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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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PTA Film Night—Thursday 17th November 3.00pm.

We have added the option of 'Sing 2' as another choice for our popular film night. Please select Sing 2 Film Night on schoolmoney.co.uk if you would like to sign up. If you have already reserved a place for Sonic and would like to change you can do so on the night.



Today we marked Armistice Day with a special Act of Remembrance and two minutes of silence at 11am. This short service was made all the more special by the wonderful poems which children from Beech Class read—some examples of these are on the next page.

We're now looking forward to our Revival Community Café this afternoon, which, judging by the amazing wartime outfits already on display, will be wonderful!



Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November.

Our booking system is now live on e-Schools for you to book an appointment at one of our Parent Consultation evenings. If your child is currently on our SEND register, appointments are also available with Mrs Bowman for a meeting about SEND support. If this applies to your child you will have received a separate email about this.

In response to feedback from you, we are making a small number of Zoom appointments available on the Wednesday only from 5.20pm. These are clearly identified on the booking system. Please contact the office if you need a reminder of your log-in details or if you are having difficulty accessing e-Schools.

Community Grounds Morning

Saturday 26th November, 9.00—12.00

Please do come along and join us for a general grounds tidy up. Tea and coffee will be available or you can visit West Dean Stores or The Selsey Arms for refreshments. Please bring along any tools that you think might be useful. Adults and (supervised) children welcome. Fingers crossed for some sunshine to brighten our day.

Sickness Absence

It is that time of year when all manner of bugs and viruses are doing the rounds. In order to minimise the risk of spreading these, **please remember that it is school policy** that a child is absent from school for a full 48 hours following any form of **vomiting and diarrhoea**. This is a health & safety measure for both staff and children in a bid to keep us all safe and well. Following our recent communication about absence, please be assured that this type of absence will always be authorised. Thank you for your adherence.

Friday 18th November Children in Need.

We would like to invite children to wear their own clothes with the theme of 'Spots and Stripes' to support this year's Children in Need appeal.

£1 donations can be made as a shop purchase on schoolmoney.co.uk, you may add as many donations as you wish to your basket.

Thank you for your support.





Remember by Tilly

Red helps us to remember
Remember who gave their lives
So we can be free.

Red helps us to remember
Remember those who fought
And fell so we can run.

Red helps us to remember
Remember those who still
Fight and fall today.

Red helps us to remember
Remember those who sacrificed
So we can live.

Red helps us to remember
Remember those who fell in the
trenches
So we can silently pray.

Illustration by Martha



The Silence by Finley Turner

As the silence began,
The crowd began thinking of them.
Those who fought and fell,
Those who gave their life for ours.
The sound of trumpet,
The silence of respect,
The time of focus...
And not regret

Illustration by Ollie



Black and White by Amelie

Black and white, past and present
Drains the goodbyes and the happy
memories
As we pray in silence, still all together
We remember the people who died
for us.

Black and white, past and present
We remember the ships and the
swords
The boats and the houses destroyed
By the bombs and the guns

Now the reddest poppies fill the land
And brighten up the sun
As we remember the people
Who fought for us one by one.

Illustration by Fynn



The Soldiers by Hettv Jayes

A sky so grey,
Soldiers that slay,
So damp on their feet,
So mighty yet meek.

Poppies so red,
Soldiers unfed.
Tanks that blast,
Food doesn't last.

Let's not forget
The silence of respect.
The past and the present blurring
together,
We mustn't forget how to treat each
other.

Let's all remember,
How we treat treasure.
Now say your goodbyes
To loved ones that died.

Illustration by Blaise

PTA News

Sonic the Hedhehog 2 Ticket £5



West Dean PTA FILM NIGHT

Thursday 17th November : 3 til 5pm

Drink and Snacks Included

We are so excited to be able to hold fundraising and social events once again. They've always been such an important part of life at West Dean. Following a very well attended PTA meeting a few weeks ago, we have been busy planning some brilliant events for the rest of the term.

Dates for your diary are as follows:

Thursday 17th November:

Film Night 3pm-5pm (tickets available on schoolmoney.co.uk £5)

Thursday 24th November: **Pub Quiz** at The Selsey Arms 7pm onwards

Monday 5th December: **Christmas Wreath Making Evening** 7pm-9pm

Monday 12th December: **Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off** - more details to follow.....

Back by popular demand.....

WEST DEAN PTA PUB QUIZ

Thursday 24th November

The Selsey Arms, West Dean

7pm for drinks and a prompt
7.30pm quiz kick-off!

Teams of up to 6 people

£10 per person including supper

Choice of Chilli or Veggie Chilli
(or £5 for quiz only)

Payable in advance on school
money

(Extra clues can be purchased for £1 a
go!)

Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023

Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April—Friday Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July



Autumn Term 2022

Monday 14th November	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 15th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Wednesday 16th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Thursday 17th November	8.45, Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 17th November	3.00-5.00, PTA Film Night (Tickets £5, schoolmoney.co.uk)
Friday 18th November	Children in Need—Spots and Stripes, own clothes, minimum £1 donation
Wednesday 23rd November	Beech Class visit to Amberley Museum (details to follow)
Thursday 24th November	8.45, Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 24th November	PTA Quiz Night at The Selsey Arms (Tickets £5, Supper £5)
Saturday 26th November	9.00-12.00—Community Grounds Day
Monday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 1st December	8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 1st December	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 5th December	7.00-9.00pm PTA Christmas Wreath Evening
Wednesday 7th December	1.30-4.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football event
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly
Monday 12th December	PTA Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off (details tbc)
Tuesday 13th December	1.00-3.00 SSP Small School Football event Yr 5/6
Wednesday 14th December	Visit to West Dean College (details tbc)
Wednesday 14th December	6.00pm—Carol Service West Dean Church
Thursday 15th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	PTA Christmas Disco event (details tbc)