



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 17th June 2022*



*Elsie Year R - for your love of learning. You are enthusiastic, always ask questions and do your best. Well done!*

*Finlay Year 1 - for your brilliant maths this week! You were confident at telling the time and with fractions of a shape. Well done!*

*Max Year 2 - for fantastic collaboration and determination at the Commonwealth Games event. You worked well in a team and gave each new activity your best. Well done!*

*Henry Year 3 - for super independent writing; good ideas, joined handwriting and great effort at speech punctuation*

*Ewan Year 4 - for showing great resilience and determination in PE and swimming training. Well done!*

*Nova Year 5 - for your super narrative writing. You developed a strong character voice and understood how to convey urgency, and move the action forward. Well done!*

*Willow Year 6 - for consistently demonstrating what 'Great Manners' look like and providing a role model for others*





## Summer is here!

We've all been enjoying the lovely weather this week and the chance to take as much learning as possible outside, as well as eat lunch under the gazebo. The beautiful sunshine does of course remind us of the need to take precautions to avoid sunburn and heatstroke.

Please ensure that your child applies sun cream every morning before school, brings a hat to school and has a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

You will be aware that, for older children, school ties are a uniform option. I suggest that ties are not worn during the warm weather and am modelling that practice myself!

## Swimming Pool Update

We are all really looking forward to opening the swimming pool for the children, but also frustrated by the sequence of issues that have so far prevented us from doing so.

Since Mrs Duck vacated the area, we have had to deal with repairs and replacement to both the pool filter and pump, as well as a wasp nest in the pump cupboard. Consequently, the pool technicians have been delayed in their work to get the pH and chlorine levels to the point that it is safe for your children to use the pool.

We sincerely hope that all will be well for next Tuesday and thank you for your patience. Please keep your fingers crossed—particularly as the weather is so perfect at the moment. Many thanks to the team of parent helpers who are already on standby, ready to supervise after school swimming as soon as the pool opens.



## Terrific Tennis

A group of our Year Three and four children took part in a fantastic afternoon of Tennis skill building at The Regis School, Bognor, last Friday afternoon. Led by The Regis School's Pupil Sport Leaders, our children played their way around a carousel of eight different games designed to develop their speed, accuracy, racquet control and ability to cooperate with a partner player. All of the children played with enthusiasm and definitely felt that they had built up their skills considerably by the end of the afternoon. Well done to everyone who took part.



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that West Dean School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA.

**Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the school it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School** will be collecting from the school pavilion/ playground on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022** Please bring your bag (or bags!) and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.



## West Dean Olympians

Maple Class had a fantastic time at the SSP Commonwealth Games event held on Westgate Fields. They participated in 7 events all featured in the Commonwealth Games, They met every challenge full of enthusiasm and particularly enjoyed boxing, where they actually got to hit the pads, golf and gymnastics. Mrs Goacher reported that the children's behaviour was impeccable, they were great fun to take and all tried really hard. Well done Maple Class!



## Middleton Cricket Tournament

Year Four and Five members of last term's cricket club, plus some additional recruits played in a cricket tournament against 7 other schools at Middleton Cricket Club on Monday.

The competition was strong, but thanks to some brilliant teamwork, particularly when fielding, West Dean managed to come second place in the group phase, having won matches against both Singleton and Fishbourne Schools. Fortunes faded sadly in the 3rd and 4th place play-off, but we are all very impressed that the team managed to finish fourth out of eight teams.



There were many highlights including Humphrey's excellent bowling, which won compliments from adults from other schools and not forgetting Florence who brilliantly managed to take two wickets with two consecutive bowls—amazing!

Unexpectedly, Mr Williams was required to umpire all day, so unfortunately didn't manage to take any photographs—very sorry everyone! A huge well done to everyone who played and worked so well as a team.

## Forest School Fun

Year Six proved that it isn't just our younger children who love their Forest School sessions, as they spent Tuesday afternoon camouflaging themselves, ready to hide from Ms Boxall and Mrs Pearmaine in our woodland area.

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying time together and all that our wonderful grounds have to offer during their final few weeks with us at West Dean.





# 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

Tuesday 21st June	1.00—3.00 Beech Class, United Voices at Chichester Guildhall
Tuesday 21st June	6.00-7.00 Westgate Swim Session for Gala Squad
Wednesday 22nd June	8.45 Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd June	Beech Class Big Camp
Friday 24th June	Whole School Beach Day—West Wittering
Saturday 25th June	6.45 Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate
Monday 27th June	1.15 Year 6 Leaver Service Chichester Cathedral
Monday 27th June	6.00-9.00, Punjabi Cookery with Deepali Stamp
Wednesday 29th June	8.45 Apple Class Assembly
Thursday 30th June	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 30th June	GAS Sports—details tbc
Thursday 30th June	Bad 2 School Collection
Friday 1st July	8.45 Chestnut Class Assembly
Monday 4th July	2.00-2.45 New Entrants Visits (parents invited to stay)
Tuesday 5th July	Beech Class visit to Dr Sharon-Michi Kusunoki's Excavation
Wednesday 6th July	INSET
Thursday 7th July	KS2 Chichester Falcons Tournament (details tbc)
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 (parents invited to stay for coffee with PTA)
Thursday 14th July	5.30pm, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 15th July	2.30-4.30 Community Café
Monday 18th July	10.00 Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 19th July	8.45, Year 6 Leavers Service (Year 6 parents welcome)
Tuesday 19th July	1.30-2.30 New Entrants Visits (children only)
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 21st July	End of Term Assembly at West Dean Church (time tbc)

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
<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.