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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**

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**Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble'** which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

**Industrial Action**

We are now in a position to inform you that school will be open for all pupils on Wednesday 1st February, the day of planned industrial action called by the NEU Teaching Union, from the usual time of 8.35am. We will be in further contact regarding the proposed dates of industrial action planned for shortly after the half term break, as soon as we are able.

**Chartwells New Parent Pay Meal Ordering System**

You will have received an email containing your activation details to log-in to your new Parent Pay account. Please do remember to take the time to verify your email address to activate your account. This will enable you to book through this new system for meals **w/c 6th February**. Please do contact the school office if you need any assistance.

**Disabled Car Parking**

Some time ago, I wrote to parents to highlight the new, more clearly marked, disabled parking space in the school car park, as well as to remind families that the main school car park is reserved for parents of children in Key Stage 1 during drop-off and pick-up. In most areas of school life, I am immensely proud of the care and respect shown within our school community between children and adults alike.

Sadly, there is a small minority of people who continue to ignore the above requests, almost on a daily basis.

We all acknowledge that parking is an issue at West Dean, as it is in many schools, and we continue to be immensely grateful to The Selsey Arms pub, for allowing use of their car park which goes some way towards a solution.

It is not our intention to be awkward, but we have put a system in place which needs to be respected.

I am sure you would prefer me to spend my time positively engaging with parents on the playground at drop off and pick up times, rather than having to monitor car park etiquette.

Please respect the system we have in place for the sake of everyone's safety and wellbeing.

**Furry Friends on School Grounds**

We think it is really important that your children get to experience being around animals and how to behave towards them. We are also delighted that Monty has been welcomed so successfully into the school community. As explained previously, Monty is fully insured and his presence in school has been risk assessed and a related policy created, which you are welcome to view at any time.



If you are bringing a furry friend onto the school grounds at the start or end of the day, please **ensure** that they are on a lead and under the complete control of an **adult**, not a child. Thank you.

**West Sussex West Schools Cross Country Races**

Very well done to Bonnie, Nova, Henry, Rupert, James, Emily, Daisy, Benny and George who braved the cold, thick mud and epic 2.1km course length of the schools cross country races at Bishop Luffa School on Wednesday afternoon. They ran with superb stamina and determination as part of a huge field of around 100 runners in each year group. Amidst the excitement, we didn't manage to take a complete team photograph, so here are a few running shots, with a team shot hopefully coming soon. Congratulations runners, we are proud of you. Next stop, Chichester Corporate Challenge?



## Maple Class Marwell Adventure

The children in Maple Class enjoyed a fantastic day of exploration at Marwell Zoo on Wednesday, supporting their class topic 'Don't let them disappear'. They returned full of stories of snow leopards, hippos and tigers and it was clear that they had engaged in brilliant learning about wild animals and how to care for them. Thank you to Mrs Reynolds for organising such a great trip.



## Apple Class visit on tour in Chichester!

The children in Apple Class were bubbling with excitement today, following yesterday's trip to Chichester. The morning started with a visit to Chichester Library, where the children learnt how the library works, had a chance to explore a huge range of books and select some books to borrow for use in school. The next stop was Chichester Cathedral, where the children discovered all manner of interesting things, from beautiful stained glass to Roman mosaics which lay in secret for hundreds of years beneath the cathedral floor. Now if that wasn't exciting enough, the morning was topped off with a double decker bus ride back to school—which appears to have been the highlight for many! Thank you parents for your support and cooperation in dropping your children in central Chichester at the start of the day and to Mrs Plackett and the team for leading the children on their Chichester adventure.



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West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 27th January 2023



- Yr R** *Alfie* - for fantastic listening and enthusiasm in your learning, you really like to try any challenge. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Viva* - for being so helpful on our school trip. You were an expert in the library and showed both teachers and friends what to do!
- Yr 2** *Frank* - for being so engaged on our trip to Marwell. You were focussed during the workshop, asked lots of question and were keen to share your knowledge of all the animals! Well done!
- Yr 3** *Henrietta A* - for working hard in music to create a super motif based on Wassily Kandinsky's 'Squares with Concentric Circles'. Well done!
- Yr 4** *Matilda* - for excellent use of persuasive language when writing your advert to try and sell the Twits house. Well done.
- Yr 5** *Zebby* - for skilful use of charcoal, chalk and pastels to create a very impressive and realistic image of a full moon for our 'phases of the moon' calendar.
- Yr 6** *Daisy* - for showing an awesome attitude towards your learning. You are conscientious and take advantage of opportunities to learn in all areas. Well done for taking part in the Cross Country competition.



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

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

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

Half Term—Monday 13th—Friday 17th February

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

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

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



### Spring Term 2023

Thursday 2nd February	Whole School Arboretum Visit (am)
Thursday 2nd February	SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)
Monday 6th February	Maths in Action activity day for Chestnut Class at Fontwell Racecourse
Tuesday 7th February	Dancehouse at Alexandra Theatre for Dance Club
Wednesday 8th February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> (Children return on Tuesday 21st Feb.)
Wednesday 22nd February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd February	10.30—1.00 SSP Sportshall Athletics, all Chestnuts Class (change of date)
Wednesday 1st March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	Chestnut Class visit to Science Museum, London (details to follow)
Wednesday 8th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 15th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd March	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 29th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 29th March	1.00-3.00, SSP '60 Active Minutes' at Westgate, Beech Class
Thursday 30th March	End of Term Assembly at West Dean Church (details to follow)
Thursday 30th March	SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)

After School Clubs  
Spring Term 2023

Spring 1  
First half of Spring term

x5  
weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	
<b>Monday</b>	Mr C Williams	20	Language	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
	Mrs L Plackett	8	Hama Beads	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs A Chilton	10	Art and Craft	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4	
	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Goacher 6.30-7.00pm	20	Westbourne House Swim	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Mugeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6	
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	14	Dance	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching Mr B Johnson	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6	