

# West Dean Church of England Primary School West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ Telephone: 01243 811247 Headteacher Mrs G. Moss Newsletter 37 9th July 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

It would have been a beautiful day for a Community Café, but we have been treated to a Red Arrows display instead!

We are in the final stages of preparing for our Joseph Show.... today, an ex pupil popped into school to say hello, and she remembered very clearly how much she loved playing her role in the same play fourteen years ago! How lucky we are to be teaching these areas of the curriculum again - singing, music, dance, oral performance, learning verse, etc, whilst building our pupils' emotional resilience, learning about and from one another, and giving all our pupils a different chance to shine. There is no doubt that we are also making memories for life!

I am, however, pleased to say that our classrooms remain full of rigorous learning in mathematics, reading and writing: this will be the case until the last day in school, as always. Effective teaching and learning is always a balance of learning key skills and knowledge; using and applying these key skills and this knowledge; having a real purpose for learning and providing exciting and inspirational learning experiences.

We are also busy getting ready for our sports afternoon, which is a very important part of our school year and gives a purpose for other areas of learning.

You will find booking information for both these events on separate communications, so please do look out for these, as we will only be allowing entry via our official booking systems.

Thank you, this week, to the Goacher family. Thank you to Mrs Goacher (Jr) for all her work with the school garden and Maple Class outdoor growing area, both of which are becoming prolific in producing herbs, fruit and vegetables. Thank you to Mrs Goacher (Snr) for all her support for our governing body. Thank you to the Goacher men in the household, who are responsible for ensuring our grass looks super and our grounds are ready for all our Summer learning and sports.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our swimming sessions—in school and after school. Thank you to everyone who is our Joseph production preparation. We could not details without you all!

Please continue to stay safe and LEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUG 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 Fainbow!

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!.

A classy addition to any kitchen

Our Year 6 received their 'Leaver's' Hoodies in Assembly this morning. They are all looking really smart and proud, even Mrs Moss had one too! Our thanks to Nikki Healy for her support with this.





A huge well done to Beech and Chestnut Classes for their super Tenor Horn performances last week. The Zoom sessions were well received and very much appreciated by our audiences at home.

Mr Wilkins has expressed his gratitude to the school for welcoming him and for enabling him and the children to make such great progress in a short space of time. He says that West Dean pupils are the best he has ever worked with and that we are the best organised school with the highest expectations of behaviour and progress! How lovely to hear that and well done to our teaching teams as well as the pupils.

KS2 pupils will embark on lessons with a new instrument in the Autumn term. Watch this space!

# 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

Wednesday 14th July — Sports afternoon & rounders match

**Friday 16th July**, 9am—Leavers' Service at West Dean School (via Zoom to parents)

Monday 19th July— 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 21st July - 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School tbc

Thursday 22nd July - 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School tbc

Friday 23rd July — 8.45—End of Term Assembly



# West Dean CE Primary School Acorn Awards—Friday 9th July 2021

**Mía** - for your enthusiasm and trying your best in all areas of your learning

**Owen** - for your great balancing skills, team work and supporting others on the slack line

**Felix** - for consistently showing determined resilience. You give 100% to everything you do especially your singing and dancing, which is superb!!

**George** - for your enthusiasm and focus during the Joseph rehearsals. You projected your voice brilliantly.

**James** - for using the story of Joseph to inspire your own creative river writing

**Elliot** - for your super article about mountain biking. You have captured the journalistic tone required very effectively

**Nell** - for your super leadership skills as a magazine editor. You are coping well with the considerable demands of the role.

# 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

