



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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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**

Newsletter 34 14.06.24 Our whole school attendance rate is **95.4%** this week. **Nearly at 96%** We can do it!

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

Sports Afternoon and Sizzler

We're sorry that we had to make the difficult decision to postpone the Sports afternoon and Sizzler arranged to take place today.



It is so hard to predict what our lovely British weather is going to do, so given the forecast as of the middle of this week, and in the interests of making the event safe and fun for all, a postponement until **Friday 5th July** seemed the best option. Fingers crossed for warm summer weather in July!



The Selsey Arms and the Parish Council hosted a special D-Day 80 commemoration event last Saturday with a variety of activities including a fantastic cream tea, live music and bingo.

Motor Road—Road Closure, 8.00am—6.00pm, 24th—28th June

You may have noticed a sign outside school notifying of the imminent closure of Motor Road for resurfacing works. We have been assured that this will not affect access to school during these times.



At the event, we displayed photos of Chestnut Class on their trip to the British Normandy Memorial, holding the village D-Day 80 flag. It was lovely to be able to share details of the symbolic journey that the flag had taken, with our wider village community.

Chestnut Tree House Owl Project

Our owlet has been collected and we cannot wait to see it on the art trail, which will run in the Chichester and Arundel area throughout July and August (more details to follow soon).

Don't forget, the purpose of the project is to raise funds to support the incredibly valuable work of Chestnut Tree House children's Hospice. You can make a donation on our JustGiving page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share



Stage Success for Isaac

Congratulations and well done to Isaac in Year 6 for his performance in the fantastic production of Coram Boy at Chichester Festival Theatre. He has worked so hard over the past few



months and we are all super proud of him! Some members of our staff have been lucky enough to watch a performance this week and see the results of Isaac's dedication and enthusiasm for acting. He has worked so hard over the past few months and we are all super proud of him!

Photo credit: Manuel Harlan Chichester Festival Theatre.



Sports Sizzler

Friday 5th July

The children's sports event will be during the afternoon and the Sizzler will start at the end of the school day.

- ◆ **Parisian Olympic Bake-Off — £2 per entry on School Money from 24-05-24 (please remember your entry will be sold to raise funds after the judging)**
- ◆ **Bottle & Teddy Tombola**
- ◆ **Stalls & Games**
- ◆ **BBQ & Bar**

Please come along, join the fun and support West Dean PTA fundraising

Children's Basketry Course

Looking to get your child into healthy, stimulating activities this summer? At Makers Barn we're running a Willow Basket Making workshop with a local, professional basket maker on **10th August**. If your child is between 8 and 15 and would enjoy getting creative, working with their hands in the fresh air in a beautiful setting with an expert in her field....and 7 other young people.... then this is just what they need!

Catherine will give everyone a pre made base and the children will learn how to weave their own basket which they will take home at the end of the workshop....this workshop has four places left so if you're interested please email Rosie at info@makersbarn.co.uk

The session requires adult supervision and will begin at 12 for a 12:30 start. The cost is £85 which includes all tuition, materials and refreshments/snacks.

It'll be a great afternoon so hope to see some of you there!

Rosie x (Ava's Mum)



West Dean PTA are running several fundraisers in the next few months to raise vital funds for West Dean Primary School and we need your help!

We are looking for any donations of Wine, Beer, Spirits or Bottles please.

All donations need to be brand new, sealed and in date.
Thank you for your support!

Please leave all donations before 1pm June 13th at West Dean School Reception

SOS—Save our Sunflowers - Plea for egg shells :

Please could you save any egg shells that you may have and bring them in, washed, for our school gardens.

We're trying to keep the slugs at bay and crushed egg shells seem to be a good, environmentally friendly way of doing this.



SUMMER FAIR
ESTD 2024
THE PIGLETT CO
VINTAGE & ART

@ the BARN on SUN 30TH JUNE

10 AM to 4PM
#thepigletcco
thepiglettcompany.co.uk

Rectory Farm Barn
Bosham, West Sussex
PO18 8QB

AA COACHING

West Dean Primary sport & activities club

Football, Hockey, Bowling, Jail Break
Dodgball, Tag Games, Archery, Lego,
Bubble Making, Basketball, Hot Wheels,
Mini Golf and so much more...

£20 per day

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, CONTACT BEN JOHNSON
BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK

Inset day sessions
9am - 4pm
Monday 22 July and
Tuesday 23 July 2024

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- Yr R** *India* - for always being kind and respectful to your friends and the world around you.
Well done!
- Yr 1** *Charlie* - for your excellent independent writing about Olympic gymnasts! Brilliant!
- Yr 2** *Keanu* - for your brilliant running stitch in our sewing lesson. You concentrated superbly, well done!
- Yr 3** *Lucas* - for some super statistics this week. You collected data and presented it in a fabulous pictogram. Well done!
- Yr 4** *Henrietta* - for mastering the editing process in your writing, You know how to improve your writing and have done so brilliantly.
- Yr 5** *Blaise* - for a well structured, balanced and interesting debate about the Spartans and Athenians.
- Yr 6** *Ewan* - for being a super year 6 role model and team player, you always make good choices to support your classmates.



Diary Dates 2024



2023/24 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024

Wednesday 19th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants Day 1 Stay & Play
Saturday 22nd June	7.00, PTA Indian Supper Club
Monday 24th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers' Service, Chichester Cathedral Parents and carers are welcome to join us but space is very limited and your view may be restricted.
Wednesday 26th June	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 2, Parents meet The Team
Thursday 27th June	GAS Sports at Boxgrove (Details to follow)
Thursday 27th June	Beech Class Yr 4 Big Camp & Yr 3 Adventure Days
Friday 28th June	
Monday 1st July	Apple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Tuesday 2nd July	Maple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Wednesday 3rd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 3, Drop and Go
Thursday 4th July	Election Day—school open as normal
Thursday 4th July	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 4th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 5th July	12.30 Opening Ceremony—Sports Afternoon
Friday 5th July	3.00 PTA Sports Sizzler Event
Monday 8th July	Paris Olympics Showcase Exhibition (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th July	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 11th July	Goodwood Festival of Speed—school open at 8am.
Friday 12th July	Goodwood Festival of Speed—school open at 8am.
Friday 12th July	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 16th July	Leavers' Service in school (details tbc)
Wednesday 17th July	End of Term Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 18th July	2.30, Pre-School Leavers' Festival
Monday 22nd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)
Tuesday 23rd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)
Monday 2nd September	INSET
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day back at school for the Autumn Term with new start time of 8.30.
Monday 9th September	First Day for our new Reception children (staggered start times tbc)