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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**

#### Comic Relief Red Nose Day—Friday 17th March 2023

Children are invited to wear something red for Comic Relief and to bring in a joke that they would like to share with us.

Suggested donation of £1 is available as a shop item on school money, you may add more than 1 to your basket if you wish to make a larger donation.

#### Chestnut Class STEM Day



Well done Year 5 and 6 for inspiring the other pupils; helping them to work together; and, of course, enjoy STEM as much as we do!

In Chestnut Class we love applying our problem-solving and critical thinking skills in exciting STEM challenges. Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 pupils took over the teaching and learning in school to lead a day of STEM activities in every class. Armed with their lesson plans and resources for the activities, they led their groups of pupils through a challenge involving the design and construction of an 'Eggstronaut' Landing Module. Although the process was a great deal of fun, the excitement reached a climax when our 'eggstronauts' were launched from space. Although there were some casualties, many of our 'eggstronauts' landed safely on the ground.

#### 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 Visit to The Science Museum in London

Chestnut Class children had the most amazing day at The Science Museum in London this week, as part of their work on Space this term. They travelled up by train, then used the Underground to travel across London to the museum.

Their visit included a workshop, 'Mission to Space', a mission to explore the fascinating world of space travel, where, along the way they discovered the planets that make up our Solar System and learnt how they orbit the Sun, and an experience in IMAX 3D, A Beautiful Planet. Here the children were able to see fantastic images of the Earth from the International Space Station and experience being in space with the crew members and learn what it takes to live and work as an astronaut.

An absolutely thrilling day for the children and adults alike!





*West Dean CE Primary School*

*Acorn Awards*

*Friday 10th March 2023*



- Yr R**    **Theo** - for your amazing and inventive ideas in our egg drop STEM challenge. Brilliant!
- Yr 1**    **Elsie** - for your confident approach to new challenges. You always do your best. .
- Yr 2**    **Ned** - for your collaborative approach during our egg drop STEM challenge. You had lots of fantastic ideas and worked well in a team! Well done!
- Yr 3**    **Owen** - for being a totally fantastic times table rock star; you are working so hard at learning your times tables!
- Yr 4**    **Iris** - for showing resilience, determination and great teamwork during our 'eggstraordinary' STEM challenge day. Well done!
- Yr 5**    **Mason** - for your encouraging manner and supportive attitude towards your pupils. You knew how to inspire and get the best from your Year 2 engineers!
- Yr 6**    **Robert** - You were spotted by Apple Class staff for your thoughtful approach to teaching your Year 1 and Reception pupils. You and your teaching partner allowed them to explore and explain their ideas. They loved your lesson!



# 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

Wednesday 15th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 15th March	ESSA Swim Gala (swim squad children)
Wednesday 15th March	6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day—wear something red and bring a joke to share
Wednesday 22nd March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (Swim Squad)
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)
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Thursday 17th April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 20th April	PTA Film Night (Details tbc)
Wednesday 17th May	1.00—3.45, SSP Tri Golf, Chichester Golf Club (selected Yr 3/4)
Thursday 18th May	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers, Westgate (selected)
Saturday 20th May	7.30pm, Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (Swim Squad)
Wednesday 24th May	1.30—3.30, SSP Tennis at Bishop Luffa (selected Yr 3/4)