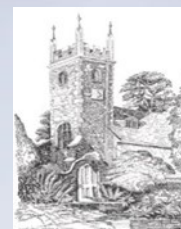




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Headteacher: Mrs G. Moss
Newsletter 28 30th April 2021



Dear Children and Parents, Today is **rainbow day** and **Good News Day!**

It has been a very busy week in school as we put things in place for exciting learning and events for the rest of this term and beyond. As you know, our governors and school team have been busy with interviews, and Mrs Goacher and the panel would like to make the following announcement:

After two rigorous days of interviews, the governors are thrilled to announce that a new Head Teacher for West Dean has been successfully appointed. Mr Christopher Williams will be joining the school in September. Mr Williams taught at Lavant Church of England Primary School for several years and then more recently as an Assistant Head at Portsmouth Grammar Junior School. We shall look forward to welcoming Mr Williams to our school community after the summer holidays.

We were able to announce this news to the children in a special good news Rainbow Assembly today, along with other good news! I am delighted with this appointment, both personally and professionally, as I am very confident indeed that the school will be steered to continued success and developed further by Mr Williams. Our paths have crossed and I have always been impressed by his teaching, his relationships with children and adults, and his professionalism. I will soon be meeting with him to begin the transition process, so that he is as well-prepared as possible, but, until September, I will remain 100% committed to my role and to leading excellent learning.

The Summer term is always my favourite, and we have many things planned, including an extra special Community Café and a whole school musical show. We have been working with the Headteacher at Oakwood School and will use their performance space to put on a West Dean in the West End version of Joseph. We are all delighted to be starting work on this and hope to work with other partners to ensure it is another show to remember!

Enjoy your Bank Holiday weekends everyone!



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

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

Look at this lovely **rainbow!**
A sign of hope and God's promise!

Although many of our plans will now come to fruition, Covid permitting, there is still the risk of changes and cancellations. We have back up plans and alternatives to most events and will inform you in the calendar and on our newsletters.

Please read to the end of the newsletter to find out about Beatrix and how she has helped lots of poorly children, about our local businesses, our calendar dates, our Acorn Awards, and the winners of the fabulous PTA raf-

FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We have been allowed the use of a small area of land near school to use as a forest school area, which will enable us to lighten the use of our grounds and vary the activities even more. Ms Boxall has devoted hours of her time to securing grants, resourcing and preparing for sessions, clearing brambles etc. We now need some **fencing**..... If you have expertise or resources to help us to make the boundaries of our new area safe with some fencing, please contact us as soon as possible.

Diary Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021: Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April—Friday 23rd July

Half Term : Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 4th May, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Thursday 6th May - Poling Day (School will remain open)

Thursday 13th May, 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

Monday 17th May, 1.15—Year 6 School Nurse visit

Tuesday 8th June, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Monday 14th June - Yellow School Photos. Leavers and Classes

Tuesday 6th July, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

Friday 9th July, 2.30-4.30—Community Café

Wednesday 14th July, 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show —details tbc

Thursday 15th July, 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show —details tbc

Tuesday 20th July, 1.30-2.30—Leavers' Service at West Dean Church tbc

Wednesday 21st July—Sports afternoon , rounders match and PTA BBQ

Friday 23rd July, 8.45—End of Term Assembly

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You can also download the eschools app, just go to the App store for your device and search eSchools—look out for Owl logo.

Dear Parents and Carers

After School Clubs Summer Term 2021

We are planning to resume some of our After School Club provision, beginning with AAA Coaching and some school staff led clubs.

Mr Johnson will run his sports club on Friday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm and each 'bubble' will have a 2 week block. Mrs Moss will run a fun French club, for 2 weeks for each bubble.

AAA sports club will take place outdoors, on the field, weather permitting; if the weather is wet then the bubble will be in their classroom with alternative resources. Mrs Prudence will run a STEM club, Mrs Johnson will run an art club and Miss Ashton will run a board games club, all in 2 week blocks in the classroom bubbles.

The cost for the 2 week block will be £10 per child, this is available to book and pay for on school-money.co.uk. Booking will be open from 9.00am on Monday 12th April.

If we don't have sufficient numbers in each bubble to make clubs viable to run, we will have to make the decision to cancel the club or offer the weeks to one of the other bubbles.

Clubs will run for 6 weeks, in 2 week blocks, from Friday 23rd April until Friday 28th May.

We will monitor and review this provision and if it is successful and safe, we will look at continuing and possibly expanding this for the second half of the SummerTerm.

A timetable is attached below.

After School Club Provision W/C 19th April - W/C 24th May - x 6 weeks

Date	Beech	Mapples	Chestnut	Chestnut Class Dance Club—Thursday
23 rd April	Ben AAA Coaching	JA Board Games	GM French	Ellie Holder
30 th April	Ben AAA Coaching	JA Board Games	GM French	29 th April
7 th May	SJ Art	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	6 th May
14 th May	SJ Art	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	13 th May
21 st May	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	KP STEM	20 th May
28 th May	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	KP STEM	28 th May



West Dean CE Primary School
Chestnut Class Community Café Friday 9th July 2021

We will be hosting a French themed Community Café at West Dean on Friday 9th July, 2021.

This will be Mrs Moss' final Community Café as Headteacher of West Dean and we will be inviting, not only members of our school community, but guests from West Sussex County Council, the Diocese, GAS schools, our Chichester Locality and friends of the school who have worked with us in the past.

We would like to invite the children, as a home task, over the bank holiday weekend, to design an invitation for our Café.

This can be in any format that you like, either pencils and crayons, pastel drawing or watercolour etc etc, the choice is yours. We may then use one or more design or incorporate more than one design into the finished creation. There doesn't need to be any wording at this stage, just the art and design.

Please return your art work to school, to your class teacher, by Wednesday 5th May and we will then look at all the art work submitted and choose some fantastic designs for our invitation.

Please do also 'Save the Date' and come along and join us, further information will follow in due course.

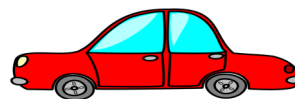


Car Parking

We will be starting our swimming pool renovation works on Wednesday 5th May. During this time, the car parking adjacent to the swimming pool fence will be unavailable. Please take care when parking if you are on our school site during this time.

Some of our parents make use of the car park at The Selsey Arms pub, Nicky very kindly allows us to do this but please do be considerate of other users and of the patrons of the pub as they have priority use.

Nicky and The Selsey Arms have supported us with our Headteacher interview days and this has meant that we have had the space to be Covid safe and adhere to restrictions. It is so lovely to see the pub open and up and running again and we would like to encourage our community to support them in any way they can - the food is delicious!



Beatrix has had quite a lot of her haircut off for the Little Princess Trust – we will be sending her hair to the charity but we have also set up a fundraiser to try and raise money for the charity and their childhood cancer research.

Beatrix has already raised almost £600!!, which is an amazing amount of money. If you would like to make a donation please follow the link gf.me/u/zrnay3 and thank you for your support.

Drums—Ben Van Driel

Please see attached information regarding Drum lessons which will begin again, on Monday afternoon, after half term.



PTA Rainbow Raffle

Thank you for supporting our PTA Rainbow Day and Raffle.

The lucky winners are:

Cake: ticket number 3, Rupert Anstee

Be Kind Print: ticket number 58, Sonny Chambers

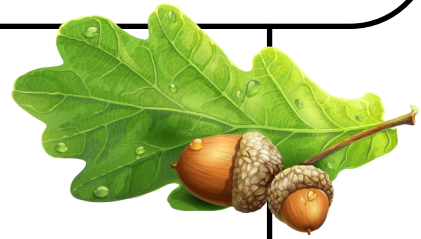
Champagne: ticket number 17, Ben Young.

Please collect your prizes after school at 3pm.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket, we raised £385 for the PTA.

West Dean CE Primary School

Acorn Awards—Friday 30th April 2021



***Atti** - for being such a good 'team member' in forest schools. You work so well with others to create and learn each week. Well done!*

***Hetty** - for your determination and enthusiasm in your learning! Keep being an amazing role model!*

***Beatrix** - for being resilient and brave when faced with a challenge*

***Harry** - for a huge improvement in your classroom focus this week, especially in maths. You worked hard to solve chocolate calculations using your knowledge of multiplication and making numbers 10 times bigger!*

***Lucia** - for a really good week and your enthusiastic approach to your 'sweetie land' design. Your ideas were unique and inspired others in the class*

***Willow** - for your fabulous 'volume' mathematics. Your calculations showed that you are a flexible mathematician who can apply your understanding in different ways*

***Sonny** - for a confident and flexible approach to problem solving in mathematics. Well done.*

Current Useful Information and Reminders:
March 2021

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

Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

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 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.

Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments 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.

PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (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.