



West Dean Church of England Primary School  
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Dear parents, carers and children,

We are all delighted with our return to school after the half term holidays: you will all no doubt know that the pool is open and most of our children have been in! Your children will also, no doubt, have told you about the fabulous playtimes we have had this week. On Tuesday, after a super Hugo assembly, the 'bubbles burst' and all children played together on the field and playground. The joy was tangible and the change in atmosphere has been remarkable. We have all learnt to appreciate being able to socialise and play freely, and this will now have a positive impact on children of all ages, as they mix, mingle, and learn from & with one another.

Our assemblies are still outside, and children will need to be seated on the tarmac for part of the time, so a **sweatshirt or coat to sit on** will be useful, please. We are in the midst of **dance and drama rehearsals** for our show and our **interviews for the Y5/6 roles in the Community Café** have taken place too. We are, however, beginning to do some singing in classrooms and in the hall, at times when the spaces will be vacated for sanitising—before playtimes and before home time—and with plenty of spacing and ventilation.

Our clubs are providing further opportunities for children to 'catch up' on some of the experiences we have all missed, over the past few months. Please do sign up for these as there are spaces in several of them and we need to keep them financially viable. **Care bear club** is now available each day, once again.

We very much hope that, once restrictions finally lift, we will be able to maintain all this provision, and build on it further. If you are available to support with swimming sessions in school, then we often need additional adults, to ensure safe ratios. No experience needed, as you will be an additional adult for that lesson.

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 are available to buy from our Reception if you  
have forgotten to bring 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!

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!

These are available to purchase on  
[schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) and will be on  
sale in our Community Café.

**An asset to any kitchen!**

## CURRICULUM NEWS

In addition to relaunching our **swimming, dance and drama** curriculum, our staff team have been analysing where we still have gaps in learning due to lockdowns, and we are targeting support in these areas. For many pupils, this will be in areas of mathematics, and in the technical areas of writing (use of complex punctuation and understanding the terminology of grammar, for example). We have also identified areas where we have not covered the same ground in the curriculum, such as in computing, history and geography—these will be 'gaps' for all our pupils. We are building as much of this learning into our coming terms, and will retain our high expectations. It is possible that your child will have a little support from our tutors over the coming weeks, where we have identified gaps, but this is a national initiative and nothing to be concerned about.

### 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 14th June - Yellow School Photos. Individuals, 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



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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.





## Joseph News

### 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=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7fF3DP1crOdQ2m\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iunttQHhbY&list=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7fF3DP1crOdQ2m_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.



## E-SAFETY

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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

We will be hosting a French themed Community Café at West Dean on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



We have some amazing tea towels and aprons that the children have

Designed for our Community Café. These will be on sale at the Café but they are also available to buy now on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). This will be your last chance to purchase a West Dean product featuring Mrs Moss!

Take a look in the notice board for a preview of this season's 'must have' !!

Tea towels are priced at £4.00 each, adult aprons £6.50 and children's aprons £6.00.

Don't miss out - put your orders in now before they all go!

Please see attached information regarding Bag2School fundraising scheme.

Please return your bags to school ready for collection on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

The more they weigh, the more they pay!!

## Car Parking - Permits

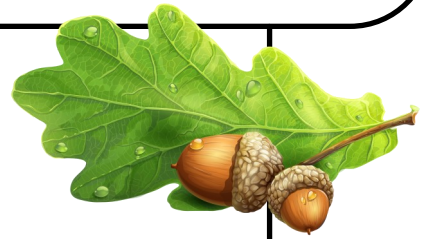
Thank you for ordering and collecting your parking permits—the situation in the school car park has already eased a little and is, therefore, safer. It remains vital to drive slowly and carefully, however, as we have had a further accident involving the gate—please, please take care!



I trust that the parking in The Selsey Arms car park is less congested too, and that people are taking the opportunity to park and stride from the church car park.

Our aim is to improve parking behaviour and safety for our community, rather than to make money out of this—the charges are covering our admin costs and providing a donation to the church, pub and Forest School. Thank you for your continued support.

*West Dean CE Primary School*  
*Acorn Awards—Friday 11th June 2021*



***Hettie** - for having a brilliant first week in Apple Class. You have had a smile on your face and settled so quickly.*

***Bronte** - for your fantastic throwing skills in javelin. You listened well and aimed accurately. Brilliant!*

***Matilda** - for being an amazing role model to the younger children in PE. You were so helpful with your instructions. Well done!*

***Nova** - for your continued passion towards reading. It's a pleasure to hear you sharing your thoughts about the different storylines and characters from the books you have read*

***Bertie** - for taking every opportunity to learn new things with such enthusiasm. Your energy whilst learning the Joseph dance had a positive effect on everyone involved*

***Elliot** - for a super and well considered job application letter, you got the persuasive tone just right. Writing for a real-life purpose was very motivating.*

***Josh** - for the motivation and independence you showed when writing your job application letter. You loved writing for a real purpose and understood how to sound confident and persuasive.*

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) to make your donation , this is available as a shop item, alternatively contact the school office:

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