by Rupert in Year 5 on his special wildlife camera.

We said goodbye to our wheelbarrow Easter garden during our collective worship on Thursday, as we celebrated Ascension Day, and thought about how Jesus' disciples would have felt, as he ascended to heaven, leaving them with a new purpose to spread his good news. Although Ascension Day is an ending of sorts, officially the end of the Easter period, it's also an exciting beginning in the Christian year and reminds us of Jesus' commandment to us, which we use as our core message at West Dean:

*'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.'* John 13.

Well done children for all of your many successes this half term and for all of the challenges that you have overcome, particularly those of you who have approached your National Curriculum Assessments with such confidence and careful thought.

Thank you to our teaching team for all of the amazing learning opportunities that the children have enjoyed this half term, and to you, our school families, for your continued support and encouragement.

Have a lovely half-term break. Best wishes,

Chris Williams



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 27th May 2022*



*Harry Year R - for always being so kind towards your friends and teachers and having cubes in the kindness jar*

*Florence Year 1 - for your brilliant teamwork at making a 'her mudjesty' in forest school*

*Tilly Year 2 - for showing determination towards all of your learning this week! You have worked hard and kept going even when faced with challenges. What a superstar!*

*Imogen Year 3 - for super understanding of our work on shadows, good use of scientific vocabulary to explain our investigations*

*Benny Year 4 - for being our resident duck expert, for joyfully sharing all your amazing knowledge to help keep our duck family safe*

*Daisy Year 5 - for always giving 100% to your school life. Your motivation to do well is very apparent. Well done.*

*Teale Year 6 - for consistently showing kindness, tolerance and an inclusive attitude to your peers. You are an amazing role model for others. We are all so impressed by you.*











### Jubilee Tea Party



Getting ready for our Jubilee Tea Party, we had lots of entries to our Great West Dean Jubilee Bake off.

**PTA News and Events:**

**Friday 8th July - Summer Sizzler**

BBQ, Band, Raffle etc

5.00—8.00pm

The PTA would be hugely grateful for any help anyone is able to give in the organising of these events.

Please see Jenny Anstee or Ellie Holder.

### Year 6 SSP Quad Kids Event

Well done to our team of children from Years 5 and 6, who took part in the quad kids locality schools sport event at Bishop Luffa School on Thursday. Showing a range of athletic skill, the children were determined and focussed throughout, representing our school brilliantly.







# Diary Dates 2021/22



## 2021/22 INSET Days

Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July

### Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

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



Tuesday 7th June	1.00-3.00 Poolside First Aid Training
Tuesday 7th June	6.00-7.00 Westgate Swim for Gala Squad (tbc)
Wednesday 8th June	SSP Disney Festival (selected Yr 1,2,3) The Arena, Bognor
Thursday 9th June	Authors Abroad—selected Yr 3/4
Friday 10th June	8.45 Beech Class Assembly
Friday 10th June	SSP Year 3/4 Tennis (selected)
Monday 13th June	Yellow School Photographs
Monday 13th June	10.00-2.00 SSP Cricket Yr 4/5 Middleton Cricket Club details to follow
Tuesday 14th June	6.00-7.00 Westgate Swim for Gala Squad (tbc)
Wednesday 15th June	1.00-3.00 SSP Infant Commonwealth Games Yr 1/2 Westgate
Thursday 16th June	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 16th June	SSP Future Flyers
Tuesday 21st June	1.00—3.00 Beech Class, United Voices at Chichester Guildhall
Wednesday 22nd June	8.45 Maple Class Assembly
Saturday 25th June	Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (details tbc)
Friday 24th June	Whole School Beach Day—West Wittering (details to follow)
Monday 27th June	1.15 Year 6 Leaver Service Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 29th June	8.45 Apple Class Assembly
Friday 1st July	8.45 Chestnut Class Assembly
Monday 4th July	2.00-2.45 New Entrants Visits
Tuesday 5th July	Beech Class visit to Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki's Excavation
Wednesday 6th July	INSET
Friday 8th July	PTA Social Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th July	10.00-3.00 SSP Yr 4/5 Women's Euro Football event
Wednesday 13th July	1.30-2.45 New Entrants Visits
Friday 15th July	Community Café (tbc)
Tuesday 19th July	1.30-2.30 New Entrants Visits
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Afternoon

**YOU ARE INVITED**

To a village party

# **At The Selsey Arms**

Lets get together to celebrate  
Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

**Saturday 4th June, 2022**

**From 3:00 pm**

We will be sizzling sausages & burgers  
(veggie options too) on the BBQ

There will be a dedicated bar for West Dean residents with some  
special prices just for you

We will be mixing, stirring, and shaking cocktails,  
playing games (including corgi racing) & generally  
having fun!

If you would like to bring a party dish to place on our pot luck  
table; be it a salad, a dip, a dessert or maybe you want to show  
off your baking skills that would be a great contribution

The jubilee is a wonderful opportunity to bring the West Dean  
community together & enjoy the company  
of friends old & new

Please **RSVP** to help us with catering

By e mail to; [thebar@selseyarms-westdean.co.uk](mailto:thebar@selseyarms-westdean.co.uk)

Call us 01243 811465

Or pop in in to let us know

*From Nikki & the team X*

**After School Clubs**  
**Summer Term 2022**

**Summer 2**  
**Second half of Summer term**

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Miss C Bond	20	Football	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs J Reynolds	20	Summer Sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mr C Williams	20	Summer Sports	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs K Prudence	10	Summer Stem	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£24.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£15.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6

We are pleased to be able to offer a programme of after school activities again for the second half of the summer term. These activities take place outside of school hours and are considered 'optional extras' The charges that we make for these activities cover the cost of the provision, resources, admin and use of the school premises and facilities.

Dates: W/C 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July - x 5 weeks

Dance Club will run for 3 weeks this half term, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Cookery Club will run for 4 weeks, no club on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July as this is Inset Day.

If you have a credit on your schoolmoney account that you would like to offset against payment for clubs, please do contact the school office. A part payment option is available to secure your booking in the first instance.

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available, **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**, 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.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at School-money.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 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm.