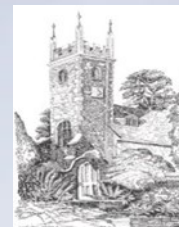




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Headteacher Mrs G. Moss
Newsletter 39 23rd July 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

We have had a superb final week in school and have navigated our way safely and happily through the ever changing world in which we find ourselves. The show DID go on! The children were fabulous in their roles in the Joseph musical, which was an ambitious show to stage with children, but was carried out to a very high standard. The children and staff did a fabulous job of making this happen and we send our thanks to all involved - a copy of the program is attached for your mementos of the event. We were very disappointed not to have a live audience, but very grateful for your support with costumes, filming, logistics and in accepting our difficult decisions - so much support. We are working behind the scenes to get the electronic screening of the show to you so that you can snuggle up with some popcorn and enjoy the performance together at home! You will be notified as soon as we can do this, and we may rely on the WhatsApp groups for help with this.

We had our first governors' meeting in person for months, and sat outside to catch up on all that has been happening and all that will be in place for September. It was a very refreshing change after the uncomfortable Zoom meetings! My thanks go to all those who have been governors over the years and supported the school in maintaining high standards in all we do.

We also found a safe way of holding our transition afternoon, where our new classes spent most of the time outside but had the opportunity to sit in their new classrooms for a few minutes and experience what things will be like when they return. Our new YR friends joined us to have a taste of West Dean life: they are a lovely, friendly little bunch and we were so pleased to be able to welcome them in. All the children spent time with their new teachers for September, whilst Y6, Mrs Shears and I had a little pool party to celebrate our times in West Dean!

Today has been perfect, with a superb end of the year assembly where I was made even more proud of the school and the community, by the singing, words and actions of our PTA, staff, parents, carers and children. The sun shone and a great feeling of love filled the school. We are now muddling through with a significant power cut, but, as usual, everyone is rolling their sleeves up and 'getting on with it', in a typical West Dean, unflustered way.

Thank you all for your support throughout this year. I wish you all a very happy holiday and a superb future with Mr Chris Williams, your new headteacher, who is very excited about joining the school.

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGH-
OUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.**

Face Coverings (masks and visors) are available to buy from
our Reception if you have forgotten yours.

THANK YOU FOR PARKING CAREFULLY —
THIS SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING A LITTLE :)

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

A few words from me.....

I have used the words from our school song, school prayer, and from 'Forever Young' to express my hopes and dreams for all our children and for the school, but I wanted to add a couple of words here, for anyone who missed this morning or is remotely interested!

Being the Headteacher at West Dean has been the highlight of my career and has given me some of the happiest and most fulfilling times of my life. I began teaching over thirty years ago and have worked in a range of primary schools, large and small, inner city and coastal, and here in the lovely south Downs. I have learnt something new every day, and brought up two wonderful children (James is married and lives in Melbourne, and Eleanor lives in Brighton and works for the university there). I never set out to be a headteacher, but always wanted to do more and more for children.

My own education was disrupted and challenging at times, and so I always knew what I felt a school should be: a place where children and grown ups work together to gain high standards in curriculum subjects by taking part in rich, real life learning and by being safe to make mistakes, try new things and simply grow in a secure loving environment. I never imagined I would be able to come close to providing this and to work in such a beautiful setting.

I am extremely proud of our team at West Dean and of all we have achieved. The bumpy ride we have had over the last eighteen months has been trying, but I am pleased we have navigated our way safely and with such outstanding results in terms of the community and the learning. It is the right time to hand over to Chris Williams, who will be a fabulous leader for you all. His experience is sound and he is a caring, level-headed chap who I would have chosen myself, had this been appropriate! However, our governors, staff and children made a fabulous choice and I am sure that Mr. Williams will find that this is, indeed, his dream job.

My new chapter will begin in France with Phil, Wiley and Rufus. There is a lot to sort out, but we should be 'home' in a couple of weeks. I am hoping to do a blog in case anyone wants to keep in touch: I plan to post some of the adventures we have on the way, and the places we visit in our motorhome.

A piece of my heart will remain in West Dean and I wish to express my gratitude for all your kind words, generous gifts and support along the way.

Thank you to you all.

I will miss this small school with a big heart and wish you all the very best for your futures.

Gill Moss/Harrison :)

A few words from a wonderful wordsmith:

May God bless and keep you always
May your wishes all come true
May you always do for others
And let others do for you
May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung
May you stay forever young
May you stay forever young

May you grow up to be righteous
May you grow up to be true
May you always know the truth
And see the light surrounding you
May you always be courageous
Stand upright and be strong
May you stay forever young
May you stay forever young

May your hands always be busy
May your feet always be swift
May you have a strong foundation
When the winds of changes shift
May your heart always be joyful
May your song always be sung
And may you stay forever young

Summer Holiday Swimming:

Thanks to our amazing team of First Aiders and Supervisors, we are able to open our swimming

Pool during the first two weeks of the summer holiday.

The pool will be open each day between 2.00 and 4.00.

Places can be booked on schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please do book in and come along and join us for a swim.



Ice Creams

Please remember to log-in to schoolmoney.co.uk if you would like to make a donation towards the children's ice creams yesterday afternoon.

The West Sussex County Council Bikeability team will be running Bikeability activity sessions this summer in partnership with our catering provider, Monster Foods.

Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a **Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Training Course** at St Wilfrid's school in Crawley as part of the **Holidays Activity and Food programme (HAF)**.

Important note: All course inductees must be over the age of 10 years old and have a reasonable level of bicycle control skills prior to attending including making the cycle go where they want, cycling with one hand and looking behind. Training will take place on single lane public roads with a moderate flow of traffic.

Courses will be run over four days between the following dates:

August 2nd - August 5th
August 9th - August 12th
August 16th - August 19th

There will be 2 session options per day and each daily training session will last for 2 hours. Available options:

10.00 - 12.00
13.00 - 15.00

Each day between 12:00 and 13:00 children will receive a packed lunch provided by Monster Food Crawley.

For further information and to book a place on one of the courses, please contact Ed Clark, Cycle Training Development Officer on 03302228651 edward.clark@westsussex.gov.uk

Diary Dates 2021/22

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**

2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

Schools re-opens for Year 1 to 6 on Monday 6th September (Reception Monday 13th September)

Monday 28th February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July

Monday 6th September—Back to School Year 1—Year 6

Monday 13th September—School Starts for Year R



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards—Friday 23rd July 2021*

Mrs Moss—for being an amazing Headteacher.

All the children—for bringing us joy and working so hard

All the classroom staff—for working their socks off to bring such fabulous learning to the school

Mrs. Shears and Mrs. Bailey—for making things happen, for being patient with us when we forget things and for giving 150%

CAR PARKING

We have a serious situation to resolve for September: despite thinning the number of cars in the car park at The Selsey Arms, our parking is still impacting on their business. Cars are being left for long periods of time, much longer than pick up/drop off, and are putting off trade or making deliveries difficult. The afternoons are worse than the mornings. If anyone has any suggestions for how to improve this, please let us know.

**Check out the tea towels and aprons available to order,
with your wonderful children's images and some lovely
depictions of our staff team, 2021!
A classy addition to any kitchen!**

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.

West Dean CE Primary School
Business Bonanza

LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY

We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of £20 for a small box and £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



Mexico in My Kitchen

BORED OF THE SAME OLD MEALS? SPICE THINGS UP WITH OUR VIBRANT, AUTHENTIC TACO KITS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR.

SHARE THE MEXICAN LOVE AND BRING SOME SUNSHINE TO YOUR KITCHEN!

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WWW.MEXICOINMYKITCHEN.CO.UK 07873621035

The advertisement features a vibrant yellow background with images of Mexican food including tacos, chili peppers, and a bowl of soup. The text is in various colors and fonts, emphasizing the authenticity and vibrancy of the taco kits.