



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 25th March 2022*



***Percy Reception** - for your super pond dipping at The Wetland Centre. You used the spotter guide to accurately see what you had found.*

***Indigo Year 1** - for your brilliant questioning about the wildlife on our school trip. You were so helpful at sharing your knowledge.*

***Bronte Year 2** - for your independent construction of your chassis and axle ready for your motor vehicle. You showed resilience and determination and achieved a superb outcome!*

***Iris Year 3** - for a wonderful start at West Dean. You have settled into life in Beech Class brilliantly and we are thrilled to have you with us.*

***Isaac Year 4** - for your fabulous directing and acting during our drama work on A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

***Florence Year 5** - for a super balanced argument. Your points were well explained and you were able to express a personal opinion. Super independent work.*

***Eloi Year 6** - for showing super learning behaviours in class. You listen attentively and are focussed and motivated. We are very pleased that you have joined us in Chestnut Class.*



A message from our Assistant Director of Education

Dear parents and carers,

West Sussex County Council are developing a new three-year Education & Skills strategy outlining how the County Council will support the learning of children and young people across West Sussex from early years to adulthood.

To help inform and develop the draft strategy, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey which is open from now until **3rd April 2022** via the following link: [Education & Skills Strategy Survey](#)

If you are yet to complete the above survey, we would welcome your participation.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL WAGSTAFF — Assistant Director

COVID Update

We are pleased to say that numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 have decreased this week, although there are still some pupil cases, so the need for vigilance and care remains. All members of staff are now well and we thank you for your support during the challenges of the past few weeks.

Whilst some in-school safety measures will remain until at least the Easter break, the requirement to wear face masks outside at pick-up and drop-off will be removed from **Monday 28th March**. Naturally, you are welcome to continue wearing a mask if that is your preference.

School Uniform Update:

We are now offering West Dean 'hoodies' as part of our school uniform range. These can be an addition to the children's PE kit, can be used for outdoor learning, at play times, taking part in sports events etc., but are not compulsory. They are available from Game, Set and Match priced at £20. The children's sizes are available up to age 12/13, then adult sizes begin at XS upwards.

We are also now offering a round neck sweatshirt as an alternative to our V-neck, if this is your preference.



Punjabi Cookery

Last night was Deepali's first cookery session. Looks like they had a successful evening and a lot of fun. Please see attached information for further details if you would like to join in.



Clarification on provision for children during periods at home

Learning activities will be set for your child when they are unable to attend school, but are in themselves well, for example having tested positive for COVID but are asymptomatic. If your child is unwell and therefore unable to attend school, or you have chosen to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time, this provision is not appropriate and will not be available. In general, this work will be accessible via your child's Google Classroom, but in some circumstances, such as for our younger children, will be emailed to you by the class teacher. Please contact us via the school office if you are at any point unsure about arrangements for this.



WEST DEAN DAY FOR UKRAINE

On Friday 1st April we will be holding our 'Day for Ukraine'.

Children will be invited to wear something blue and/or yellow in return for a donation to be made to help the people of Ukraine during this awful time of war in their country.

The children will be making ribbons to wear in school.

Donations can be made on schoolmoney.co.uk, you can place as many £1 donations in your basket as you wish. Please do support us, if you can, to help. Our donations will go the Disasters Emergency Committee.

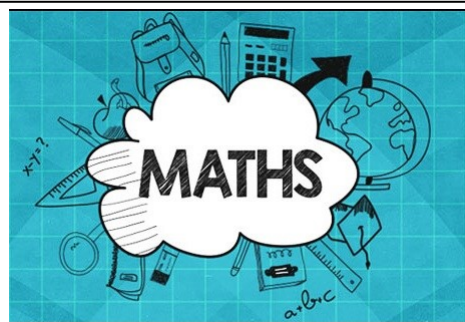
Across the UK, many are doing their bit to support those who have been forced to flee their homes because of the conflict. As a school we are committed to supporting this effort and doing what we can. Thank you for your support.



Apple Class visit to Arundel Wetlands Centre

Apple Class had a fantastic visit to the Wetlands Centre in Arundel yesterday. They were able to enjoy a pond dipping session in the sunshine and saw pelicans among many other birds.

The Wetlands Centre were so excited to be able to welcome children back after a long period of no school visits. Unfortunately, due to the threat of Bird Flu, the children weren't able to feed the birds, as planned, but nevertheless, they had a fabulous day.



Year 5 Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital

Mrs Goacher took Rupert, Milton, Daisy and Sid to participate in an inter-school maths challenge at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham this week.

As young mathematicians, they were able to participate in different mathematical tasks working with dice, dominoes, pentominoes, tangrams and counters. They also enjoyed afternoon tea as part of the event. The children represented West Dean beautifully and had a super afternoon. They were also in awe of the enormous, historic school buildings. Well done to the team.



A reminder to all families that in order to safeguard children and adults with an allergy or intolerance to nuts, we ask that **nuts and food products containing nuts are not brought into school.**

HM Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme

For further details about the Government's Tax Free Childcare Scheme go to www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk.

We are able to accept payments through this scheme for our afterschool clubs and care bears facilities.

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If you need any help, please do contact the school office.



Comic Relief

Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting us with our Comic Relief Superhero Day. As you can see from the pictures on our Newsletter last week, we all had a great fun day and together we raised £172.00



PE KIT We have an increasingly high number of children (a quarter in one class this week) who do not have PE kit with them in school in preparation for their PE lessons.

Whilst there is clearly a need to take kit home and wash it periodically, the children should have their PE kit in school all week, Monday to Friday. Please support your child in organising themselves and remembering this.



Diary Dates 2021/22



2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

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



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April

Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February



Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Monday 28th March	10.00—Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 30th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 30th March	SSP Arun Swim Gala (selected)
Wednesday 30th March	Corporate Challenge
Friday 1st April	Day for Ukraine
Tuesday 5th April	West Dean Tree Planting
Wednesday 6th April	Last Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers
Friday 8th April	Processional Easter Worship (details tbc)
Monday 25th April	Bikeability for Year 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 27th April	Authors Abroad, Writing Enrichment at Portfield (selected)
Thursday 28th April	2.30 Chestnut Class parent information session re Foxlease residential
Tuesday 3rd May	Parent Evening Appointment
Thursday 5th May	Parent Evening Appointment
Thursday 5th May	Chichester Falcons Softball (in school for Beech and Chestnut)
Tuesday 17th May	Chestnut Class residential visit to Foxlease—Friday 20th May.
Monday 23rd May	Drama4All Workshop in school for Apple and Maple
Monday 13th June	Yellow School Photographs
Thursday 16th June	SSP Future Flyers
Friday 15th July	Community Café (tbc)

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2022

Spring 2
Second half of spring term

x 5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs J Reynolds)				
	& Miss C Bond)	20	Football	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Art/Drawing	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs K Prudence	10	STEM	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£20.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April - x 5 weeks

Dance Club will run for four weeks only – no Dance Club on Thursday 17th March

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available every-day, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in, at least 24 hours in advance, if possible.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm. Our swimming club, this time, will be training for the possibility of taking part in the Swim Gala competitions. Children must be able to confidently swim a length (20M). If you are not sure, please check with Mrs Johnson or Mrs Gaocher.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

Please collect your child from the Reception area. Children will only be released to parents or carers unless we have been notified of alternative arrangements.

Clubs will go 'live' on Friday 18th February at 3.00pm.