

West Dean Church of England Primary School West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 ORJ Telephone: 01243 811247 Headteacher Mrs G. Moss Newsletter 38 16th July 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

What a week! We had a fabulous reduced sports day, led ably by Mrs Johnson, and attended safely by numerous members of our community. Thank you to everyone for following our requests regarding Covid restrictions, which remain a priority for us as we tread this very difficult path between enabling children to take part in formative experiences and ensuring maximum safety. The staff narrowly beat the Y6 pupils in the rounders match, (which is not always the case), and I am grateful to everyone for being such good sports, and to parents for being an audience.

Today we held another of our traditional and treasured events, outside, under the shade of the tents: our Y6 leavers did a fabulous job of painting pictures of their time in school, with words of wisdom beyond their years, and lots to make us chuckle! Rev Sarah Manouch and the Y5 pupils also added their thoughts to our service, and I felt immensely proud of all the children from YR to Y6, and very grateful that we were able to go ahead. We 'zoomed' pupils in from home so that everyone had the chance to be with us.

Our new entrants' parents joined me today, via Zoom, for an introduction to West Dean, and we invite them to return, safely, on Thursday 22nd, for our transition afternoon, when all the pupils will have a taster session in their new classes for '21/'22. Y6 have a little treat in store and we will have a visit from Pinks Vintage Ice Cream Van. The children may each have an ice cream and we would suggest a donation of £2.00 each to cover our costs. Please could we ask that face coverings still be worn on the school site and keep a distance whilst queuing. Once you have been served, please exit the playground via the gate next to the swimming pool area. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to stay safe and LEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGH-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 rainbow!

A sign of hope and God's promise!

We are hoping to be able to open the swimming pool during the first week of the holidays:

Monday 26th—Friday 30th July, 2.00-4.00.

Please do let us know if you are available to support as a supervisor or First Aider. Information flyers are attached for the following events happening during the summer holidays.

Littlehampton Swimming Club Jacqueline Wilson Summer Stars Hockey Camp

Tea Towels and Aprons

Please do remember to call into the office to collect tea towels and aprons if you have ordered these.

We still have tea towels and aprons available, you can order these on schoolmooney.co.uk.

Tea Towel - £4.00 Apron - child £6.00 Apron—Adult £6.50

Joseph News

Your **tickets** for our Joseph performances have been sent home with the children this afternoon. Your **programmes** will be available on your seat ready for the show. Information is attached as a reminder of logistics and timings etc.

A seating plan will be available outside of the Lyne Hall prior to the performance.

Tickets are still available for our Thursday morning performance, schoolmoney.co.uk.



Should we receive further guidance regarding enhanced Covid risks, then we reserve the right to **cancel the audience performance** and proceed with just the children and film crew on site: Under these circumstances, we would issue a DVD/access to an electronic version of the show as an alternative to attending the live performance. VERY **STRICT PROCEDURES** WILL BE IN PLACE INCLUDING THE NEED TO PRE-SENT A **NEGATIVE LATERAL FLOW** TEST UPON ENTRY. Please see the attached letter for details and further information. We will keep you informed.

Please, **please bear with us**. We aim to give the children the best experiences possible whilst keeping everyone safe.



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 19th July5.30 - Governing Body MeetingWednesday 21st July5.30-7.00—West Dean Show & receptionOakwood SchoolThursday 22nd July8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & receptionOakwood SchoolThursday 22nd July8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & receptionOakwood SchoolThursday 22nd July09:00—End of Term Assembly—Everyone Welcome to join us outside with
precautions



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!**

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 (<u>office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

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 Rean CE Primary School Business Bonanza

LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY

We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of \pounds 20 for a small box and \pounds 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

