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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>



### West Dean Remembers

Children and staff joined in an Act of Remembrance on Friday morning, with the children in Beech Class reading the names of the fallen from this area who lost their lives in either of the two World Wars.

The beautiful wreath, made in Forest School by Ms Boxall and the Year 1 children, will be laid at the memorial in West Dean Church this Sunday by West Dean Pupils. Do join us for the service, which starts at 10am if you would like to.

### Chestnut Class Pre-Loved Toy Sale.

Please bring in any toy donations before and after school every day next week (to the pavilion). Chestnut Class are hoping to raise money by holding a pre-loved toy sale, w/c 20th November, and we need your toys!

Further details to follow



### BBC Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Children will be invited to dress in a SPOTacular way—with as many spots or colours as possible. In return, donations for children in Need can be made as a shop item on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk)



### Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - winter HAF bookings

Bookings for the winter HAF programme will be open from **6 November 2023**. FSM eligible families will need to use the [online booking system](#) to make all bookings. If you used the system during the summer, you will be able to log in. If you have not used it before, you will need to register for an account. A detailed user guide can be found on our [website](#).

If any families require additional support to complete the online form, or don't have access to the internet, please go to [local family hub](#). HAF codes can be provided by sending the child's full name and date of birth to [haf@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:haf@westsussex.gov.uk).

### Car Parking at The Selsey Arms

**You will have received a communication regarding car parking arrangements.**

We politely remind parents who park in The Selsey Arms car park to be considerate and respectful of the pub premises. Please ensure that you park in the marked bays and avoid blocking other vehicles, entries and exits and **especially fire exits**.

The offer of parking in the pub car park is for a brief drop-off and pick-up period only. If you intend to remain in West Dean for longer, please find alternative parking, or move into the school car park, once the morning rush is over.

**Thank you for your support.**



### GRAYLINGWELL GIRLS

Our All Abilities football session (ages 4 - 10) is on a Sunday 9.30am-10.30am on the fantastic green space opposite The Pavillion at Graylingwell Park, Chichester. We have toilets, a coffee shop and a park on site meaning any family members coming along to watch will always be entertained!

Our Development Centre (ages 8-12) aimed at older girls is on a Thursday evening 6pm - 6.45pm at The Bishop Otter Campus/Chichester University. Meaning we have flood lights to play in all weathers and levels of light through the winter.



A big **THANK YOU** to Abbie Williamson and her parent helper team for organising such a fun Film Night for the children this week.

Everyone enjoyed watching 'Elemental'

and it certainly looked cosy in the hall, with fluffy blankets, onesies and some quite gigantic soft toys!

## Wraparound Care

I am pleased to let you know that we are now able to offer Breakfast Bears and Care Bears Monday to Friday.

**Breakfast**, 8.00—8.35, £4.00 (incl breakfast)

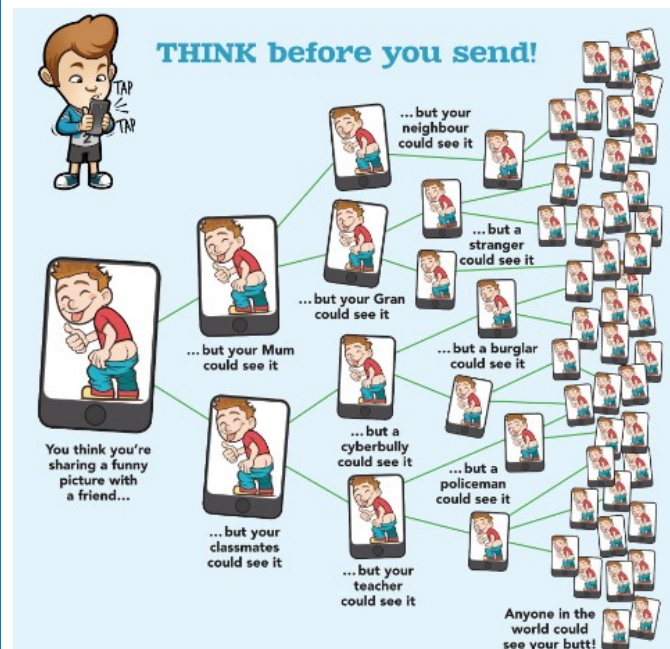
**Carebears**, 3.00—4.00, £5.00 (incl snack and drink)



## Online Safety

Nationally and internationally, there is a real and growing concern of how many young people find it ok to share inappropriate images and content online. It is leading to so many becoming vulnerable to potential exploitation, blackmail and harm from a young age, leaving a lasting digital footprint. If a person shares it, they are involved.

To help educate our young people about this vulnerability and risk, we have been encouraged to share details of a campaign by [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org), a government endorsed online safety organisation.



Do have a look at the Skips Safety Net website with your children and scan the QR code below with your phone to access some helpful guidance for parents.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



## SSP Football Event

Seven boys and girls from Beech Class took part in the locality Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament at The University of Chichester on Tuesday.

Ten local schools were represented and Miss Evans, who accompanied the children, commented on how well they worked as a team.

'It was challenging but really fun' - Owen.

'I liked playing against someone I know from another school' - Conran.

'I thought we showed great teamwork by passing a lot' - Ned.

'I enjoyed having my dad there kind of coaching!' - Reuben.

'Even though we didn't win, we had a lot of fun' - Tilly.

'There was good sportsmanship from the other teams' - Amelie.

'The other teams shook our hands and said good job' - Bronte.

A cracking goal was scored by Owen and it sounds like a great afternoon was had by all. Thank you SSP for another great locality sports event.





West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 10th November 2023



- Yr R **George** - for your brilliant drawing of 'supertato' in drawing club! Brilliant!
- Yr 1 **Alfie** - for your super reading! You have a brilliant story voice and use your sounds well!
- Yr 2 **Elsie** - for being a super scientist! You carried out a fantastic investigation and were able to explain what a fair test is. Well done!
- Yr 3 **Hettie H-** for your beautiful poppy artwork for Remembrance Day.
- Yr 4 **Owen** - for brilliant work on addition and subtraction. You are showing real confidence in your maths. Well done!
- Yr 5 **Imogen** - for great division work this week, you have worked hard using pictures to help you understand the more formal method. Well done!
- Yr 6 **Zebby** - for your amazing description of the old man—you created a really emotive piece of writing using expanded sentences. Well done.



# Diary Dates 2023/24



## 2023/24 INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024

**Autumn Term 2023 - Monday 4th September - Friday 15th December 2023**

**Spring Term 2024 - Wednesday 3rd January - Thursday 28th March 2024**

**Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024**

Tuesday 14th November	3.00 - 5.30, Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15th November	3.00 - 6.00, Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th November	8.45, Beech Class Collective Worship
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November	Flu Vaccination programme in school
Wednesday 22nd November	Maple Class visit in school—West Sussex Fire and Rescue
Thursday 23rd November	1.00-3.30, SSP Small School Football (Yr 5/6)
Friday 24th November	Food Bank Friday
Monday 27th November	Bookfest Author, Jenny McLachlan, in Beech and Chestnut
Tuesday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Collective Worship
Thursday 30th November	8.45, Chestnut Class Collective Worship
Thursday 30th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 1st December	8.45, Christingle Collective Worship
Tuesday 5th December	2.00—2.45, Mrs Anstee and Choir to Marriott House for Carols
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Christmas Production—The Landlord's Cat (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th December	1.00-3.30, SSP Sportshall Athletics at Bishop Luffa—Chestnut Class
Thursday 7th December	Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE) Collective Worship
Tuesday 12th December	Whole School visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 12th December	6pm, Carol Service at West Dean Church
Wednesday 13th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December	PTA Disco KS1, 5-6.30, KS2, 5.30-7