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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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Grounds Morning tomorrow (26-11-22) POSTPONED

A number of families have indicated that they are unable to attend our Grounds Clear Up Morning tomorrow. That, coupled with the unreliable weather and general saturated nature of our grounds at the moment, has led us to the decision to postpone this event until the new year.



We completely understand that this is a busy period for families and want to wait until a convenient time after the Christmas break, when we are more likely to be able to have a really productive and enjoyable morning, with more families able to attend.

In the meantime, there are various jobs to be done and we would always welcome anybody who is able to offer just half an hour after school to get a quick garden job completed before darkness falls. If this is something you may be able to do, please contact the school.

Marvellous Maples

Very well done to the children in Maple Class for the brilliant assembly that they presented for their parents and families yesterday. We were all very impressed by the clarity of their speaking and the courage that they showed in talking to an audience. As always, there was a wonderful display of cross-curricular learning on show, including Great Fire of London activities and Space exploration... even astronaut ice cream!

Thank you to Mrs Reynolds and the Maple Class team for leading the children on this exciting learning journey.



Children in Need

Friday 18th November

Thank you to everyone who supported us with Children in Need contributions. We were able to make a donation of £100.



PTA Quiz Night

A fun evening was had by all who took part in the Quiz Night at The Selsey Arms this week. Thank you to everyone who



joined us, we raised approximately £200 for PTA funds and supported the pub too, who provided a delicious chilli supper, thank you Nikki. Thank you to Todd Anstee for providing a bottle of champagne as a prize for the winning team who just happened to be the 'The Teacher's Pets'! A huge thank you to Rich and Grace, our amazing quiz masters, for a brilliant job, giving us an extremely brain twisting challenge!



Our next PTA event is our **Christmas Wreath Making** evening on **Monday 5th December, 7:00—9:00pm**. Details attached.

After School Clubs, Care Bears & Out of School Events

If your child is out of school on a visit, trip or sports event please could you let us know, if they are booked into a club or for care bears and they won't be returning to attend. This helps us to plan our provision and be prepared.

Equally, if you are concerned about how to get your child back to school in time for a club from an offsite event, or about the timings of picking up siblings from school and off-site locations, do please come and talk to us. There is usually a workable solution if we know in advance.

Thank you for your support.

Remember to follow our new Instagram feed:

[@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)



An electrifying day of discovery for Beech Class

Beech Class children could hardly contain their excitement as they gathered at Chichester Railway Station on Wednesday morning ready for their trip to Amberley Museum. A brilliant day was had exploring the history of telecommunications, including learning how to send a telegram, and looking at the way in which electricity revolutionised the way in which people live, and the development of labour-saving household appliances.

The children were all brilliant in their enthusiasm for learning and in their excellent behaviour, particularly when around other members of the public during the train journey. For many who had never travelled by train before, this part of the day was especially exciting. Many thanks to Mrs Johnson, Miss Evans and parent helpers for making the day such a success.



MEAL ORDERING WITH PARENTPAY

A new meal ordering system is coming to your school.

This is for all Free school meals, Universal free meals, and paid meals.

WHEN?

Start booking from **9th January 2023** for lunches starting from **6th February 2023**. All lunches up until Friday **3rd February** will continue to be booked via Meal Selector (Paid Parents) or via the school office for KS1 children.

WHO?

You will see a new Payment Item in your ParentPay account.

You must log in and order meals through this new Payment Item.

You **MUST** order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.

Medical diets and Lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering, medical evidence is still required for allergies.

HOW?

Book your meals through ParentPay and the Chartwells kitchen teams will have the orders on a tablet known as Cypad. This will show the chosen meal along with your child's information on screen, and the meal you ordered to be served that day.

All meals are subject to supplier availability.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR SCHOOL



A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.

Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 9th January 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 6th February

It's easy, quick and safe. Select your meal choices in advance.

Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

DON'T FORGET!
SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 25th November 2022*



*Charlie Year R - for blending your sounds in our phonics word game.
Well done!*

*Luna Year 1 - for typing a super sentence on the laptop. You looked
carefully at the lowercase and capital letters on the keyboard!*

*Berti Year 2 - Well done for being a confident and articulate speaker in
our class assembly.*

*Lilly Year 3 - for such a positive attitude to your learning. It has been
lovely to see how hard you've been working at home and in school.*

*Imogen Year 4 - for your amazing work on your spellings this week, it is
very impressive to see how hard you've been working with this new
challenge!*

*Isaac Year 5 - for your respectful and inclusive attitude towards your
peers. You are a kind and considerate classmate.*

*Florence Year 6 - for your creative thinking about how to change
perimeter whilst keeping area the same in our maths investigation.*



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

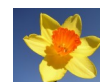
Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

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

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

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

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



Autumn Term 2022

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
Tuesday 6th December	2.30, Beech Class Clarinet Performance, parents welcome
Wednesday 7th December	1.30-4.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football event
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly
Friday 9th December	Christingle in school (tbc)
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)