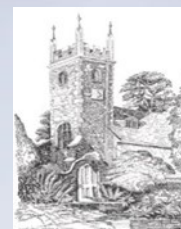




West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Newsletter 30 14th May 2021



Dear Children and Parents,

I am thrilled to report that we have had a very busy week indeed, and our timetables are beginning to fill up, as we plan visits and visitors to enrich the learning, whilst ensuring our learning is as robust as ever in the core areas. The children have had lots of shared experiences which have inspired them and which provide the vehicle for other learning. Apple Class have been looking for clues as to how the naughty bus ended up in our school pond! They have also been problem solving to figure out ways of rescuing it, and successfully adapted their plans to achieve this, I am pleased to say! They have done a lot of writing already, linked to this fun topic.

Maple Class have been offering some very scientific hypotheses as to why their caterpillars appear to be bigger than Apple Class caterpillars, and they have been enjoying lots of exciting challenges in PE with Mr Johnson, who also supports at lunchtimes on Fridays, with some fabulous equipment, including ten pin bowling!

KS2 children are doing extremely well with their tenor horn lessons and Mr Wilkins has, again, praised their approach to the learning. Beech Class are loving their work using Charlie and the Chocolate factory as a stimulus and we are really proud of their times tables work. Chestnut Class had a fabulous Aztec Day where Mia's parents led clay modelling and cooking sessions, using traditional ancient Mexican methods. We found a picture in a non-fiction book which was almost identical to the ingredients used for their cooking! The children learnt a lot from the research and the activities, and this learning is a great vehicle for literacy work. I managed to sample a delicious taco and a pre-Spanish soup, both of which were delicious. I hope that they will all try Mia's family's Mexican delivery service at some point—see attached for details.

Y6 bikeability was very worthwhile indeed and we are all excited about our preparations for the Joseph musical later this term—Chestnut Class auditions will take place next week.



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!

Please take extra care in our car park for the next couple of weeks, as we have the works carried out to get the swimming pool area ready for use.

ONLY PARK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-SCHOOL or Y1
CHILDREN PLEASE, AND PARK CAREFULLY.

Car sharing would be appreciated.

WE WILL BE INTRODUCING NEW PARKING PERMITS
FROM 17TH MAY, IN OUR CAR PARK AND IN THE
SELSEY ARMS CAR PARK TOO. See below.

WEST DEAN ROAD MAP

WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD MAP—ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE SOON REGARDING FACE COVERINGS, BUBBLES, START & FINISH TIMES AND CLUBS ETC.

OUR GOVERNORS WILL SUPPORT OUR RISK ASSESSMENTS AS WE MOVE TO A FULLER SCHOOL LIFE ONCE AGAIN.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE ADHERE TO CURRENT GUIDELINES.

Thank you for your support in keeping us all safe.

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 17th May, 1.15—Year 6 School Nurse visit

Monday 31st May - Trundle Assault Course charity Event (Details attached)

Tuesday 8th June, 9.55—Hugo Van Driel Assembly

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

Monday 21st—Friday 25th June—Chestnut class Activity Week, details tbc

Sunday 4th July, 10.30-5.00 - Rotary Club Family Fun Day (details attached)

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 & reception — Oakwood School

Thursday 15th July, 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School

Friday 16th July, 9am—Leavers' Service at West Dean Church—confirmed date

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.

Thank you to all of the children who have designed a picture to be used for the invitation for our Café. We are looking at the designs now and will try to incorporate as many as we can to create a super invitation to go out to our guests.



Parking Permit



Car Parking - Permits

Further information will be circulated next week, so please look out for this and be prepared to order a permit for parking on the school car park or in the pub car park.

Our aim is to improve parking behaviour and safety for our community.

Bikeability

Our chestnut Class children have had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability sessions this week. It looked quite different this year; the sessions were held with two children per instructor in shorter intensive two hour bursts. Singleton School very kindly allowed us to use their facilities as this is a safer option in terms of road safety.

It has certainly helped us to feel that a little normality has resumed; having to make sure that staff, children, bicycles etc are all in the right place at the right time. Thank you for your support and co-operation, this was quite a last minute opportunity, but a fantastic experience for the children.

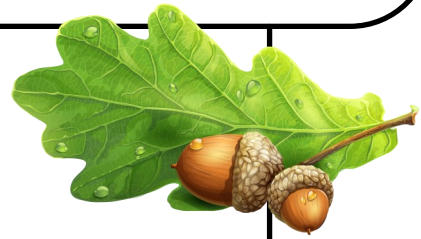


West Dean Pre-School Nursery

Some of you may be aware that Kerry Chapman will be moving on from West Dean Pre-School Nursery where she has been the manager for a number of years. Kerry has been associated with our school and with Pre-School for a long time and we wish her well in her new role.

If you would like to make a contribution to Kerry's leaving gift, please log-in to school-money.co.uk where you will find a shop item 'Kerry Chapman donation'.

West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards—Friday 14th May 2021



***Berti** - for growing in confidence and being happy to 'have a go' at anything. Well done Berti!*

***Fynn** - for your kind and calm nature in and out of the classroom. A super role model!*

***Blaise** - for your interesting and thoughtful contributions to our Africa topic. You know so many super facts!*

***Emie** - for your well balanced thoughts and ideas during the Beech Class chocolate debate! You presented your arguments brilliantly in well structured paragraphs using connectives*

***Milton** - for applying all of your multiplication and division knowledge to solve some tricky word problems. Very well done!*

***Darcy** - for your accurate use of short multiplication. You created your own word problems to show your understanding of how multiplication is used in 'real life'. Well done*

***Tilly** - for consistently giving your best. You listen carefully to feedback and are always motivated to improve and develop your skills. 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)

Thank you for supporting out PTA Rainbow Day, we raised over £300!

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.