



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 15th July 2022*



*Etta Year R - for being so kind and helpful with our new Reception children, making them feel welcome into Apple Class*

*Miles Year 1 - for being an expert Mexican chef! You helped explain the recipes and make delicious food with the class. Well done!*

*Martha Year 2 - for your enthusiasm towards everything you do. You give everything a go with a smile on your face and show resilience when faced with challenges and new experiences*

*Henry Year 3 - for your enthusiastic and careful approach to our Mexican Sarape blankets. You took great pride in your work and produced a fantastically vibrant blanket - well done!*

*Emily Year 4 - for just being a wonderful role model in your learning, your approach to school life and your kindness to everyone in the class. Well done!*

*Daisy Year 5 - for your professional approach to your Community Café role, you modelled excellent presentation skills.*

*Daniel Year 6 - for your professional approach to your Community Café role. Mrs Pearmaine was very impressed by your serious and responsible attitude to your position*





### Hot temperatures next week

As the MET office have today issued a Red Weather Warning for extremely high temperatures for next Monday and Tuesday, we want to reassure you of the plans we have in place for your children's health and safety, as well as that of our staff throughout this period.

We have not received any specific guidance on this matter and I sincerely hope that we will be able to run all planned events for the final week of our school year, albeit in a way that keeps everyone safe and as cool as possible.

- Please ensure that your child leave's their school tie at home if they normally wear one, as this isn't appropriate for hot weather. In addition, it is essential that they have a hat, water bottle and have applied sun cream.
- We will be stopping whatever we are doing for regular water breaks all through the day, when your child will be reminded to drink.
- Fans will be installed in every classroom, all windows and doors will be open and all blinds down, to encourage the flow of cooler air throughout the school building.
- Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms, as these are our cooler spaces and periods of time to sit outside in the shade will be staggered, so as to provide space for all of the children under the trees.
- Obviously we will allow the children to play, but these will be limited to short periods of time and fast, energetic ball games will not be allowed during high heat.
- Above all, we will encourage everyone to be calm, keep fully hydrated and limit time out in the direct sun.
- We will make use of our wonderful swimming pool, but for shorter periods at a time.

Hopefully, by working in this way, we can enjoy the final few days of the school year and the warm weather in safety.

### Sports Morning

You are very warmly invited to join us for our sports day on Wednesday 20th July from 9.00am. As explained in the midweek newsletter sent on Wednesday, should there be overnight rain, we may have to delay the start until 10am and will communicate this to you as soon as we are able.



The children will be taking part in a variety of races during the morning, which, I'm sure will be a lot of fun. Some of the jumping and throwing events have already taken place in school, in an attempt to slightly shorten the event due to the expected heat. Any sports records achieved by your children will still be recorded as part of sports day 2022.

We ask that you please park considerately, either in the school car park or the village. The church car park may also be an option, but we are awaiting confirmation of this.

Please **DO NOT** park in the pub car park during this time. We also ask that you please do not bring dogs along during this afternoon, but do bring your hat, umbrella, plenty of water and ensure that you keep your self as cool as possible.



# Thank you

 to everyone

who donated, baked, sold, got stuck in or even just joined us for our Friday evening Summer Sizzler last week.

We had an amazing, relaxed evening in the sunshine, listening to lovely Jazz music courtesy of Force 8. We had some absolutely fabulous raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Thank you to Nicky at The Selsey Arms for running the brilliant bar and BBQ. A huge thank you to all our PTA leaders and helpers; I think you'll all agree, they did an amazing job, putting on a really successful evening.

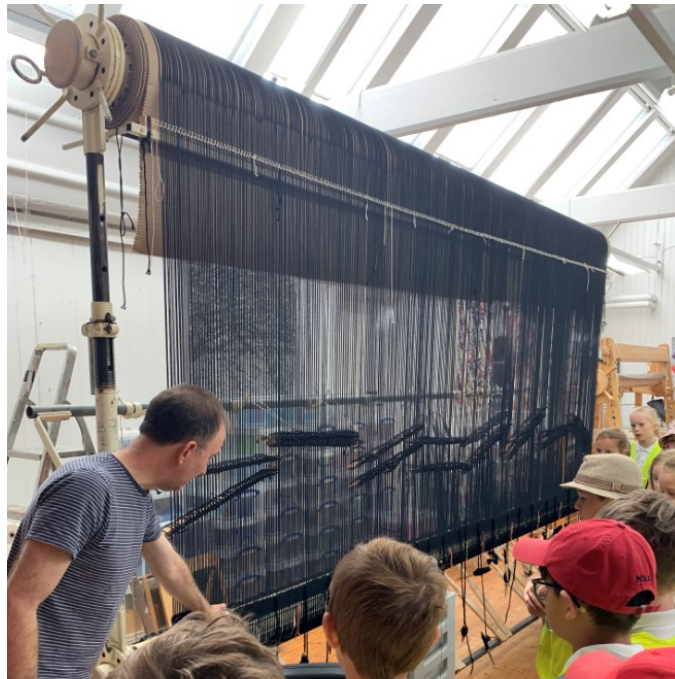
The grand total is still being finalised but is in the region of £5,500 which is a staggering amount raised by a small school with a big heart! Thank you everyone!



Whilst enjoying ourselves, chatting with our school community, most of us forget to take any photographs. If you have any photos of the evening please do share them with us by emailing the office or Mr Williams.

## Beech Class Loom Large!

The children of Beech Class enriched the work they have been doing on Mexican Tapestry on Thursday, with a visit to the tapestry studio and looms at West Dean College. It was fascinating and a real privilege to be shown how tapestries are woven, some of which are incredibly large, and to hear about the work that the studio does for artists and customers from all around the world. Sincere thanks to West Dean College for this amazing and unique experience.



## A very special gift

This week, we received a very special new school cross, which has been made for us by Andrew Dickinson at West Dean College and gifted to the school. The cross has four removable quarters, made of each of the four wood species that give their names to our classes, apple maple beech and chestnut. The children will keep these pieces in the reflective area in each class,

then bring them to assemblies to place on the cross to symbolise our coming together in worship.

The cross is really beautiful and will become an important feature of our worship together in school. We are immensely grateful to Andrew for his incredible craftsmanship and to the West Dean Estate and College for this gift.





# Diary Dates 2021/22



## 2021/22 INSET Days

Wednesday 6th July

### Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

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



### Advance notice of 2022/23 INSET Days

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023

Friday 15th July	2.30-4.30 Community Café (Cash Only Please)
Monday 18th July	10.00 Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 19th July	8.45, Year 6 Leavers Service ( Year 6 parents welcome, + refreshments)
Tuesday 19th July	1.30-2.30 New Entrants Visits (children only)
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Day 9.00am (10.00am if grass wet) (No Dogs please)
Thursday 21st July	End of Term Service at West Dean Church 9.15 (all welcome)

### Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1st September	Inset
Friday 2nd September	Inset—All Staff First Aid Training
Monday 5th September	First day of Autumn Term for years 1—6
Monday 12th September	First day of Autumn Term for Year R