



West Dean Church of England Primary School  
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Dear parents, carers and children,

This week has been a busy one, with lots of outdoor learning, even in the 'summer rain'! Children are benefiting from the social, collaborative challenges, from genuinely learning from trial and error, and from their mistakes. These important 'growth mind-set' skills are vital for secure learners. Mrs. Boxall has successfully launched our new Forest School area, thanks to the PTA for providing a trolley and outdoor camping WC & tent. The area is safely fenced and has already provided lots of exciting learning opportunities.

Preparations for our end of year events are well under way, and, as per this morning's letter, we will be relying on your support to enable these to go ahead safely and successfully. There are likely to be further adaptations over the coming weeks.

In the classroom, we are working hard to consolidate learning and to make sure children are ready for the transition to their next classes. Children's reading appears to remain strong, and they are developing the grammatical, punctuation and structural skills which have been weakened by the school closure. They are working hard on maths with lots of application of maths skills evident, although we feel there are areas where we will have to focus on strongly next year in order to cover all the required learning. Despite missing significant 'chunks' of learning over the past fifteen months, children are beginning to use mathematical and grammatical vocabulary more confidently once again. Having discussed this with other schools, there are many similar experiences, with schools finding that we have not the same amount of 'work'/'outcomes' in order to make judgements we would usually make about progress and achievement. We will explain all this in a few weeks, when we make our reports available to you.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our Joseph production preparation—it is going to be a fabulous event, one way or another!

Please continue to stay safe and  
**PLEASE 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!

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!**

## AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING MOBILE PHONES -  
DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS OR MAKE VIDEO  
CALLS

IN THE SWIMMING POOL AREA  
ONLY USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IN THIS AREA  
IF IT IS FOR AN EMERGENCY  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR  
FACE COVERINGS IN  
THE SWIMMING POOL AREA

### 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 21st—Friday 25th June—Chestnut class Activity Week

Wednesday 23rd June - Bag 2 School - collection at 9.00am

Friday 2nd July, 1.30-2.30 - GAS Cricket Tournament at West Dean (selected pupils)

Monday 28th June, 1.15-2.00—New Entrants Visit (first group, selected pupils)

Sunday 4th July, 10.30-5.00 - Rotary Club Family Fun Day (details attached)

Tuesday 6th July, 1.15-2.00 - New Entrants Visit (second group, selected pupils)

Wednesday 7th July - School Closed for INSET

Friday 9th July, 2.15-4.30—Community Café

Wednesday 14th July, 5.30-7.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School

Thursday 15th July, 8.45—11.00—West Dean Show & reception — Oakwood School

Friday 16th July, 9am—Leavers' Service at West Dean Church—confirmed date

Monday 19th July, 5.30 - Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 21st July—Sports afternoon , rounders match, PTA BBQ and Ice Cream Van

Friday 23rd July, 8.45—End of Term Assembly



## Joseph News

### Costumes for the show!

Please could we ask, in preparation for our end of term show, that **every child has a pair of black leggings or trousers to wear**. **Nearer the time**, we will ask that these be brought into school in a named plastic bag, but we will send a reminder!

Any other costumes needed will be sorted out by the individual classes and teachers, but we will endeavour to give you as much warning as possible, if your child requires anything more!

In the mean time, please can we ask that your children listen to the songs as much as possible - this link on YouTube is very close to the version that we are using in school:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iunttQHhbY&list=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7ff3DP1cr0dQ2m\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iunttQHhbY&list=PLMZfTWyPvHPCGaTed7ff3DP1cr0dQ2m_c)



As the excitement builds for Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat, and our production date comes closer, we are in need of your help.

If you have any of the following items please we would be very grateful...

**Strips of brightly coloured fabric (in one block of colour) at least 30cmx150cm**

**Strips of brightly coloured fabric (in one block of colour) at least 30cmx50cm**

**Rope (preferably pale coloured) suitable for waist ties**

**Berets (will be returned)**

### WESTGATE LEISURE CENTRE – YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!

After what has been a very challenging and demanding year for everyone I was hoping we may be able to assist teacher and parents to help them de-stress and relax during the summer holidays with one of our great membership packages which include the gym, swimming and classes for those who are 16+.

It is proven that 30mins of exercise a day 5 times a week can help reduce stress and help relaxation and a better mind set

**Join our great membership for 16+ which includes use of the Gym, Swimming and Group Exercise Classes for Just £29.99 per Month (you can also upgrade for £4.99 per month to include Everyone Active on Demand** which to compliment our group x classes we also have our Everyone On Demand App which enables you take part in classes not only in the centre but also at home' also in the gym ' We've got several different workouts for you to use in the gym or at home on our Everyone Active App' If someone is looking to train for a specific event ' To help you train for xx there is a great partner on our Everyone On Demand App called With U – it will help you train in the gym and at home'. Mindshine which is a huge selling point for EOD. We don't only support you on your fitness journey, we also support you with your Mental Wellbeing – this is through our Everyone On Demand which is home to our partner Mindshine)

- No Contract,
- Free WIFI,
- Free Parking
- Most affordable centre for Gym, Swimming and Classes in Chichester

To Find out more information or to join please contact us on 01243 785651 and select option 1 and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.



West Dean CE Primary School  
Chestnut Class Community Café Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

We will be hosting a French themed Community Café at West Dean on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

Further information will follow regarding our safety measures that will be in place.

This will be Mrs Moss' final Community Café as Headteacher of West Dean and we will be inviting, not only members of our school community, but guests from West Sussex County Council, the Diocese, GAS schools, our Chichester Locality and friends of the school who have worked with us in the past.

Please do 'Save the Date' and come along and join us.



We have some amazing tea towels and aprons that the children have

Designed for our Community Café. These will be on sale at the Café but they are also available to buy now on schoolmoney,.co.uk. This will be your last chance to purchase a West Dean product featuring Mrs Moss!

Take a look in the notice board for a preview of this season's ' must have' !!

Tea towels are priced at £4.00 each, adult aprons £6.50 and children's aprons £6.00.



**BOOKFEST:**

Please see attached information with details of the Bookfest second hand book sale in Chichester., Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July.

Tomato Plants are available on the playground at the end of each day for a small donation to school



**Bag 2 School**

Information is attached with details of our Bag 2 School Scheme.

We have a collection on Wednesday 23rd June at 9.00. Please bring in any bags of clothing before the deadline, bags can be dropped in the Pavilion, ready for collection.

The more they weigh—the more they pay!!

Our lost property bin is full again with many items of uniform that is not named. If unclaimed, this will be donated to the Bag 2School Scheme.



**Car Parking - Permits**

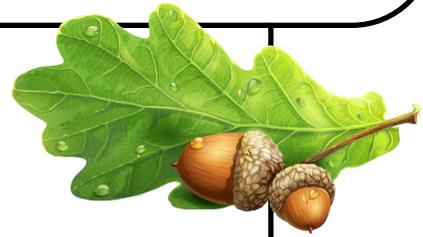
Thank you for ordering and collecting your parking permits—the situation in the school car park has already eased a little and is, therefore, safer. It remains vital to drive slowly and carefully, however, as we have had a further accident involving the gate—please, please take care!



I trust that the parking in The Selsey Arms car park is less congested too, and that people are taking the opportunity to park and stride from the church car park.

Our aim is to improve parking behaviour and safety for our community, rather than to make money out of this—the charges are covering our admin costs and providing a donation to the church, pub and Forest School. Thank you for your continued support.

*West Dean CE Primary School*  
*Acorn Awards—Friday 18h June 2021*



*Conran* - for your focus and concentration with your writing. You always do your best!

*Phoebe* - for your super swimming. You are now more confident in the water and can now happily put your head under the water

*Poppy R* - for always being a conscientious and kind member of Maple Class. You always work so hard, well done!

*Zebby* - for being such a superstar on our trip: super listening and the most detailed, well drawn field sketch of the river. Well done!

*Sid* - for his fantastic knowledge and use of accurate vocabulary linked to our rivers trip and topic work, even the ladies from the Harbour Conservancy were impressed

*Teale* - for setting an excellent example to your classmates. You are first to follow instructions and show that you are ready for the next step in your learning. Well done.

*Emmy* - for your readiness to follow instructions promptly. You are a super role model for your peers. Well done.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk))

Thank you for supporting our 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 Dean CE Primary School  
Business Bonanza

**LOCAL BUSINESS PUBLICITY**

We invite you to share your business publicity with us for a minimum donation of £20 for a small box and £40 for a whole page for half a term (usually 6 weeks).

Please log-in to [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) - 01243 811247



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