



West Dean Church of England Primary School
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Newsletter 2 - 10th September 2021



Dear parents, carers and children,

It has been a joy to welcome the children back this week and wonderful to watch the calm and happy start they have made. With the combination of changes to COVID safe guidance and some very welcome September sunshine, we are all so pleased to have been able to encourage increased interaction between each of the classes, particularly at playtimes, and I have been struck by just how well the children know and support each other, both at work and at play. In just the first few days of being with you at West Dean, it is already abundantly clear to me what a strength of the school this is.

With careful planning and, as I said last week, some caution, our aim is to increase curriculum enrichment and cross-age learning opportunities in the coming weeks, including plans for some exciting trips and special days. More details to follow in due course, so watch this space...

Thank you so much for the warm welcome that I have received from the whole school community this week. It has been lovely meeting and chatting to parents and carers on the playground and I am trying my level best to remember faces and names, despite the continued challenge of face masks. Thank you also, for your continued support and cooperation in keeping everyone safe by wearing a mask at pick-up and drop-off. Do come and say hello on the playground, particularly if I have not yet managed to meet you.

During our assemblies this week we have talked about thankfulness and perseverance in the context of this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games. Relating this to our own life, we considered how we should all be thankful that school life is beginning to return to some form of normality and feel a tremendous sense of privilege to work and learn at West Dean CE Primary School each day. At the same time, life is full of challenge, much of which is good and healthy, so it is important to develop the resilience and perseverance to meet that challenge head on and keep going, just like those Olympians. In my conversations with the children this week, they have shown a really good understanding of this, which gives me great hope for the term ahead.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Chris Williams

Please continue to stay safe and
PLEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THROUGHOUT OUR
SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.**

Face Coverings (masks and visors) are available to buy from our Reception
if you have forgotten yours.



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 10th September 2021



Casper - for such a positive start to Year 1! You have grown in confidence and are always ready to "have a go" with enthusiasm

Jack - for your positive attitude and determination towards your writing this week. You have worked so hard!

Imogen - for a fantastic start in Beech Class and for being brave and asking lots of brilliant questions which helped your classmates too!

Marina - for showing what it is to be a supportive and wonderful friend. You are a brilliant role model to our new Year 2s. Your maths partitioning work this week has also been phenomenal!

Rupert - your super question in our mathematics lesson showed your curiosity and an enquiring attitude to your learning. You found the answer and shared it with us

Teale - We loved your 'All About Me' poster. You gave us the opportunity to 'read between the lines' and use our skills of inference to learn all about you



COVID safe procedures and routines

To clarify an element of COVID guidance which has prompted some questions this week, children who are identified as a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 should attend school as normal and do not need to isolate at home whilst awaiting the result of a PCR test.



Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool

Healthy Lunch Boxes

We encourage all of our children to lead healthy lifestyles and this includes their lunches and snacks in school. If your child has a packed lunch, please could we ask that you try to make healthy choices for your child's lunch box and not to include sweets.



Thank you for your support with this.

Clubs and Care Bears

Booking is now 'live' for clubs, our timetable is attached for your convenience and can be found here each week.



Our after school care facility, Care Bears, is open every day from 3.00 – 4.00 for all children from Reception through to Year 6, £5 per child per session.

PTA Tea and Tissues

Our new Reception children's parents are invited to stay for 'Tea and Tissues' with the PTA on Monday 13th September,



This is a good opportunity to meet other parents and members of our PTA.

Refreshments will be available in the Pavilion between 9.00-10.00am.

Please do come along and join us. We will provide disposable cups but if you do have your own coffee mug, please do bring this along.

PTA Coffee Morning

Tea and tissues is specifically for our new Reception parents to get to know each other but why should we miss out?



We'll have our very own coffee morning on Friday 24th September, in the Pavilion, 8.30–9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us for a coffee and a catch-up.

We will provide disposable cups but if you have your own coffee mug please do bring this along.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Car Parking

From Monday 13th September, parents and carers of any children in Apple Class are permitted to park in the school car park. It is particularly important that we respect this please as we welcome the new Reception children from Monday.



I have not yet been able to review the arrangements for using the pub car park, but will be doing so soon. In the meantime, last term's permit may still be used. Please limit your stay to the period required to pick-up your child and ensure that your driving and parking remains considerate to other users.

Meet the Teacher

Please do come along and join us for our parent information/meet the teacher sessions. We have sessions for Reception, Year 1, Beech class and Chestnut class.



Please do check the diary dates below for the details of each session.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform

Abbie Williamson is our new contact for pre-loved uniform. We have limited stock at the moment so if you have anything that is in good condition that you child has outgrown please do bring it in.



If you have something particular that you are looking for, Abbie is happy for you to contact her directly.

07590 911094

Uniform Reminder

Girls: White blouse or polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo

Grey skirt/ pinafore or tailored trousers

Blue/white check summer dress

White socks/ black or grey tights in winter

Blue/black/brown/ low heeled shoes/ **closed** sandals. No trainers.

Boys: White shirt or polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt with logo

Grey trousers (long/short)

Black/grey socks

Black/brown shoes/closed sandals. No trainers.

Pupils in the following year groups:

Year 3 & 4—Elasticated Tie

Year' 5 & 6—Tie

P.E. (Girls and boys)

Plain coloured T-shirt in "house colours"

Navy shorts

Trainers, not plimsolls (Football boots are optional - no studs)

All of our school uniform can be purchased from Game Set & Match, Chichester.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2021

Autumn 1 (first half of term – x5 weeks)

Monday	Mrs Pearmaine	12	Lego	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,
Tuesday	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mrs 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 3,4,5,6
Friday	AAA Coaching	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

Dates: W/C 20th & 27th September, 4th, 11th, 18th October - x 5 weeks

It has become necessary to slightly increase the cost of cookery club in line with the rising costs of ingredients. The children do, however, have their tea to bring home with them so we hope that you will agree, that this is still good value.

Please Note: There will only be four dance club sessions this term, there will be no dance club on Thursday 30th September

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.

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.

Governing Body News:

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

Schoolmoney.co.uk

This on-line platform 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.

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.

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)

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.

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



Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September - Friday 17th December
Half Term: Monday 25th—Friday 29th October



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April
Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February



Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Friday 22nd July
Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Monday 13th September	School Starts for Year R (PTA tea and tissues, 9.00-10.00)
Wednesday 15th September	2.30pm—Year 1 meet the teacher
Thursday 16th September	8.35am—Chestnut Class meet the teacher
Thursday 16th September	Ben Van Driel Drum Lessons begin (selected pupils)
Friday 17th September	8.35am—Beech Class meet the teacher
Monday 20th September	2.30pm—Maple Class meet the teacher
Wednesday 22nd September	2.30pm—Reception meet the teacher
Wednesday 22nd September	1.00-4.00 - Year 5 Maths Challenge, Christ's Hospital
Thursday 23rd September	Music begins for Beech and Chestnut Class (1 Term 2 Learn)
Thursday 23rd September	5.30 - Governing Body Meeting
Friday 24th September	8.30-9.30 - PTA Coffee Morning, everyone welcome
Tuesday 5th October	Bookfest Workshop—Chestnut Class
Wednesday 6th October	Chestnut Class visit to Southampton City Museum (details to follow)
Thursday 7th October	Bookfest Workshop - Maple and Beech Class
Monday 8th November	Drama for All Workshop—Apple and Maple Class
Thursday 11th November	8.45 Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 7th December	Flu Vaccination