



West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 11th February 2022



*Luna Year R - for being so keen to learn and for working hard on your phonics. Well done!*

*Frank Year 1 - for careful and focussed sewing of your colour monster. A superstar!*

*Phoebe Year 2 - for your super suffix work where you independently placed words in alphabetical order. Well done!*

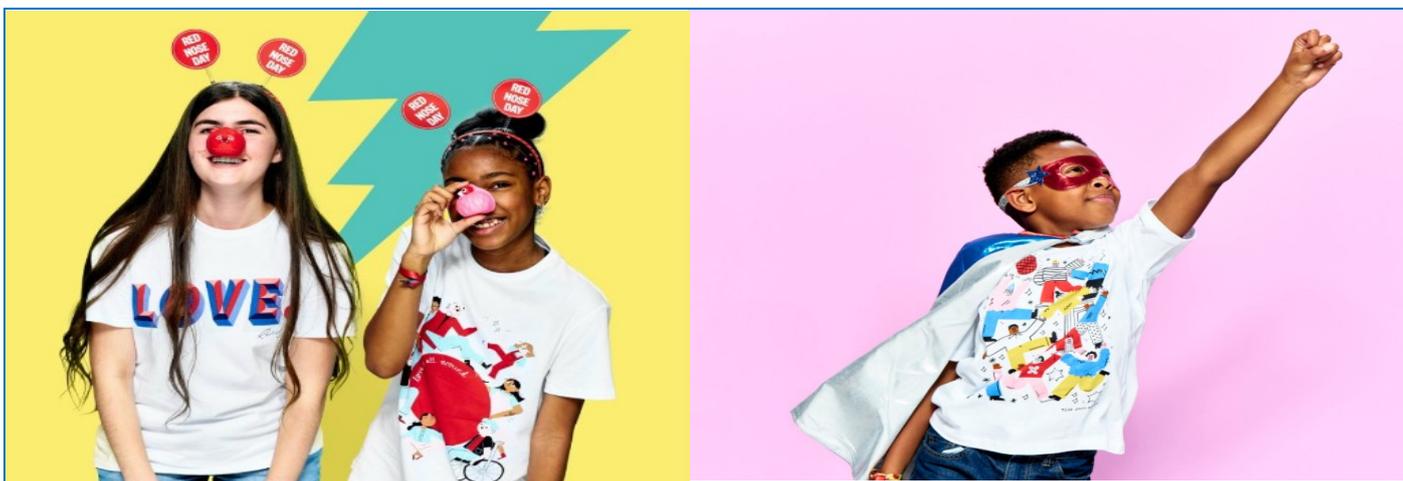
*Felix B Year 3 - for your wonderful autobiographical writing. You made great use of fronted adverbials and you wrote about your emotions by 'showing' and not 'telling' perfectly!*

*Isaac Year 4 - for determination and perseverance during Art this week. You have learned so much by having a go at a new and tricky skill!*

*Sid Year 5 - for your super approach to problem solving in mathematics. Patience, perseverance and your ability to make links ensure your success.*

*Darcey Year 6 - for confident use of calculation skills in mathematics. Believe in yourself—you can do it!*





## Comic relief—Red Nose Day 2022

Red Nose Day is coming on **Friday 18th March 2022**. We plan to join in the fun and fundraising in school on the day and want to give you plenty of warning of the things we have planned.

Primary schools are being encouraged to embrace the theme of ‘Superheroes’ as a focus for fundraising, so we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their own choice of superhero for the day, in return for a minimum donation to Comic Relief of £1. We will be collecting donations via SchoolMoney—more details of this to follow in due course.

The superhero theme will be open to the children’s own interpretation—anything goes from classic ‘Marvel’ type characters such as spiderman, hero figures in society such as the emergency services, to perhaps an inspiring person such as Emmeline Pankhurst, as seen recently on our theatre trip to ‘Fantastically Great Women who changed the World’.

Further details will follow, but for now, save the date, children, and get planning your costume!

**Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.**

### World Book Day — Thursday 3rd March 2022

WBD is on the first Thursday after the half-term break this year and is a special 25th anniversary celebration.

- Don’t panic! In light of our planning for Red Nose Day (see above), we are not asking the children to dress up as a book character this year—I am sure that will be both a disappointment to some and a great relief to others !

Instead, we have all sorts of activities planned to celebrate and encourage a love of reading, including a cross-school book share, where younger and older will pair up and share some reading.

- Please talk to your child and help them to identify their favourite book, then encourage them to bring it in to share on **Thursday 3rd March**.

### School News:

Today we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Wakefield, who is leaving to take up a new role at St Philip Howard School. Mrs Wakefield has been with us in her role as Teaching Assistant with Beech Class and Mid-day Meals support since 2018 and has been a very valuable member of our West Dean team. The children said their goodbyes during our assembly and presented Mrs Wakefield with their gifts. She will be very fondly remembered and missed by the staff and children at West Dean but has promised to keep in touch and visit us in the future; we thank Mrs Wakefield for her energy, enthusiasm, deep care for the children and good humour, and wish her well in her new role.

From next week, the Teaching Assistant role in Beech Class will be shared by Mrs Clements and Mrs Anstee.

### School Contact:

We are always happy to welcome you and to answer any questions or queries you may have.

If you have a question about your child’s learning, in the first instance please do speak to your child’s class teacher.

You can telephone: 01243 811247 or email: [office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## Sports Partnership Events

Our Cross Country runners took part in the West Sussex West races at Bishop Luffa this week. All of the children showed great determination, finishing well within the top half of the field. Willow and Evie achieved particularly high finishing positions and have been invited to race at the county championships in Brighton next month.



Well done team, such an awesome effort.



Some of our Year 2 and Year 3 children took part in the Sports Partnership 'FUN'damentals' event at Bishop Luffa, which involved a variety of field and track events designed to encourage participation and enjoyment amongst young pupils in the local area. The children all had a fantastic time, developing their basketball, obstacle course and relay racing skills.

## Join us in making our very own Ecobricks.

Ecobricks are a fantastic solution for tackling plastic pollution.

Follow our step-by-step guide to create your own Ecobrick.

Perhaps you could suggest ways to use our Ecobricks and tell us what items of plastic you have put in your bottle, cellophane bags work great!

Details and guide attached to previous Newsletters.



## UEFA Women's EURO 2022

UEFA Women's EURO 2022 is set to be the biggest European women's sport event ever. 16 nations competing across 10 venues, in nine cities with the next generation at the heart of its celebrations.

Through the West Sussex Sports Partnership we have the opportunity to purchase tickets for two England matches:

Monday 4th July, 8.00pm The Amex Stadium, Brighton and Hove—England v Norway

Friday 15th July, 8.00pm St Mary's Stadium, Southampton—England v N Ireland

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase tickets to take the children along to be part of this amazing experience. Discounted ticket price TBC— If you are interested, please do let us know by email.

Mr Williams is happy to take a group with some parent support on the night and help with transport.



## COVID safe procedures and routines

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister announced on 19 January that the temporary introduction of Plan B is to end. As a result, the Plan B measures in the guidance for schools are being removed, including the use of face masks in communal areas for adults.



**Whilst it is no-longer a legal requirement, we would appreciate your continued use of a face mask when visiting school, including drop-off and pick-up times, until such time that we are confident that the risk has reduced further. There remains a high level of COVID infection in some schools in the Chichester locality, so we want to do all we can to continue to keep West Dean healthy.**

Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>



**A reminder to all families that in order to safeguard children and adults with an allergy or intolerance to nuts, we ask that nuts and food products containing nuts are not brought into school.**

We understand that nuts can form part of a healthy diet, but ask for your cooperation in the interest of safety. Thank you.



# 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

### 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

Monday 14th February	Random Act of Kindness Week
Wednesday 16th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th February	Dancehouse—rehearsal and performance (Dance club children)
Thursday 17th February	1.00-4.00 SSP Bronze Ambassadors for selected Yr 5/6
Wednesday 2nd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—Bring your favourite book to share
Thursday 3rd March	SSP Year 5/6 High Five Netball Event (selected)
Tuesday 8th March	KS2 Drama4All—Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet
Wednesday 9th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 16th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 16th March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Thursday 17th March	1.30-3.30 SSP Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics event at Bishop Luffa
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—Superhero Dress-up
Wednesday 23rd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	Maths Challenge at Christ’s Hospital (details to follow for selected)
Thursday 24th March	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 30th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 30th March	SSP Arun Swim Gala
Wednesday 30th March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th April	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers