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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

Newsletter 6 - 12.10.22

As we begin to (don't tell the children) turn our thoughts to Christmas, we are delighted to be supporting the Rotary Club Shoebox Project again this year. Here is a message from the Chichester Rotary Club about the project. Further details can be found on a separate information leaflet that will be sent with this newsletter.

If you would like to support the project, you are welcome to either use your own shoebox, or pick up a pre-printed flat pack box from the school office



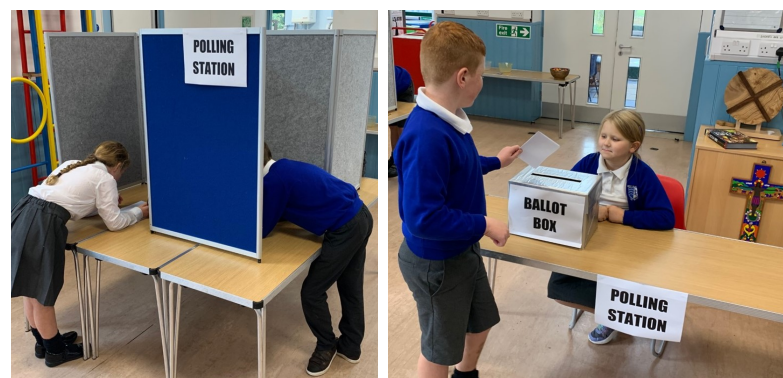
Rotary Chichester Priory Shoebox Project 2022

We are delighted to confirm that the Rotary club of Chichester Priory is participating in the well-established Wessex Shoebox scheme and your School has volunteered to participate.. This year we are planning to send Shoeboxes to underprivileged children in Ukraine as well as Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania in time for Christmas. Distribution of Shoeboxes is handled by Rotarians in the recipient countries direct to the children.

This will be the third year we have participated in this project and the photos here show the Shoeboxes being received last Christmas.



This year we will be supplying preprinted shoeboxes of the correct size provided as a 'flatpack' although the option to provide your 'own' shoeboxes will still be there provided they are of reasonable size (not trainer or boot boxes Please)



Autumn Arboretum Ambling!

We were so sorry that the weather put a stop to our planned whole school walk to West Dean Arboretum this week, but we're praying that next week brings more sunshine and allows us to get out next Thursday, 20th October.

We will confirm whether the walk is on in good time on Wednesday. The school day will run as normal and all of the children will be back in school in time for lunch, without any change to routine.

Children do need to come to school in outdoor clothes rather than school uniform, including sturdy shoes or trainers for walking, a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if possible.

Pupil Parliament Polling

As we prepare the newsletter this week, news of yet more cabinet reshuffling within our government is emerging.

I'm very pleased to say that after this week's elections, our own West Dean Pupil Parliament seems to be considerably more stable than the example being set by the UK's adult MPs!

Congratulations to Martha, Finley, Amelie and Felix, who were elected to parliament representing Beech Class, to Aven, Robert, Isaac and James, who were elected to represent Chestnut Class, and to Leo and Bonnie who were elected to the special role of enabling the children in Apple and Maple Class to have their voice heard in parliament.

Well done to all who put themselves forward for election and campaigned with such careful thought and enthusiasm.



Remember to follow our new Instagram feed [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 12th October 2022



Jack Year R - for being confident at having a go with writing your letters. Well done. :)

Holly Year 1 - for thinking carefully about the words in your prayer when you made a prayer hand. :)

Indigo Year 2 - for working independently to create a fantastic poster all about how astronauts stay healthy on the International Space Station. Well done!

Fynn Year 3 - for super use of counting on to find the difference to complete subtraction calculations. You worked so hard independently. Well done!

Ollie Year 4 - for amazing descriptive writing to describe the Stone Age hunt. You chose some excellent vocabulary to create powerful sentences.

Mason Year 5 - You are polite, hard working, kind and always helpful. You are a great example for others to follow.

Frankie Year 6 - for your imaginative and carefully crafted card. You have a wonderful talent.



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023

Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July



Autumn Term 2022

Monday 17th October	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 19th October	Year 6 Height & Weight Programme
Thursday 20th October	Whole School Arboretum Visit (tbc)
Friday 21st October	3.00—PTA Pop-Up Shop selling Diwali sweets
Monday 31st October	Closing Date for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 2nd November	1.30-3.00 SSP Fundamentals, Bishop Luffa—Maple Class
Thursday 3rd November	Chestnut Class visit to Portsmouth DD Museum (details tbc)
Wednesday 9th November	1.00-3.00 SSP Dodgeball at Westgate, Chestnut Class
Thursday 10th November	West Sussex Fire & Rescue visit to Maple Class
Friday 11th November	10.45, Remembrance Assembly
Friday 11th November	2.30-4.00 Revival Community Cafe
Monday 14th November	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 15th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Wednesday 16th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Thursday 17th November	8.45, Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 17th November	PTA Film Night (tbc)
Friday 18th November	Children in Need
Thursday 24th November	8.45, Maple Class Assembly
Monday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 1st December	8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 1st December	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 7th December	1.30-4.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football event
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly
Tuesday 13th December	1.00-3.00 SSP Small School Football event Yr 5/6