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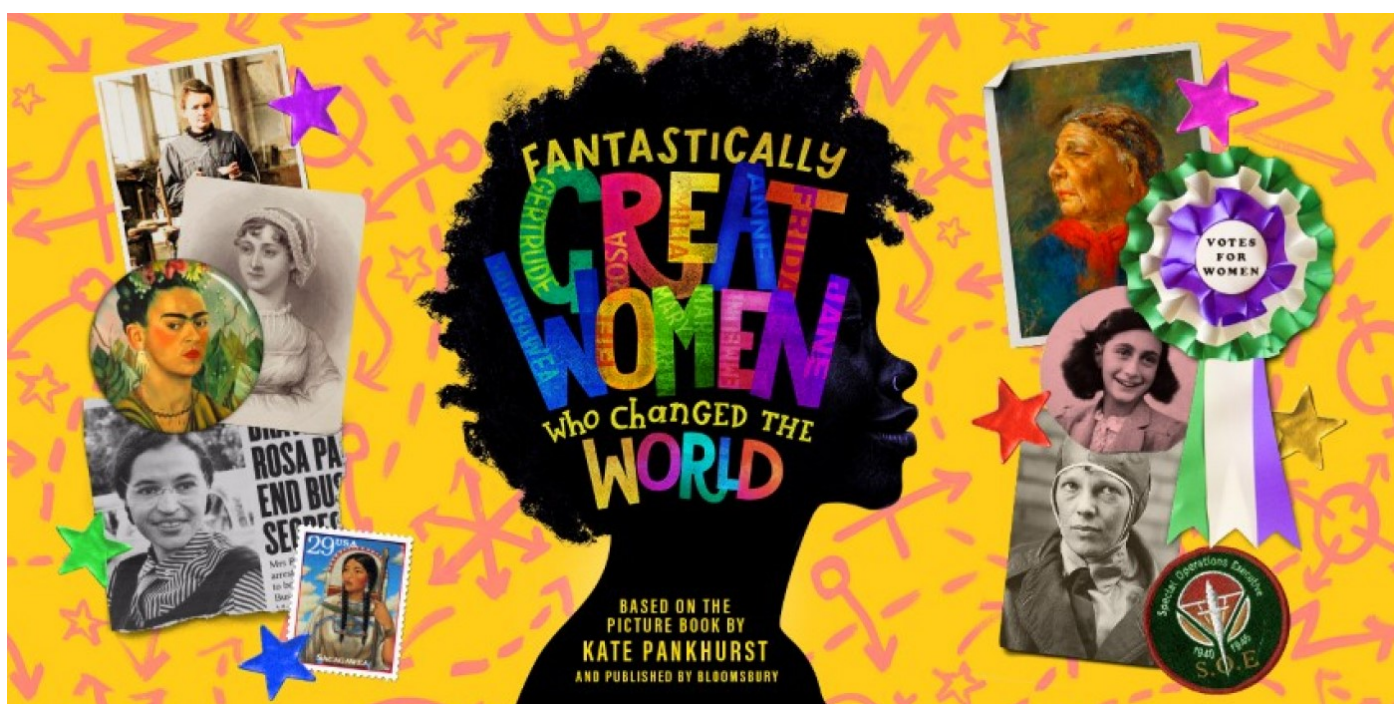


We do our best in all we do, with God's love.
'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'

Dear parents, carers and children,

It has been a lovely week in school, with the welcome return of swimming at the Westgate Centre and an inspiring trip to Chichester Festival Theatre for the children in Beech and Chestnut Class. I am so pleased that, despite the continued need for caution around COVID safety, these enriching learning activities are able to happen.

The performance of *Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World* is to be highly recommended if you ever have the chance to see it. It is exciting, energetic and enlightening in equal measure, with such an important core message of hope, and encouragement to 'be' the change that makes a difference in our world.



Having looked at the book of the same name, written by Kate Pankhurst, who is distantly related to suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst, the children already had some background knowledge of the amazing personal stories of each of the women who feature in the production, including Frida Kahlo, Marie Curie, Mary Seacole, and Rosa Parks, to name but a few. It was wonderful to see the children's reaction when they recognised each of these amazing women, as their story was brought to life on stage.

Back in school we've discussed some of the key messages from the performance in assembly today, hopefully helping the children to understand that change can often feel scary or uncomfortable at first, but that the outcome is almost always positive. Inspired by the actions of the central character in the performance, a ten-year-old girl called Jade, the children have also been asked to think about the way in which they can take responsibility for change. Not necessarily with grand gestures or incredible adventures, but in their own small way by adjusting their own actions and behavior in the interest of others and the wider world.

Such a valuable learning experience for our children, which I hope they have been able to share with you at home, by retelling the stories and facts about these fantastically great women.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend in (fingers crossed) continued sunshine,

Chris Williams



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 14th January 2022*



***Elsie, Year R** - for your kind and caring nature to others in class.
You are a superstar!*

***Teddy, Year 1** - for your determination and perseverance in forest
schools. Your dinosaur habitat was brilliant!*

***Fynn, Year 2** - for your super focus and techniques during our mind-
fulness yoga. Well done!*

***Felix, Year 3** - for a brilliant week of independent learning. You
have shown how able you are to listen to instructions and complete a
variety of tasks in the classroom.*

***Heidi, Year 4** - for confidently settling into Beech Class. You have
made a great effort getting to know everyone.*

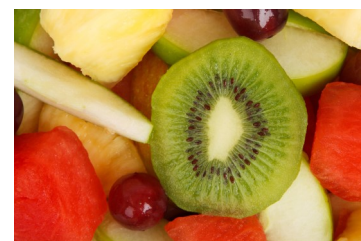
***James, Year 5** - for super collaborative work. We watched your group
listening closely to each other, giving feedback and being respectful
towards each other. Well done.*

***Willow, Year 6** - for a very well reasoned and argued explanation of
the 'push' and 'pull' factors responsible for migration and the
movement of the Vikings.*





To kick start your New Year, New You healthy eating regime, we have a Russell Hobbs Smoothie Sensation smoothie maker which is surplus to requirements. If you would like to have it, for a small donation to our school funds, please ask at the school office.



COVID safe procedures and routines

Following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the operational guidance for schools has been updated.



Please remember your face mask when visiting school, including drop-off and pick-up times.

Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool

We are, once again, limiting grown-ups in school. Please, only come into school if necessary. If you need to contact us you can give us a call or drop us an email and we will respond.

As per Government guidance, school staff are wearing face coverings in shared and communal areas and continue to LFT twice weekly. We continue to remain vigilant with hand washing, sanitising, ensuring good ventilation and cleaning in school.

Let's all work together and do all we can to stay safe. Thank you for your continued support.



New website for West Dean

Do have a look at our 'new-look' website, which is now live at:

<http://www.westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk/web>

Currently, the new design has been applied to the existing website content, so the text information remains the same.

We will be gradually reviewing and revising the content over the coming weeks and months, but we hope you like this fresh new look in the meantime.

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. We understand that nuts can form part of a healthy diet, but ask for your cooperation in the interest of safety. Thank you.



Community Speedwatch Group for West Dean

As you will be aware speeding through our beautiful village, particularly outside the school, is an ongoing issue. I am therefore setting up a Community Speedwatch Group for West Dean. There are many local villages successfully operating this scheme and if you would like more information please follow this link [Community Speedwatch Online](#)

If you are interested in joining the group which will initially involve a 30 minute online training session and thereafter a face to face training session with PCSO Jason Lemm which will take about an hour where he will show us how to operate the equipment, then please contact me direct via email, helencourt71@yahoo.com and I will be able to provide more detailed information.

I do hope you are able to join the Group as the more volunteers I can recruit the quicker we can make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Helen Court
Parish Councillor



West Dean Governing Body — Election of Parent Governor

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor and would invite you to consider the opportunity to join us and make a difference.

As a governing Body, we meet together twice each term to discuss, agree, approve, monitor, evaluate and decide together strategies for school development.

Do you have a particular area of expertise that you could offer or do you have a desire to help us to move forward?
Do you have some time to be a vital part of our school community?

If you think this might be for you, please see the attached information and nomination form.

If you would like further information or an informal chat, please do contact the school office , our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Goacher, or our Clerk, Pasha Delahunty.

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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

Wednesday 19th January	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 20th January	1.00-3.00 SSP Netball at Bishop Luffa selected Year 3/4
Monday 24th January	Assembly with Hugo Van-Driel
Wednesday 26th January	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd February	1.00-3.00 SSP Quicksticks Hockey (selected yr 5/6)
Thursday 3rd February	Maple Class Visit to Marwell (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd February	SSP Future Flyers—details to follow for selected Yr 5/6
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 9th February	1.00-3.30 SSP Cross Country Event (optional for Yr 5/6)
Thursday 10th February	1.30-3.30 SSP FUNDamentals selected Yr 2/3
Wednesday 16th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
Monday	Miss J Ashton Cancelled	10	Netball	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Cross Country	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
Wednesday	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February - x 5 weeks

Children in Miss Ashton's Netball club will be working towards the Sports Partnership High Five Netball event in the spring term.

Children in Mr William's Cross Country Club will be working towards the Sports Partnership Cross Country event in February.

Children in Mrs Holder's Dance club will be working on their performance for the Dance House event at the Alexandra Theatre, Thursday 17th February 2022.

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

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.

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.

West Sussex Sports Partnership—Girls Football

To support girls football in the community SSP have worked hard collaborating with Sussex County FA, Bognor football club and Pathway coaching to introduce the national girls football programme: **"Weetabix wildcats"**. This is to aid girls moving into club football. This casual/fun focused drop in style sessions are all over the country and now in **Bognor Regis at The Arena Sports Centre. Only £2, starting in January!**

For further information regarding wild cats:

<https://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/get-involved/girls/fun/wildcats>

Booking Information regarding Arena wildcats session: <https://find.EnglandFootball.com/venue/193123545024>