



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 1st April 2022*



Viva Year R - for your amazing 'OO' picture to help make our class book. Careful and detailed work! :)

Mia Year 1 - for your independent writing about tadpoles. You thought about the best words to use first and then wrote with confidence. Well done! :)

Lilly Year 2 - for being a kind friend. You took time to help and support your peers when making our cars in DT.

Sebastian Year 3 - for your amazing writing when nominating for the Golden Person Award. The descriptions were brilliant and you really got into role when announcing who it was! Well done!

George Year 4 - for showing such enthusiasm and determination when using a saw in our DT project to make mini greenhouses.

Robert Year 5 - for your super mathematical thinking in our decimal, fraction and percentages matching game. You thought really carefully and made links with great success.

Raife Year 6 - for a great balanced argument. You enjoyed composing your 'for' and 'against' ideas and produced a really well written argument.





Be part of local folklore and join a fun charity race up the Goodwood Trundle for runners, walkers and families — Please see attached information for details about the Trundle Assault taking place on **Saturday 14th May 2022**

www.trundleassault.com

COVID Update

We are pleased to say that numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 have decreased again this week, with no new cases reported on Thursday or Friday.

You will have seen from our communication to you yesterday, that as of today, Friday 1st April, all COVID related operational guidance for schools has been removed, meaning that there is no longer a requirement or indeed the facility to test for COVID-19, nor a requirement to self isolate.

I have to admit that this leaves many school leaders, myself included, feeling in a somewhat difficult position, as we know some families in our communities are still managing the virus in their own household.

From this point forwards, the advice, although very limited, is simply that anyone who feels unwell, particularly with a high temperature, should stay at home until they feel better.

We all hope that this change in guidance is a signal that we can return to pre-pandemic operations in safety and with confidence, including being able to welcome families into school much more frequently. However, I want to assure you that we will still do all we can to ensure a safe learning environment for everyone in our school community. Please support us in this by continuing to keep your child at home if they are unwell. As always, do contact us for a conversation if you are unsure of the best course of action.

Sports Partnership—Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre

Our swim squad did West Dean proud at the Arun Gala on Wednesday this week. They swam their absolute hardest and made an awesome team.



Well done to our amazing team of swimmers and to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Goacher, their tireless coaches.

Clarification on provision for children during periods at home

In light of the changes to COVID operational guidance for schools, we do not anticipate that any child will need to spend time at home, unless they are unwell.

Learning activities will not be set when your child is unwell and therefore unable to attend school, nor where you have chosen to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time, as this provision is not appropriate under those circumstances.

If in exceptional circumstances, and after discussion with Mr Williams, your child needs to spend time at home but is well, work will generally be accessible via your child's Google Classroom, but in some circumstances, such as for our younger children, will be emailed to you by the class teacher.



Google Classroom

WEST DEAN DAY FOR UKRAINE

On Friday 1st April we held our 'Day for Ukraine'.

Children were invited to wear something blue and/or yellow in return for a donation to be made to help the people of Ukraine during this awful time of war in their country.

The children made ribbons to wear in school. We talked about Ukraine in our assembly and as the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and has become a symbol of hope for the country around the world, the children were all given sunflower seeds to take home and plant. **Donations can be made on [schoolmoney.co.uk](https://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)**, you can place as many £1 donations in your basket as you wish. Please do support us, if you can, to help. **All donations will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee**, who work with a number of aid charities currently supporting people in Ukraine as well as those forced to leave the country.

As a school we are committed to supporting this effort and doing what we can as well as holding the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers, so you thank you for your support.



Another way to help...

Many of you will know that Hugo from Yapton Free Church visits West Dean regularly, to lead collective worship with us.

Yapton Free Church are collecting goods for Ukraine which will be distributed through The Barnabas Fund. Goods can be dropped at The Lazy W, Yapton Lane, Walberton, BN18 0AS. Please use The Riverwood Entrance (Green Sign). Drop off is between 12 noon - 4pm on Wednesday and 10am - 2pm on Saturday. Please do not bring items at any other time. The goods needed include, nappies, tin food (that can be opened without a tin opener and is rich in protein such as meat and fish), cup-a-soup and energy bars, blankets and good quality, warm clothing. If you can bring items in a cardboard box, that would be helpful.



A reminder to all families that in order to safeguard children and adults with an allergy or intolerance to nuts, we ask that **nuts and food products containing nuts are not brought into school.**

HM Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme

For further details about the Government's Tax Free Childcare Scheme go to www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk.

We are able to accept payments through this scheme for our afterschool clubs and care bears facilities.

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If you need any help, please do contact the school office.



Care Bears Provision

Just a reminder that we ask for 24 hours notice when booking a Care Bears session for your child, this enables us to ensure we have adequate staffing available to cover the session. Thank you for your support.



PE KIT We have an increasingly high number of children who do not have PE kit with them in school in preparation for their PE lessons. Whilst there is clearly a need to take kit home and wash it periodically, the children should have their PE kit in school all week, Monday to Friday. Please support your child in organising themselves and remembering this.



Diary Dates 2021/22



2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 28th February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April

Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February



Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Monday 4th April	1.00-4.00 SSP Bronze Ambassadors—Westgate (selected)
Wednesday 6th April	Last Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	West Dean Tree Planting
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers
Friday 8th April	Processional Easter Worship (details tbc)
Monday 25th April	Bikeability for Year 6 (details to follow)
Tuesday 26th April	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 27th April	Authors Abroad, Writing Enrichment at Portfield (selected)
Thursday 28th April	2.30 Chestnut Class parent information session re Foxlease residential
Tuesday 3rd May	Parent Evening Appointment
Thursday 5th May	Parent Evening Appointment
Thursday 5th May	Chichester Falcons Softball (in school for Beech and Chestnut)
Thursday 12th May	Governing Body Meeting
Saturday 14th May	Trundle Assault
Tuesday 17th May	Chestnut Class residential visit to Foxlease—Friday 20th May.
Monday 23rd May	Drama4All Workshop in school for Apple and Maple
Tuesday 24th May	Hugo Van-Driel Assembly
Monday 13th June	Yellow School Photographs
Thursday 16th June	SSP Future Flyers
Friday 15th July	Community Café (tbc)

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2022

Spring 2
Second half of spring term

x 5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Mrs J Reynolds)				
	& Miss C Bond)	20	Football	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Art/Drawing	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
	Mrs K Prudence	10	STEM	£25.00	Yr 4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£20.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April - x 5 weeks

Dance Club will run for four weeks only – no Dance Club on Thursday 17th March

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available every-day, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. Please make sure that you book in, at least 24 hours in advance, if possible.

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm. Our swimming club, this time, will be training for the possibility of taking part in the Swim Gala competitions. Children must be able to confidently swim a length (20M). If you are not sure, please check with Mrs Johnson or Mrs Gaocher.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.

Please collect your child from the Reception area. Children will only be released to parents or carers unless we have been notified of alternative arrangements.

Clubs will go 'live' on Friday 18th February at 3.00pm.