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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 not yet in a position to confirm arrangements for the next potential dates of industrial action on Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023, but it is very unlikely that the school will need to close. **Thank you for your continued patience and support in this**

World Book Day — Well done to everybody for making such a brilliant and creative effort in our World Book Day Dress-Up. This is a fantastic way to bring books alive for the children and, as ever, caused huge excitement and a real book buzz around school all day.

Thank you for supporting your children and organising that all important costume. They all looked fantastic!

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



We ask that you continue to hold all of those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria in your prayers. If you wish to support, we suggest that you make a donation via the Disasters Emergency Committee website:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Thank you.

Also in our continued prayers are the people of Ukraine, as they live with the ongoing impact of war in their country.



Chestnut Class Eggs-traordinary STEM Challenge!

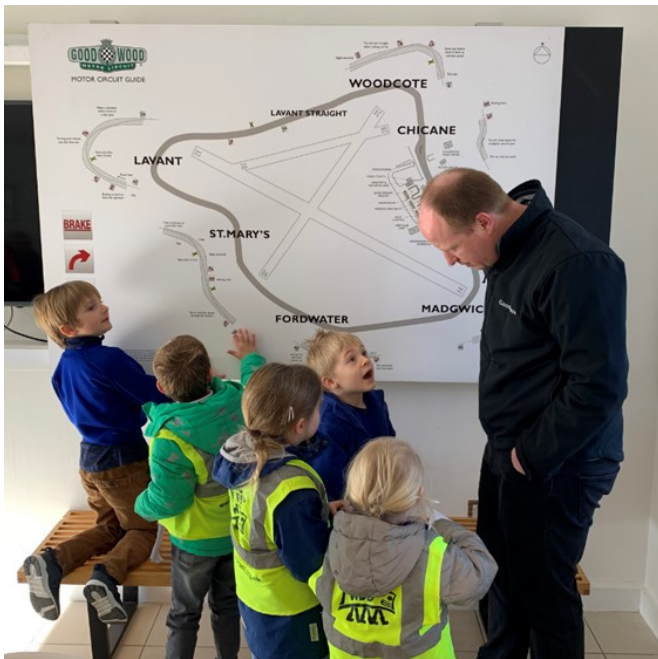
Chestnut Class combined their science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) skills on Monday for a day of exploration and design as they developed space landing capsules which could safely bring an 'eggstronaut' to a safe landing on a planet. The teams had to plan and work to a budget, buy their materials and create and test their capsule, the idea being that when dropped from a significant height, their solution would keep the egg in tact inside. Lots of fun and great learning was had and (NB) No eggs were harmed in the process of this learning... well, maybe a few were!



West Dean runners take on the Chichester Corporate Challenge

Well done to all of the runners from Chestnut Class for the great determination they showed running in the Corporate Challenge races in Chichester on Wednesday evening. It was chilly but dry as an enormous crowd of runners and supporters from schools across the Chichester locality gathered in North Street for the first of the series of three races taking place this half term. This very competitive but family friendly race series is a regular and popular fixture in the calendar and gives the children the opportunity to run in front of a big crowd and, regardless of their own running level, challenge themselves to improve their personal best over the course of the three race series. We are very proud of you all. Great job!





Apple Class Visit to Goodwood Motor Circuit

We are incredibly grateful to Sam Medcraft and his team at Goodwood Motor Circuit for giving Apple Class such a brilliant morning of racing car, Spitfire and bi-plane action. It was a delight to see the excitement on all of the children's faces as they got the chance to watch some cars doing test laps on the circuit, get up close to a Spitfire and receive a tour of the aircraft hangers from Amy, the pilot. We were also delighted to see Mrs Muggeridge embrace her inner racing driver self, as she got the chance to be driven by a professional around the track in a top end BMW. If you ask her nicely, she might whisper to you how fast she went!

Thank you to Mrs Plackett, who organised the trip, but sadly was unwell on the actual day and couldn't be with us. Get well soon Mrs P! Thank you also to Mrs Chilton and the whole Apple Class team, as well as the parents who helped to make the trip such a success.





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Acorn Awards

Friday 3rd March 2023



- Yr R* **Freddie** - for growing confidence with your reading and writing.
- Yr 1* **Barney G** - for asking lots of great questions about the aircraft at Goodwood.
- Yr 2* **Conran** - for your amazing activist t-shirt design. You thought about the message you wanted to get across and drew a fantastic picture to illustrate that!
- Yr 3* **Amelie** - for making so many amazing contributions to the whole school story, your imagination was working on over-drive. Well done!
- Yr 4* **Poppy W** - for a week of marvellous maths You worked independently on the questions about 'How Many Ways' and got full marks for your times tables - well done!
- Yr 5* **Emie** - for showing your understanding of how variables can be controlled to measure impact in science investigations. Well done.
- Yr 6* **Rupert** - for a clear explanation of the science behind our 'Landing Module Challenge' in your lab report. Well done.



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 31st March 2023

Friday 21st July 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 - Thursday 20th July

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



Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 7th March	Chestnut Class visit to Science Museum, London
Wednesday 8th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 8th March	1.30-3.30 SSP Year 4 FUNdamentals event at Bishop Luffa
Wednesday 15th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 15th March	ESSA Swim Gala (swim squad children, details to follow)
Wednesday 15th March	6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Wednesday 22nd March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre
Thursday 23rd March	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 29th March	Final Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 29th March	1.00-3.00, SSP '60 Active Minutes' at Westgate, selected Beech Class
Wednesday 29th March	6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
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)
Friday 31st March	INSET Day