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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**



Dear parents and carers,

As the spring term draws to a close, I thank you for your continued support throughout what has at times been a tricky few weeks in the life of the school. Just as the wider world was beginning to talk 'post-pandemic', we found ourselves facing the biggest challenge in terms of illness within our community since the pandemic began two years ago. It is a sign of the strength of this community that, despite this bump in the road, everyone pulled together to keep school open and running (almost) normally. Sincere thanks, to all who helped with this in so many different ways. I hope that the Easter holiday brings you some peace, relaxation and lots of fun family time.

They say pictures are worth a thousand words, so I am going to keep it fairly brief this week and instead include some pictures of some of the lovely things that have been happening in school this week.

On Thursday morning, at the invitation of the West dean Estate, I accompanied members of our Pupil Parliament, as well as some children representing Apple and Maple class, down to the village green, where we planted seven trees to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In case you haven't spotted the maths, the idea is one tree for each decade of Her Majesty's reign, including, I'm delighted to say, an Apple, Maple, Beech and Chestnut tree.

This morning we celebrated our end of term worship in a new and quite different way. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. With that in mind, instead of going to church, we had our own Palm Sunday style processional worship, with Tilly the Shetland Pony, leading our very excited children along a stretch of Centurion Way and around our school field, as they waved real Palm branches (thank you West Dean Gardens!) and sang '*We have a king who rides a donkey*'. Rev. Sarah then led us in worship on the playground and blessed our *Easter Garden in a wheelbarrow*, which I hope many of you were able to see displayed on the playground this morning. It was a very special, and we feel, fitting approach to Easter worship for us all. Special thanks to Emma and Tilly the pony for journeying down from Tilly's field to bring that extra bit of Easter magic this morning.

This afternoon, our PTA will be running an Easter egg hunt for the children, which I am sure will be great fun. Thank you PTA, for all you do to enrich the school experience for our children.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and will sign off with these words of Easter blessing:

In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope that Easter brings.

Best wishes, Chris Williams



The children in Beech Class have been busy designing and building greenhouses to encourage their beans to grow. There are some impressive designs with working window winders to open them up when it gets too hot. Superb work!







Happy  
Easter  
Everyone







*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 8th April 2022*



**Monty Year R** - for enjoying the challenge of writing. You are a superstar at your tricky words and are joining your letters.

**Nella Year 1** - for your enthusiasm in our music lessons. We could see the enjoyment in conducting the percussion orchestra.

**Rufus Year 2** - for your brilliant construction of 3D shapes in maths this week. You ensured you had the faces, edges and vertices in the correct places to make a sturdy model. Well done!

**Poppy Year 3** - for overcoming your fear of the 'saw'. I have watched your determination and perseverance this week and as a result you are now more confident at handling DT equipment.

**Bertie Year 4** - You have grown so much during your time in Beech Class. We are all going to miss your enthusiasm for learning, your bright ideas and your caring helpful nature. Good Luck Bertie!

**Milton Year 5** - You have been spotted by the Westgate swimming coaches for showing huge improvement in both confidence and ability during our swimming lessons. Well done :) we are very proud of you.

**Daniel Year 6** - for consistently scoring top marks in our times table challenge and working hard to improve your speed. Well done :)



**SSP Future Flyers** — Rupert, Isaac, Henry and Willow took part in the second session of their 'Future Flyers' programme this week. They joined lots of children from other schools in a programme designed to expand their awareness of sports, improve fitness and agility and increase knowledge of teamwork and leadership. Well done to our budding sports leaders of the future



**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](http://www.trundleassault.com)

### COVID Update

I sincerely hope that all of our school families remain healthy during the Easter break and that we are able to start the Summer term with the whole community back together in school.

You will have seen from our communication to you last week, that as 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.

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.

### WEST DEAN DAY FOR UKRAINE

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

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.

**Thank you for supporting us with this, we made a donation of £200.00.**



#### 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), 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.****



**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



## Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

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

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)
Saturday 7th May	Swimming Pool Spring clean and Grounds Day (tbc)
Thursday 12th May	Governing Body Meeting
Saturday 14th May	Trundle Assault
Tuesday 17th May	Chestnut Class residential visit to Foxlease—Friday 20th May.
Wednesday 18th May	SSP Tri-Golf (selected yr 3 & 4 details to follow)
Monday 23rd May	Drama4All Workshop in school for Apple and Maple
Tuesday 24th May	Hugo Van-Driel Assembly
Wednesday 26th May	SSP Year 5&6 Quadkids (details tbc) Bishop Luffa
Wednesday 8th June	SSP Disney Festival (selected Yr 1,2,3) The Arena, Bognor
Monday 13th June	Yellow School Photographs
Thursday 16th June	SSP Future Flyers
Friday 24th June	Whole School Beach Day—West Wittering (details to follow)
Friday 15th July	Community Café (tbc)

**After School Clubs**  
**Summer Term 2022**

**Summer 1**  
**First half of Summer term**

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Miss C Bond	20	Football	£20.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mr C Williams	20	Kwik Cricket	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£20.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	20	Multi-sports	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6

We are pleased to be able to offer a programme of after school activities again for the summer term. These activities take place outside of school hours and are considered 'optional extras'. The charges that we make for these activities cover the cost of the provision, resources, admin and use of the school premises and facilities.

Dates: W/C 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May - x 5 weeks

Dance Club will run for 4 weeks this half term, there will be no Dance on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Football Club will run for 4 weeks this half term, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is Bank Holiday.

Clubs for Chestnut Class will only run for four weeks this half term, £20, as they will be away for their residential visit, 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Reynolds will cover Mr Williams club during this week. Clubs have been set up with a part payment option to allow for this.

If you have a credit on your schoolmoney account that you would like to offset against payment for clubs, please do contact the school office. A part payment option is available to secure your booking in the first instance.

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available, **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**, 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.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm.