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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>

Club absence

It is great to see so many children enjoying clubs this term.

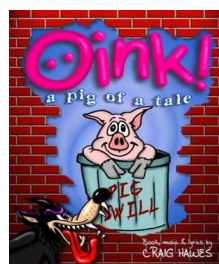
We understand that life is busy and sometimes obstacles turn up which result in a child needing to miss their club for a week. In this event, we ask that you give as much notice as possible, particularly for cookery club, where supplies are purchased each week according to numbers signed up.

If you know that your child would normally be in a club, please do not allow them to leave the playground without checking that the teacher running the club knows that they will not be attending. Thank you.

After School Trim Trail Use

Now that the nicer weather seems to have finally arrived, it is lovely to see children playing on the trim trail after school, whilst families have a chance to socialise.

We are happy to support this, but ask please that you ensure that you have sight of your child at all times and accept full responsibility for their safety after 3pm, as no school adult supervision can be provided for this. Thank you.



There was a buzz of excitement after assembly this morning, as Mrs Johnson announced that auditions will take place next week for children in Chestnut Class who wish to have a speaking or singing part in our school production of OINK! later this term.

Please save the date—**Monday 10th July**—as this promises to be a spectacular event.

All children in the school will be participating in the performance in some way and topic learning across the school will focus on the theme of 'Farming & Food' during the second half of term, to link in with production preparations. More details to follow very soon.

Congratulations Nova

Runner up—Goodwoof Barkitecture competition

The Junior Barkitecture designers really gave the architects a run for their money.

"I was surprised by the inventiveness and love the sheer joy that each of these designs embodies. Just glorious!"

They received nearly 200 entries so to be one of the two runners up is a great achievement!



Breakfast Bears

Our brand new Breakfast Bears club is now open. Come and join us for breakfast everyday from 8.00—8.35.

Available to book on schoolmoney.co.uk.



SATs Week

There has been an air of quiet concentration about school this week, as our Year Six children take their KS2 National Curriculum Assessments. This has been a demanding week for them, but we knew they were ready and have given it their all.

Well done Year 6—we are very proud of you!

Administration of Medication: Our Managing Medicines policy allows us to administer prescription medication should the need arise. We are unable to administer doses of non-prescribed medication, for example Calpol, Ibuprofen etc. We would ask that you do not send your child into school with any medicine, cream, lip salve, throat lozenges etc.

In extreme circumstances or in the case of emergency, we will contact you if we feel your child needs some pain relief. In other circumstances, if your child needs pain relief during the day, we will ask you to arrange to come in and do this or to appoint a nominated contact to do this on your behalf.

Thank you for your support.



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 12th May 2023*



- Yr R Ivy S - for your brilliant writing about a magic wand. Well done!*
- Yr 1 Monty - for being so enthusiastic in forest schools. You used tools safely to make a bee and share your knowledge about pollination.*
- Yr 2 Finlay - for your enthusiasm during our fruit salad taste testing. You showed confidence when trying unknown fruits and thought of some great words to describe them. Well done!*
- Yr 3 Hetty J - for always being ready to learn and being keen for the next challenge to stretch your brain.*
- Yr 4 Blaise - for excellent scientific thinking and questioning during our investigation about the mass of gases. Well done!*
- Yr 5 Leo - for thinking like a scientist and being prepared to question the reliability of our data. Very impressive questioning and critical thinking skills. Well done!*
- Yr 6 All of Year 6 - for being amazing and doing so well during their assessment week*



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 21st July 2023



Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Thursday 20th July

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



Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 16th May	Maple Class visit to Pizza Express
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)
Thursday 18th May	5.30 Governing Body Meeting
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)
Tuesday 6th June	Whole School visit to West Dean Arboretum
Thursday 8th June	1.00-3.00, PTA Poolside First Aid Training
Saturday 10th June	Cycling Club—Ditcham Park Hill Climb event
Monday 12th June	9.00, Yellow School Photographs
Wednesday 14th June	GAS singing event—Yr 3 rehearsal at The March (details tbc)
Thursday 15th June	1.00-3.00 Future Flyers
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Morning
Wednesday 21st June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Monday 26th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers Service in Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 28th June	1.30 - 2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Wednesday 28th June	5.30, GAS Singing Event at St Paul's Church Yr 3 (details tbc)
Wednesday 5th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Wednesday 5th July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Thursday 6th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 10th July	Summer Production at West Dean College—'Oink!'
Friday 21st July	AAA Coaching, 9.00—4.00 (School closed, Inset)