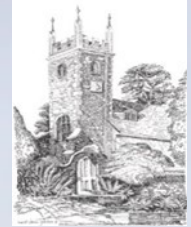




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Headteacher: Mrs G. Moss  
Newsletter 24 19th March 2021



Dear Children and Parents,

We have had a great week in school. The building and grounds have been full of laughter and learning. Please find attached a document which will help you to understand how we are adapting the learning to respond to the children's needs, following the Covid restrictions. It will also help you to prepare for our parent-teacher consultations, which we will be holding before Easter, via Zoom.

Did you know that the ability to remember and tell jokes is quite a developmental milestone? I have enjoyed many many jokes today, and we have chosen six lucky chocolate bar winners who bravely shared their jokes with the whole school. As the children didn't seem to appreciate my chocolate related jokes enough, I am sharing with you—perhaps a more developed sense of humour is required!

*Fynn—Why did the dog sit next to the fire? Because he wanted to be a hot-dog!*

*Beatrix—How do you make a tissue dance? Put a boogie in it!*

*Felix—Why did the turkey join a band? He wanted to play with his drumsticks!*

*Benny—what do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a pig? Jurassic pork!*

*Raife—There was a fight in the fish and chip shop last night: the fish got battered!*

*Nell—What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but their flag is a big plus!*

*Mrs. Moss—Archaeologists have discovered a giant pyramid covered in chocolate and hazelnuts. They think it could be the tomb of Pharaoh Rocher!*

*What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate? A chocolate baaa!*

*Why did the M&M go to West Dean CE Primary School? He wanted to be a Smartie!*

*And for Zebbie, Casper and all the other Star Wars fans out there..... what do you call Chewbacca when he has chocolate stuck in his hair? A chocolate chip Wookiee!*



Enjoy your weekend!



Please continue to stay safe. **DO NOT RELAX YOUR COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS NOW!**

Some of our staff have now had the vaccine and others are awaiting notification, but not all will be protected for quite some time. There are staff and colleagues in our neighbouring schools who are very poorly with the virus

**& ONE LOCAL SCHOOL HAS JUST CLOSED DUE TO POSITIVE CASES:** we want to protect everyone.

**Some reminders from WSCC:** Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms needs to book a PCR test (not a LFD) and should isolate along with their household and not be in school while they wait for their result. Secondary schools will have separate information for their pupils.

WSCC LETTER HERE: [I include a letter for parents and carers](#) WS vaccination update here: <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

Look at this lovely rainbow! A sign of hope!

## HOME LEARNING CONTINUES:

If your child is at home isolating due to Covid, but is well, we are committed to supporting with home learning. This will look a bit different to the large scale Google Classroom presence, but we will do all we can to make it work.

If your child is **at home poorly** for any reason, we will not provide home learning resources, as time off school for illness is for recuperation!

**Apple and Maple Classes** will continue to use the **Google Classroom Message Board** for communication, as this has proved really effective.

Our **Google Classrooms** will now be 'mothballed' a little, but will be used as and when teachers feel they will be useful. Chestnut Class may still use theirs, for example, for homework, and as good preparation for secondary school.

Please see attached information from Chartwells regarding their School Catering vacancies.

For further information contact:

Kerry Scott 07766923976

Kerry.scott@compass-group.co.uk



## Diary Dates 2021

**Spring Term 2021:** Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

**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, Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021**

Thursday 25th March, 5.30pm - Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 30th March, - Zoom Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)

Wednesday 31st March, - Zoom Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)

Thursday 1st April, 10.00 - Rev Sarah Manouch Maundy Thursday and Easter Assembly

Easter Holidays

Thursday 6th May - Poling Day (School will remain open)

Monday 14th June - Yellow School Photos, Leavers and Classes



### Comic Relief Red Nose—'The Power of Funny'

We have joined in the fundraising for Comic Relief you for all your donations so far. There is still schoolmoney.co.uk, If you would like to donate more than £2.00 you may add as many items to your basket as you wish.



and worn something red. Thank time to make a donation of £2 on

The theme this year is 'The Power of Funny' and we have all had great fun today sharing all our jokes.



*Are you looking for a way to get more involved with the school?*

*Are you interested in making a valuable contribution to your child's education?*

*Are you interested in helping to shape and oversee the administrative arm of the primary school?*

## Then we are looking for YOU!

## Become a Parent Governor!

The deadline for applications is Friday 19th March

For more information, speak to the school office, or contact the Clerk of Governors, at [pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)



Dear parents, carers, governors and children,

We are excited to provide you with some Yoga & Mindfulness video lessons for your family to practise at home together (adults and children!). These are part of a new Yoga & Mindfulness programme school has purchased which also includes Yoga P.E lessons too! Hopefully your children will become Yoga experts very soon!

To access these FREE videos, simply visit:

<https://kidsloveyoga.thinkific.com/courses/free-for-kids-at-home-yoga-mindfulness-online>

You will need to create an account on the website. Please do not share this link with other families outside of our school.

We are excited to be offering this resource and we will use it from time to time in the classrooms too, especially throughout this pandemic period.

Remember—trying new things is good for the development of our brains, and activities which help us to focus and be calm are really worthwhile in this modern busy world.

Contact information for this resource:

Shaping Healthy Minds / Kids Love Yoga

[fo@kidsloveyoga.org.uk](mailto:fo@kidsloveyoga.org.uk)

07540 489 779 / 07540 240 404

Please do let us have your feedback if you have accessed the Kids Love Yoga resources.



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards - Friday 19th March 2021*

**Indigo** - for being helpful and reliable to her classmates and grown ups

**Jack** - for always trying his best and becoming more independent with his learning

**Henry** - for applying his independent thinking to his 'Census' bar chart

**Benny** - for showing great resilience and perseverance this week, not only in his work in class but in mastering the monkey bars

**Florence** - for returning to school with a bang! Her handwriting and presentation of her work is noticeably more beautiful, her reading is more fluent and, as ever, she is an amazing friend

**Mabel** - for her amazing thinking and ability to make links during our 'Census' lessons

**Bay** - for being able to represent the 'Census' data in different ways showing great understanding and independence

**Current Useful Information and Reminders:**  
**March 2021**

**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 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 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 or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk))

**Governing Body News:**

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community.

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).

**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.