



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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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,

I write this newsletter having just closed the polling station following a very successful Pupil Parliament election this morning. The children running for election as Members of Pupil Parliament (MPPs) were busy preparing and delivering their manifesto speeches to their respective classes during the first half of the week, including the children from Chestnut class who wish to represent Apple and Maple Class in the Parliament, who have had a chance to work in those classes so that their faces were known before the vote. As you can see from the photo taken this morning, someone above was telling us that it is the day to put an 'X' in the right box!

I am so proud of the children's sensible approach to the voting this morning. We tried to create as authentic a polling station as possible, with proper voting booths, clerks running the operation and of course the all-important ballot box. The serious job of counting now begins and the children will be told the results on Monday. As I said to the children in our Acorn Assembly this morning, regardless of the outcome, I am very impressed with all of the children who put themselves forward for election, and, although they can't all be elected, there will be other opportunities to be involved in the work of the Parliament.

Many of you will have witnessed the excitement during drop-off time on Wednesday morning, as we sadly said goodbye to one of the lovely trees on the school boundary. Due to the devastating impact of the disease ash-dieback, a large number of ash trees have had to be cleared along the route of Centurion Way, including some on the edge of the school site. Sad as it always is to lose trees, it is interesting to see the new views which are opened up in the process and it will be exciting to see the new growth which is encouraged within our forest school area as a result of the clearance. Year One were soon making good use of the freshly cut sections of tree trunk, as they arranged them as new seating around the fire-pit during Forest School on Thursday. You will have probably seen that the tree felling itself, and the incredible piece of machinery used, drew quite a crowd of spectators at drop-off.

Continuing the theme of clearing and maintaining our outside environment, I would be really pleased and grateful to see as many of you as are able to join us for our Grounds Morning on Saturday 13th November, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There will be a comprehensive list of jobs to work through during the morning, from sweeping and tidying the Apple Class outside area, to raking and pruning elsewhere on the school site. Please bring along any tools which you think would be useful; we have some, but more would be helpful. All workers will be rewarded with hot drinks and bacon rolls, kindly prepared by members of our PTA. It should be a fun and rewarding morning - prayers and fingers crossed for fine weather!

The following day is the nearest Sunday to Remembrance Day and consequently this will be when this year's act of remembrance will take place at West Dean Church. Rev Sarah has invited us to take part in the act of remembrance, with hopefully several of our children laying a wreath at the memorial in church. I will be attending the service myself, but ask any of you who might be able to attend as a family, so that your children could lay the wreath on behalf of the school to please get in touch with me or Mrs Shears in the office.

The 16th and 17th of November will be our two Parents' evenings for this term. After taking advice from Headteacher colleagues in other schools in our locality and following concerning numbers of Covid-19 cases in the area, it is with regret that we are sadly unable to invite you into school in person for these meetings, and they will once again be run via Zoom. Many of you indicated in the recent parent survey that this is actually your preference anyway, but for those that didn't, I am sorry, we all hope to be able to welcome families into school again soon. Further details of how to make a Parent's Evening appointment will follow soon. There is a lot going on in the coming weeks as we approach the run up to Christmas, so please do take time to read the other diary dates and notices on this newsletter.

As you will have seen, we received an invitation this week for everyone in our wider school community to join in on the West Dean College fireworks and bonfire this evening from 6.30pm. This is a lovely invitation and a wonderful opportunity to develop our friendship with the college. I shall be there with my family and look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us.

With my best wishes, Chris Williams





*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 5th November 2021*



Keanu - for confidently talking about Diwali to the class. You shared so many ideas about how you celebrate!

Miles - for being consistently thoughtful and caring to others. You are always a good friend to others.

Amelie - for always being ready to learn and facing every task with a positive attitude. You are a joy to have in Maple Class!

Henry - for producing some really thoughtful words and sentences after looking carefully at some 'Battle of the Somme' photographs. Well done!

Leo - for your effective use of bar models to solve a range of maths problems. Your maths brain was super charged and ready for the challenge.

Lucia - for completing your homework at home on time. This shows your commitment to 'Learning for Life'. Well done.

Willow - for a consistently responsible and conscientious attitude to your learning. Your engagement is very evident through your ability to make connections and show analytical thinking.



Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December

We have confirmed the date of our Chartwells Christmas Lunch. If you would like to order a Christmas meal, visit www.mealselector.co.uk, you can order now until 5th December. School meals are free for all children in Years R, 1 and 2, look out for the form to complete your order coming shortly. Please see attached poster with details of the meal choices.



Chartwells are also running a Super Hero Card Campaign, further details of this scheme are attached to the Newsletter.

WSCC carried out an audit of Chartwells kitchen this week and we were very pleased to be told that Barbara had achieved 100%. Congratulations to Barbara and thank you for all your hard work.



Rotary Chichester Priory — Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Wessex Shoebox Scheme this year, we returned 13 shoeboxes. Thank you for your support.

Grounds Morning — Save the date

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful and expansive school grounds, but this does result in the need for quite a lot of maintenance.

As our school prayer says, *many hands make a house, so many hearts make a school*. Many hands also make light work of tidying up the garden and grounds for winter!



So, if you are able, please join us for a healthy and active morning of trimming, sweeping, digging and general tidying of our school grounds on **Saturday 13th November 9.30 to 12.30**.

You will be welcome to stay for as much or as little time as you can — any time you can offer will be very helpful and much appreciated, and will be rewarded with plenty of hot drinks and a bacon butty! Thank you.



What is Worship like at Bishop Luffa School?

Come and make new friends

Get to know some of our staff and students

Experience a service at Bishop Luffa

Youth Worship at Bishop Luffa School

For Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Thursdays, 3.30pm—5.00pm

Youth Worship

I am delighted to share with you that Bishop Luffa School are offering Youth Worship on Thursday afternoons for Primary School children in Years 3 to 6.

Youth Worship starts on Thursday 4th November at Bishop Luffa School.

To book please [click on this link](#)



COVID safe procedures and routines

Please remember your face mask when visiting school, including drop-off and pick-up times.

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

www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool

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 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.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Smarties Challenge over the half term holiday.

We have had some super decorated boxes brought in and have collected lots of loose change too!

We will be able to give you the grand total next week, once it has all be counted.

Thank you for your support.



PTA Film Night

Friday 19th November

Following on from our Children in Need fun day, we have our 'Film Night' on Friday 19th November, 3.00-4.45. the children will be wearing their spotty/stripy clothes to enjoy watching Peter Rabbit 2 together.



Please see attached poster for further information.

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)



Children in Need - Friday 19th November

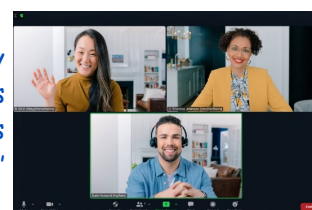
We would like to join in with BBC Children in Need on Friday 19th November. Children are invited to

wear their own clothes, anything with spots and/or stripes or just something colourful, in return for a donation to Children in Need. We would suggest a minimum donation of £2 per child, available as a shop item on schoolmoney.co.uk. Of course, if you would like to pledge more, you may add as many £2 items to your basket as you wish.

Thank you for your support and let's do all we can to help Children in Need.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November. Both evenings will be 10 minute appointments on 'Zoom'. Booking will go 'live' on Wednesday 10th November.



Governing Body News:

For information regarding our Governing Body,, please contact Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors.

pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in the playground every morning and afternoon during the week commencing 8th November 2021.



The children are busy preparing for our Remembrance Assembly next week where 'We will remember them'.

A polite 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.



WEST DEAN COLLEGE
ARTS & CONSERVATION

Fantastic Fireworks

West Dean College of Arts and Conservation is delighted to invite you to a traditional bonfire and fireworks night on Friday 5th November. O'Hagans will be on hand from 6pm for you to purchase hot food and refreshments (card or cash) with the bonfire being lit at 6.30pm. Fireworks will commence at 7.15pm. Please use the main college entrance., gates open at 6pm.



Day	Adult Lead	Max		Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs Pearmaine	12		Lego	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20		Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr Williams	20		Cross Country Running	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8		Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4,
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12		Dance	£20.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	14		Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th November, 6th December - x 5 weeks

Please Note: No clubs during W/C 15th November - Parent Evenings

Dance Club is 4 weeks only - no Dance on Thursday 9th December

Our dancers will be working towards Dance House 2022 in the Autumn term 2 and Spring term 1 dance club. Rehearsal and performance will be at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis on Thursday 17th February, further details to follow nearer the time.

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.

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.

Our 'Bears' are cared for by one a member of staff and will have a drink and a snack and access to a range of activities and play.

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.

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.

Clubs will go 'live' on Friday 22nd October at 4.00pm.

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

Monday 8th November	Drama for All Workshop—Apple and Maple Class
Wednesday 10th November	Maple Class 'virtual' Fire and Rescue visit
Thursday 11th November	11.15 Remembrance Assembly
Saturday 13th November	9.30-12.30 School Grounds Morning (details tbc)
Sunday 14th November	Remembrance Sunday at West Dean Church
Tuesday 16th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 17th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 18th November	SSP Sportshall Athletics Event—Chestnut
Friday 19th November	Children in Need
Friday 19th November	3.00-4.45 PTA Film Night—Peter Rabbit 2
Tuesday 23rd November	10.00-12.00 SSP Football Event (selected)
Thursday 25th November	Year 2 Phonics Screening
Thursday 2nd December	1.00-3.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football Event (selected)
Thursday 2nd December	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 6th December	2.00pm KS1 Production—The Raggedy King
Tuesday 7th December	9.15 KS1 Production—The Raggedy King
Tuesday 7th December	Flu Vaccination
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Disco (details tbc)

Christmas Week

Monday 13th December	10.00 Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 14th December	10.00 Visit to West Dean College (tbc)
Wednesday 15th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15th December	2.00pm—Christmas Party
Thursday 16th December	8.45, Christingle Making in school
Thursday 16th December	4.45, Christingle Service at WD Church (tbc)
Friday 17th December	8.45, End of Term Assembly

