



West Dean Church of England Primary School  
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Newsletter 5 - 1st October 2021



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

Dear parents, carers and children,

Autumn is finally upon us, with a distinct chill in the air in the early morning and evening, as well as quite a lot of wet weather this week. It had to happen eventually I suppose and you're welcome to blame me for the sudden change, as I did rather tempt things with all my talk of sunshine last week.

Our spirits are not dampened though and there has been as much fun and laughter around the school as ever this week. The highlight of my week was definitely being invited to join the Year 1 and 2 children on their trip to the Winchester Science Centre on Thursday. It was such a joy to see the children experiencing their first ever school trip; they really were bursting with excitement, not just about the museum, but the coach trip too, and just about every element of finally being able to take their learning outside of the classroom and school grounds. I was very proud of the way that the children behaved throughout the day; their manners and respect for others was exceptional, and their engagement in and enthusiasm for the workshops and activities was amazing. I have no doubt that the children will have come home with many exciting tales to tell.

Thank you to Miss Ashton for organising such an exciting day, and to all of the accompanying adults for their help and support in ensuring a safe and happy day for all. The coming weeks will see Chestnut and Beech classes venturing out on their own exciting trips to Southampton SeaCity and Portsmouth Dockyard. It really is wonderful that we are able to reintroduce this kind of enrichment back into the curriculum this term.

During our collective worship this week, we have been talking about the ways in which we can show compassion to others. By comparing the classic Aesop's Fable *The Fox and the Stork* with The Parable of the *Good Samaritan* from the Gospel of Luke, the children learnt the importance of demonstrating our compassion for others through action. In considering 'Who are our neighbours?' we finished the week by looking at the work of the Chichester District Foodbank and we will continue to discuss this in a little more detail next week, as we prepare for our Harvest Festival on Friday. Please help us to support the work of the Foodbank, in as large or small a way as you are able next week, by sending in your donations to school by Thursday morning. To quote a well-known supermarket chain, 'Every little helps'.

I am delighted that we are able to join Rev Sarah in celebrating harvest with a service in church this year. I am also sorry that we are not yet at the point where we are able to invite parents and families to attend, whilst ensuring everyone's health and safety. We would love you all to be with us; let's hope and pray that the time for that celebration will come soon.

On the subject of logistics for the harvest service, we will transport your gifts from school to the church in time for the service on Friday, as we want to make drop off at the church as straight forward as possible for everyone. We ask that you bring your child / children to St Andrew's Church in West Dean by 8.35 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, instead of dropping off at school. To ease this process and avoid traffic congestion as much as possible, we ask that you adhere to a one-way system by driving down the hill to the church from the main road, where a member of staff will be there to meet your child at the church gate. Then continue along the lane to rejoin the main road via the road to the pub. A map with further details of this one-way system is included later in this newsletter. The service will last for approximately 25 minutes, after which, we will all walk back through the village to school. Please remember to ensure that your child brings a coat with them. I am very much looking forward to celebrating the Harvest Festival and to re-starting collective worship in church.

With my very best wishes for a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Chris Williams

Please continue to stay safe and  
**PLEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGHOUT OUR  
SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.**

Face Coverings (masks and visors) are available to buy from our Reception  
if you have forgotten yours.



West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 1st October 2021



*Etta* - for your brilliant independent writing for our pumpkin display

*Berti* - for being enthusiastic and independent on the school trip to the science museum

*Reuben* - for always being enthusiastic about your learning and for always putting in the extra effort at home as well as at school. What a superstar!

*Jake* - for your determination during our cornet lesson this week. Mr Wilkin was so impressed with your super sounds!

*Felix J* - for your well thought answers in guided reading. You always produce detailed and very interesting responses

*Florence* - for your enthusiasm and confidence to answer in class. Keep it up.

*KeiO* - You have been an outstanding example of a supportive and nurturing friend to your peers this week. Very well done



### COVID safe procedures and routines

Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool)



### Car Parking:

Just a reminder that our school car park is for parents and carers of Apple Class children, pre-school age children or for limited mobility use.

Please respect our request for our car park use and exercise caution and care.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Harvest Festival Service

Friday 8th October, 8.45am.

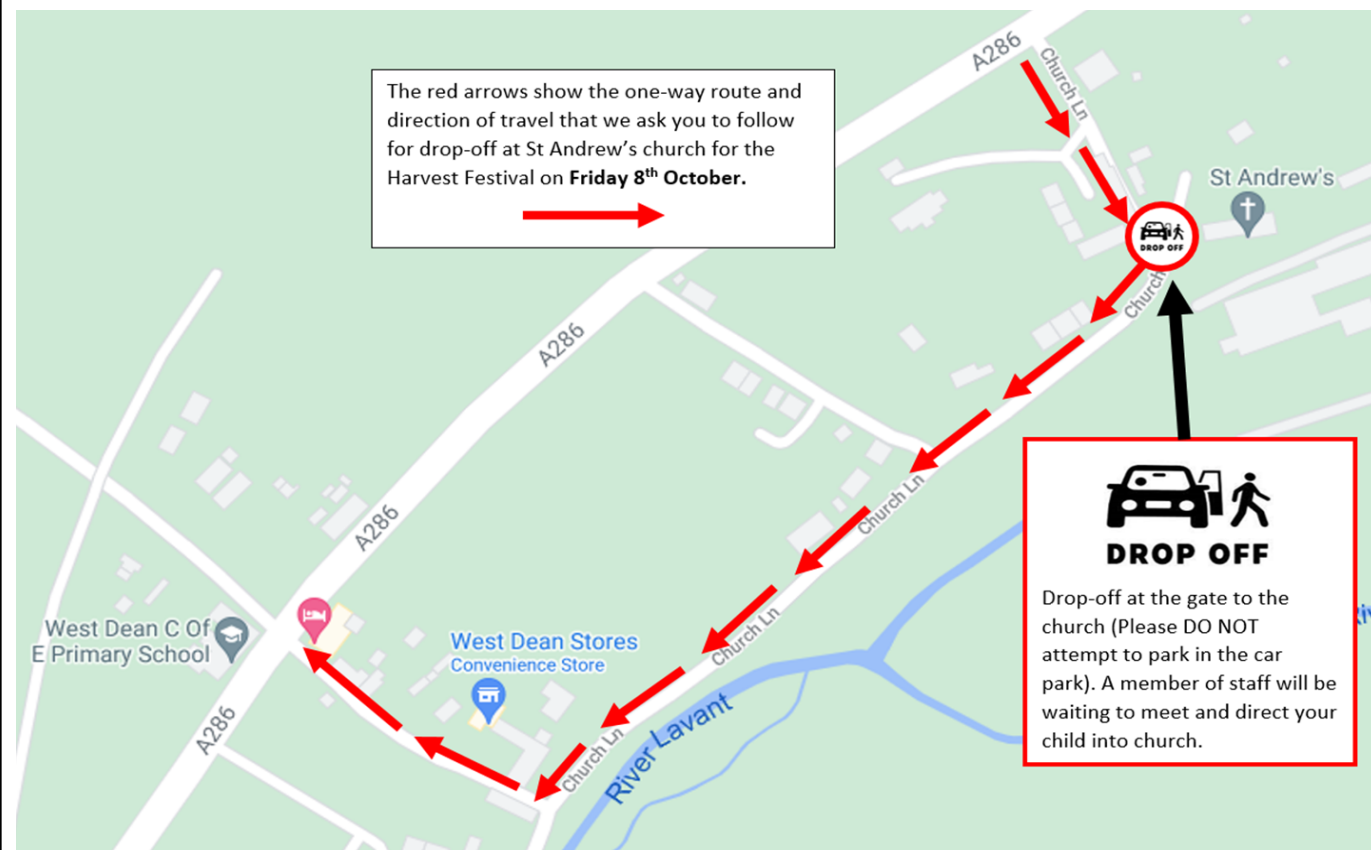
We would like to ask parents and carers to bring children to the Church, for our Harvest Festival Service, on Friday 8th October 8.35 ready for an 8.45 start.

Staff will be available to welcome the children between 8.25 and 8.35 and we would ask that you access Church Lane from the A285, operating a one-way system, dropping off at the Church and exiting through the village.



As part of the service, the children will be offering your donated produce, singing harvest songs that they have been practising, reading their poetry and saying prayers which they have written.

Please see details about supporting us with donations for Chichester Foodbank below.



As our harvest offering this year, we would like to support Chichester Foodbank and ask for donations to be brought into school during the week between Monday 4th and Thursday 7th October ready for us to display in the Church at our Service on Friday. Here is a list of items that the Foodbank have suggested but any items, I'm sure, would be gratefully received.

### FOODBANK URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- LONG LIFE JUICE
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- MULTIPURPOSE CLEANER
- TINNED SOUP
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- TINNED FRUIT

## After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2021

Autumn 1 (first half of term – x5 weeks)

<b>Monday</b>	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs Prudence	10	STEM	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

**Dates: W/C 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October - x 5 weeks**

It has become necessary to slightly increase the cost of cookery club in line with the rising costs of ingredients. The children do, however, have their tea to bring home with them so we hope that you will agree, that this is still good value.

**Please Note: There will only be four dance club sessions this term, there will be no dance club on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm.

**For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.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.**

### Governing Body News:

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - [pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

### Schoolmoney.co.uk

This on-line platform enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.

Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.

Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk) and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

### PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact [westdeanpta@outlook.com](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk))

### Lost Property:

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin' , on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing. Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.

# Diary Dates 2021/22



## 2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021  
Monday 28th February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July



### Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September - Friday 17th December  
Half Term: Monday 25th—Friday 29th October



### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April  
Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February



### Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July  
Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Sunday 3rd October  
Tuesday 5th October  
Wednesday 6th October  
Thursday 7th October  
Friday 8th October  
Tuesday 12th October  
Tuesday 19th October  
Tuesday 2nd November  
Thursday 4th November  
Monday 8th November  
Thursday 11th November  
Tuesday 16th November  
Wednesday 17th November  
Friday 19th November  
Thursday 2nd December  
Tuesday 7th December  
Monday 13th December

Harvest Festival at East Dean Church  
Bookfest Workshop—Chestnut Class  
Chestnut Class visit to Southampton City Museum (details to follow)  
Bookfest Workshop - Maple and Beech Class  
Harvest Festival Service at West Dean Church  
West Dean Arboretum Wellbeing Day (tbc)  
Beech Class visit to Portsmouth Dockyard  
10.00 Hugo Van Driel Assembly  
Year 6 Height & Weight Programme  
Drama for All Workshop—Apple and Maple Class  
8.45 Remembrance Assembly  
Parent Consultation Evening  
Parent Consultation Evening  
Children in Need  
Full Governing Body Meeting  
Flu Vaccination  
10.00 Hugo Van Driel Assembly