



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 4th February 2022



Arlo Year R - for your kindness towards others. You listen to your friends and play nicely.

Atti Year 1 - for being a super scientist! You investigated light and colour and shadow with such enthusiasm. Well done!

Owen Year 2 - for your hard work in all your learning this week. You have been keen to share your ideas and have shown a growing confidence. Well done!

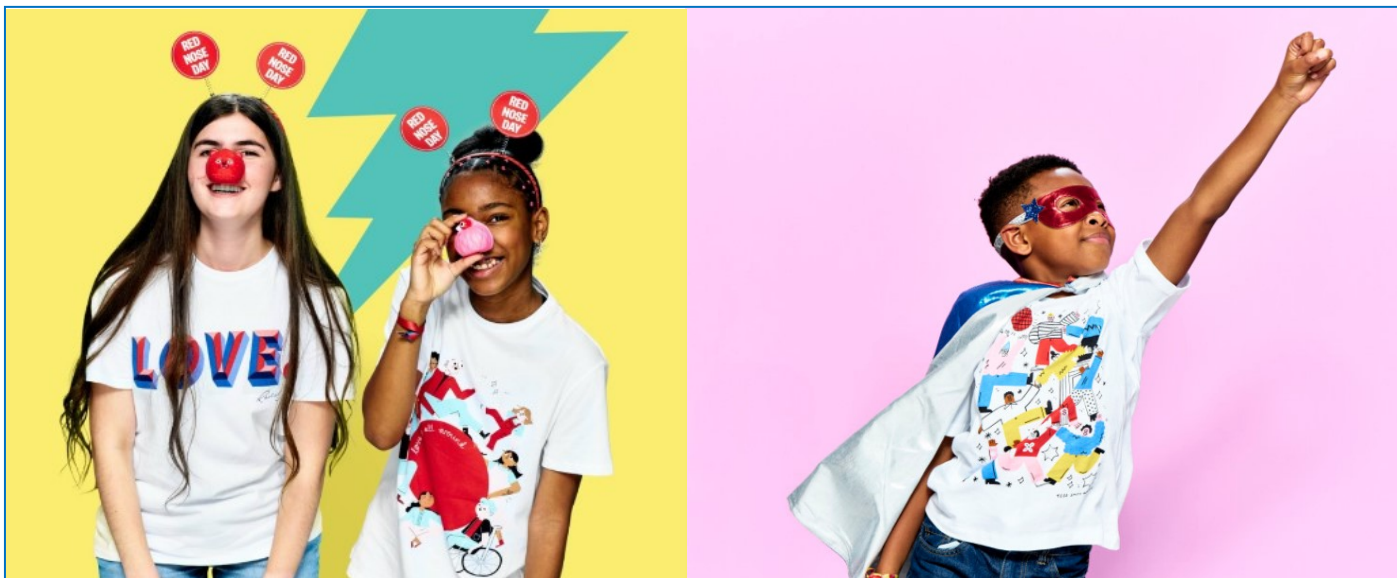
Finley Year 3 - for your times tables quiz this week. The practise you did resulted in a terrific score!

Heidi Year 4 - for your amazing swimming over the last three weeks. You should be so proud that you are moving up a group already!

Bonnie Year 5 - for working hard at all times to get the most out of your learning. Your super biography and enthusiasm at hockey are examples of your positive and conscientious attitude.

Daniel Year 6 - for well presented mathematics diagrams which show your understanding of concepts. You followed instructions thoroughly.





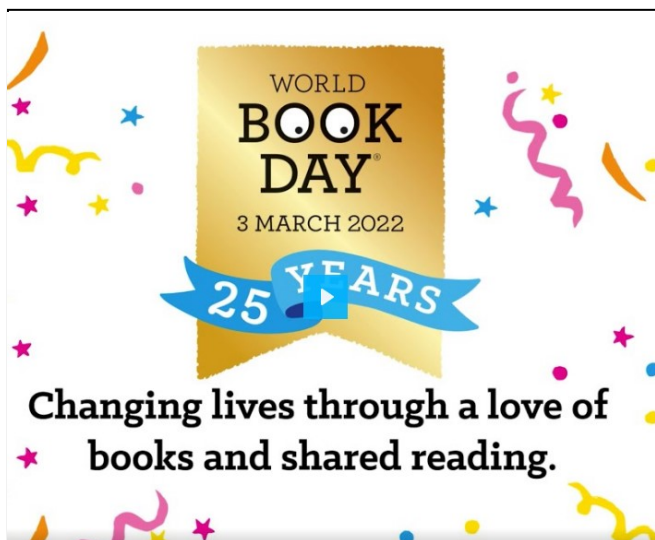
Comic relief—Red Nose Day 2022

Red Nose Day is coming on **Friday 18th March 2022**. We plan to join in the fun and fundraising in school on the day and want to give you plenty of warning of the things we have planned.

Primary schools are being encouraged to embrace the theme of ‘Superheroes’ as a focus for fundraising, so we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their own choice of superhero for the day, in return for a minimum donation to Comic Relief of £1. We will be collecting donations via SchoolMoney—more details of this to follow in due course.

The superhero theme will be open to the children’s own interpretation—anything goes from classic ‘Marvel’ type characters such as Spiderman, hero figures in society such as the emergency services, to perhaps an inspiring person such as Emmeline Pankhurst, as seen recently on our theatre trip to ‘Fantastically Great Women who changed the World’.

Further details will follow, but for now, save the date, children, and get planning your costume!



World Book Day — Thursday 3rd March 2022

WBD is on the first Thursday after the half-term break this year and is a special 25th anniversary celebration.

Don’t panic! In light of our planning for Red Nose Day (see above), we are not asking the children to dress up as a book character this year—I am sure that will be both a disappointment to some and a great relief to others!

Instead, we have all sorts of activities planned to celebrate and encourage a love of reading, including a cross-school book share, where younger and older will pair up and share some reading.

Please talk to your child and help them to identify their favourite book, then encourage them to bring it in to share on **Thursday 3rd March**.

New football club

We are always looking for ways to extend our sport provision and encourage children to get active and engage in individual and team sports.

We are delighted that Miss Charlie Bond, a coach from Portsmouth City Ladies FC, will be coming to school on Friday 11th February, to run a ‘taster session’ for an after school club that we hope to run after the half term break.

The taster session will run during the lunch break and is open to children from Years 4, 5 and 6. Numbers will be limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your child to join this taster session, please email the school office. Your child will need trainers and PE kit in school on that Friday.



Sports Partnership Future Flyers Programme

Our 'Future Flyers' got off to a 'flying start' at Westgate yesterday.

The programme has four sessions and is designed to expand children's awareness of sports, improve fitness and agility and increase knowledge in essentials such as teamwork and leadership.

In the final session, parents are invited to attend for a presentation to see what the children have engaged in throughout the programme.



Join us in making our very own Ecobricks.

Ecobricks are a fantastic solution for tackling plastic pollution.

Follow our step-by-step guide to create your own Ecobrick.

Perhaps you could suggest ways to use our Ecobricks and tell us what items of plastic you have put in your bottle, cellophane bags work great!

Details and guide attached.



West Dean Governing Body — Election of Parent Governor

Closing date for applications is Friday 11th February 2022

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor and would invite you to consider the opportunity to join us and make a difference.

As a governing Body, we meet together twice each term to discuss, agree, approve, monitor, evaluate and decide together strategies for school development.

Do you have a particular area of expertise that you could offer or do you have a desire to help us to move forward? Do you have some time to be a vital part of our school community?

If you think this might be for you, please see the attached information and nomination form.

If you would like further information or an informal chat, please do contact the school office, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Goacher, or our Clerk, Pasha Delahunty.

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COVID safe procedures and routines

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister announced on 19 January that the temporary introduction of Plan B is to end. As a result, the Plan B measures in the guidance for schools are being removed, including the use of face masks in communal areas for adults.



Whilst it is no-longer a legal requirement, we would appreciate your continued use of a face mask when visiting school, including drop-off and pick-up times, until such time that we are confident that the risk has reduced further. There remains a high level of COVID infection in some schools in the Chichester locality, so we want to do all we can to continue to keep West Dean healthy.

Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>



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.**

We understand that nuts can form part of a healthy diet, but ask for your cooperation in the interest of safety. Thank you.



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

Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 9th February	1.00-3.30 SSP Cross Country Event (optional for Yr 5/6)
Thursday 10th February	1.30-3.30 SSP FUNDamentals selected Yr 2/3
Monday 14th February	Random Act of Kindness Week
Wednesday 16th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th February	Dancehouse—rehearsal and performance (Dance club children)
Thursday 17th February	1.00-4.00 SSP Bronze Ambassadors for selected Yr 5/6
Wednesday 2nd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—Bring your favourite book to share
Thursday 3rd March	SSP Year 5/6 High Five Netball Event (selected)
Wednesday 9th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 16th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 16th March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Thursday 17th March	1.30-3.30 SSP Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics event at Bishop Luffa
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—Superhero Dress-up
Wednesday 23rd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital (details to follow for selected)
Thursday 24th March	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 30th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 30th March	SSP Arun Swim Gala
Wednesday 30th March	Corporate Challenge (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th April	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Miss J Ashton Cancelled	10	Netball	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Cross Country	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February - x 5 weeks

Children in Miss Ashton's Netball club will be working towards the Sports Partnership High Five Netball event in the spring term.

Children in Mr William's Cross Country Club will be working towards the Sports Partnership Cross Country event in February.

Children in Mrs Holder's Dance club will be working on their performance for the Dance House event at the Alexandra Theatre, Thursday 17th February 2022.

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

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.

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.