

West Dean Church of England Primary School West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ Telephone: 01243 811247 Headteacher: Mrs G. Moss Newsletter 32 28th May 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

All the children have been a credit to you this half term and we are feeling as though things are returning to a more normal way of working. We have a selection of clubs available and lots of exciting learning, trips and events. Take a look at the calendar to make sure you don't miss anything! The swimming pool should be up and running. The car park should be well managed (see previous information regarding permits and sign up quickly!). Preparations are being made for the show—see overleaf. We are even making plans for our leavers' events.

So, we have seven weeks left of sunshine and learning, with restrictions being gradually lifted (see below), and a half term holiday to catch up on some rest and family time. Please remain safe so that we can all enjoy the rest of this school year to the full. Have a lovely half term break.

The Lifting of Restrictions

We have our own road map to normality and will be allowing children to play together outside from 8th June. Please ensure children have their coats with them every day, as we need them to sit on for our outdoor assemblies and singing rehearsals. Please continue to wear your face coverings on all school property: this is so that adults can talk to one another safely, both parent-parent and parent-teacher conversations will continue to be important and we need to minimise risk. Children will remain in bubbles for all indoor activities until further national restrictions are confirmed, and we will only sing outside, when spaced well apart from one another. Staff will wear face coverings in all shared areas and when mixing internally between bubbles. School start and finish times will remain the same, to stagger arrivals a little and limit congestion. Visitors will be allowed, with risk assessments and precautions in place—this approach will apply to school visits too. We hope to 'open up' further later on in the term. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to stay safe and PLEASE MAINAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOUR

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGH-OUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND. PLEASE PARK CAEFULLY AND APPLY FOR YOUR PERMITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Ms Boxall for all her hard work to give build numerous other social and learning skills. Our provision and practice has been formally assessed and deemed 'a model of Forest School Education' with 'exemplary practice' and 'very effective development' FANTASTIC NEWS

WEST DEAN ROAD MAP

WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD MAP-ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE SOON REGARDING FACE COVERNINGS, 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 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

Wednesday 16th June—Beech Class visit to Chichester Harbour

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, PTA BBQ and Ice Cream Van Friday 23rd July, 8.45—End of Term Assembly

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Please do take a moment to have a look at our website; we are always updating information and making improvements so that you have access to all of our information in one place. We are asking you to be vigilant too, if you spot anything that needs updating or changing or any errors, please do let us know.

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

Centurion Way

Please see attached information regarding the closure of the Centurion Way while tree works are carried out.



<u>Joseph News</u>



Costumes for the show!

Please could we ask, in preparation for our end of term show, that every child has a pair of black leggings or trousers to wear. Nearer the time, we will ask that these be brought into school in a named plastic bag, but we will send a reminder!

Any other costumes needed will be sorted out by the individual classes and teachers, but we will endeavour to give you as much warning as possible, if your child requires anything more!

In the mean time, please can we ask that your children listen to the songs as much as possible - this link on YouTube is very close to the version that we are using in school: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iunttQHhbY&list=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7fF3DP1cr0dQ2m_c

CLUBS

Please see attached timetable with details and information about our after school club provision for the second half of the summer term. We are delighted to be able to offer more variety again this half term. Sign up to be sure of a place!

Care Bear Club will be offered too.





We will be concentrating on this important area of safety for children after half term. In the meantime, I urge you to talk to them about their on-line and gaming activities, and to begin to plan how you will manage this together, as they grow older.

We will endeavour to support you at home with this, as much as possible, as it is an every more challenging aspect of growing up and of parent-hood.



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.

Please do also 'Save the Date' and come along and join us.





Car Parking - Permits

Please make sure you have ordered your parking permits for the week when we return after the half term holiday.

I am delighted to say that our friends in the church have agreed that we can use their car park, for a park and stroll option. This, along with permits for The Selsey Arms and school car park permits for parents of YR pupils or with preschool siblings in the car, should ensure everyone can find somewhere safe to park, and should reduce congestion.

Our aim is to improve parking behaviour and safety for our community. Thank you for your support in this. Reluctantly, we will have to 'ban' anyone who does not abide by the agreements on the signed permits.

News from Chichester Festival Theatre LET THE SUNSHINE IN THIS HALF TERM!

We're writing to let you know about some Family Fun events we've got programmed in early **June** as part of our celebratory <u>Open Air Weekend</u> in Oaklands Park. We'd love it if you could come along.

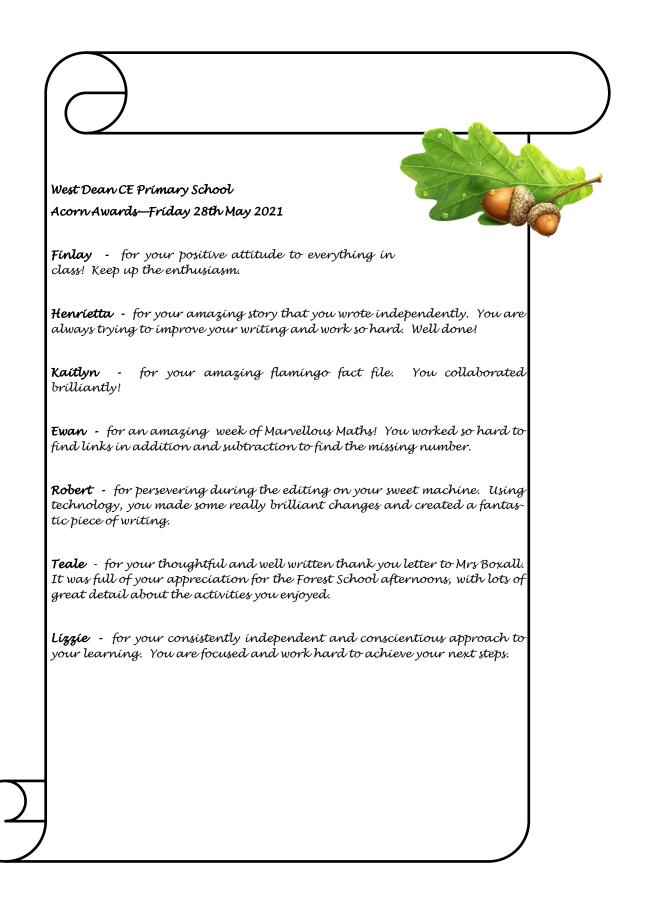
<u>Family Fun in the Park</u> will take place on Friday 4 & Saturday 5 June at 1.30pm. Suitable for anyone aged 4+, it will be a fun-packed hour full of great entertainment. You can bring your own picnic, and we're encouraging everyone to bring on the flower power and dress floral!

LOST AND FOUND

A Boots Advantage card was found in the playground, in the name of Mrs J Davies. If this belongs to you, please collect it from the School Office.

Things to do in half term

Please see attached information from **Pallant House** with details of their half term activities.



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 (<u>office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

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.

West Rean CE Primary School Business Bonanza

LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY

We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of \pounds 20 for a small box and \pounds 40 for a whole page for half a term (usually 6 weeks).

Please log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk to make your donation , this is available as a shop item, alternatively contact the school office:

office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk - 01243 811247

