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Dear Parents and Carers, Our final Newsletter of 2020

Thanks to some good fortune and the care taken by everyone in the community, we have reached the end of term happily and healthily. We have continued with our high expectations of learning and we are proud of all the children have achieved. By focusing on topics available to us here and now – tress, our local heritage and environment, us as a community – we have been able to create exciting and relevant stimuli for the children. I am delighted with the learning, and delighted that we have moved forward with technology whilst maintaining special West Dean traditions. Our interactive TVs have already had a really positive impact and we feel well prepared for home learning, should we need to do this in the Spring term, with Google Classrooms.

The children and staff feel very privileged to have been able to sing for Father Christmas at West Dean College, visit the Arboretum, and to have a Christmas Party and Panto for each of our bubbles. We feel particularly fortunate that our Christingle Service brought so much joy to you – it was a special day for us where we celebrated and learnt about Christian values and the nativity story.



We could not have done this without a significant amount of help from you: your support and patience as we worked around weather forecasts, your cracker making, your support with our visits to the college, for arranging the panto, your contributions to refreshments, your genius treasure hunts, and for ensuring that your children had the correct clothes for each activity! There are simply too many people to thank individually, so **Thank you to everyone.**



We are preparing for a 'normal' start to school on 4th January, and hope that you all have a joyful and safe Christmas, and a happy and healthy 2021.



HELPING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your generosity during our Christingle Service, your donations will be made to **The Children's Society**.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we always think of others who may be in need. We will donate to the Children's Society with the proceeds of our Christingle Service

Thank you for your donations any items which vulnerable families, homeless people, and the shelters for homeless people, might find useful. We are collecting these items in boxes which hold 24 items (tins of food, shampoo/shower gel bottles etc). The boxes will then be delivered where they are most needed and you can donate money too. Please take a look at these links for more information on how to help local vulnerable people: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/makeyourchangecount>

<https://www.chichester.co.uk/news/people/council-urges-chichester-residents-make-your-change-count-when-helping-homeless-3041682>

Thank you to those of you who have sent items into school. We now have one full box. We will continue with this in the New Year, so that we can all bring in any unwanted post-Christmas items: that way we can really have an impact for those in need.

TRUNDLE ASSAULT

For after Christmas, when we will all want to get some fresh air and exercise, and work off the mince pies.....

See the attached information—join in and help local charities and businesses.

WALK/JOG/RUN.... Reach the summit and earn points for the village/pub

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Maths Word of the Week

PALINDROME

Here are some examples of palindromes—can you work out what the word means and think of some examples of your own?

232 6,447,446 HANNAH

kayak step on no pets

top spot Was it a cat I saw?

What if we are ill during the Christmas Holidays?

If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid, in the six days after our final day, and if **their symptoms began within 48 hours of school closing**, then school is responsible for contact tracing and you should **email school immediately**. (Public health England have agreed this six day period of school responsibility as they believe that cases are likely to be evident within a couple of days of school finishing).

Mrs Shears and I will guarantee to check emails between 16:00 and 17:00 hours each day until Christmas Eve evening: (19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th) . We will then let any 'contacts' know, so that people can isolate if required to do so.

Please only contact us if your child's symptoms developed on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December.

After this date, you should follow the advice on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If your child is poorly with Covid symptoms as we return to school on Monday 4th January, let us know by email as soon as possible, please.

The information in these links from WSCC may also be of use:

[West Sussex to remain in Tier 2](#)
[Do you need to travel this Christmas?](#)

Please do all you can to remain well and to keep others safe. We have all worked really hard over the last nine months, and sacrificed much. Soon, we will have vaccinations and rapid testing, so things will become easier. In the meantime, being sensible over the next fortnight could mean the difference between school being open or closed, between people being healthy or poorly, and between life and death for family and friends.

Coming soon to West Dean CE Primary School

Beech Class will soon be announcing
our on line

School market place, where
you will be able to sell items.

50% or more of the income
will come to school,

so everyone is a winner!

Beech Class and a couple of willing and able parents will lead this for us. It will become beech Class's Business Enterprise work, which will help them to understand the concepts of buying and selling, profit and marketing. Please do support this as much as you can.

Had a sort
out and got
'stuff' to hand
on? Charity
shops closed?

Looking for
**Christmas
Gifts** without
going shop-
ping?

Already overdone the
Amazon ordering?

Keen to support school
without spending lots of

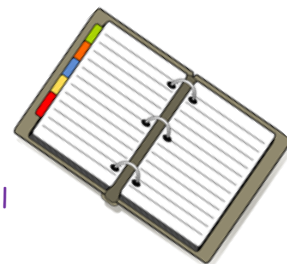
Diary Dates 2021

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

Half—Term: Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February

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

Monday 4th January 2021 - Return to School

Friday 8th January, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Chestnut class (Care Bears for siblings)

Friday 15th January, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Chestnut class (Care Bears for siblings)

Friday 22nd January, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Beech class (Care Bears for siblings)

Thursday 28th January, 5.30 - Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 29th January, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Beech class (Care Bears for siblings)

Friday 5th February, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Apple/Mapleclass (Care Bears for siblings)

Tuesday 9th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February, 3.00-4.00 - AAA Coaching for Apple/Mapleclass (Care Bears for siblings)

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Monday 7th December. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Wild West](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Wild West*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Wild West* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of West Dean CofE Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 28th December.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **WSWG281220** or book online at perform.org.uk.



Acorn Awards

Friday 18th December 2020

Berti - for your cheerful, kind nature to everyone

Rufus - for coming to school everyday happy and ready to learn. Keep up the brilliant work!

Poppy W - for your thoughtful and kind attitude towards everything you do and for always thinking of others

Zebby - for your continuous, calm nature both in the classroom and outside, your attitude shines through

Daisy - for always being ready to help in the classroom and starting each day positively

Raife - for a thoughtfully planned and well written report on The Life of Edward James

Ems - for careful editing of your poem, you challenged yourself and really upskilled your writing

Sonny - for helping us all use Google Classroom and challenging yourself with the homework



Current Useful Information and Reminders:

September 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the **Chichester District Foodbank**; we continue to have a box in the Reception area to collect any items that you would like to donate and Mrs Jen Rogers has very kindly agreed to make regular deliveries of our goods.



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](https://www.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)

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.

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.