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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**

Newsletter 22 01.03.24 We're slightly up to a **95.5% whole school attendance** rate this week.

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

SSP Bronze Ambassadors



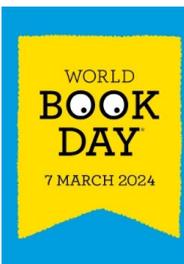
Well done to our Bronze ambassador children who spent the afternoon at the Westgate Centre with representatives from other local primary schools on Wednesday, learning how to lead warm up sessions at the beginning of physical activity. Hopefully they will be able to practise these new leadership skills by leading the warm up with their peers back in class during PE lessons soon.

Tree-mendous addition to the Library!

We are absolutely delighted with this stunning table, made for our 'Treehouse' library by the incredibly talented Alex Colchester. Thank you so, so much Alex for bringing our vision to life and turning this already beautiful piece of wood from the West Dean Estate into something truly amazing!
Equally huge thanks to Flora Colchester, for all of the creative work that she has been leading over the past few months to re-imagine our library space with its new Treehouse theme. It really is a lovely learning space for the children now.



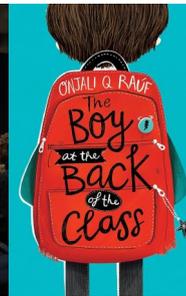
World Book Day



Thursday 7th March

To celebrate our love of books and reading on World Book Day, we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character and to bring their favourite book into school to share.

KS2 visit to Chichester Festival theatre—The Boy at the Back of the Class.



Beech and Chestnut Classes had a very exciting trip to Chichester Festival Theatre yesterday, to watch the stage version of the story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' on which they have been focussing much of their English curriculum learning this term. It tells the story of a young Syrian refugee named Ahmet who joins a new school. The play explores themes of friendship, kindness, and understanding. Ahmet faces

many challenges, but with the help of his new friends, he overcomes them and finds his place in the school. It was great for the children to make comparisons between the written story and how it was portrayed on stage.

'I was impressed by the way they used the wall bars on stage to act out so many different scenes from the book' - George, Year 6.

Places are available in our wraparound care facilities:

Care Bears, Monday to Friday, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per session, to include a drink and a snack.

Breakfast Bears, Monday to Friday, 8.00—8.35, £4 per child, per session, to include breakfast.



Music Showcase Assembly

Children are invited to take part in our Music Showcase Assembly on **14th March**. Any child wishing to participate can perform a piece on the instrument they learn. Please let Mrs Anstee know if you would like to be part of this special assembly.

It's a hoot!

During collective worship on Thursday, Mrs Plackett unveiled our new owl statue, which the children will be working hard to decorate next term as part of the 'Big Hoot' Art Trail project in aid of Chestnut Tree House. More exciting details on this coming soon.





West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 1st March 2024



- Yr R** *India* - for consistently giving your best in all your learning. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Ava* - for your brilliant colour mixing to make different shades of purple.
- Yr 2** *Elsie* - for your fantastic Otter Kenning poem which you wrote and then performed from memory. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Hettie H* - for your enthusiastic approach to learning. You are a brilliant role model in Beech Class.
- Yr 4** *Amelie* - for the enthusiasm you are showing in learning about the Ancient Egyptians. You are making links in your learning, it is super to see!
- Yr 5** *Poppy* - for confidently applying your knowledge to work out area and perimeter
- Yr 6** *George* - for showing resilience and perseverance during our work on triangles. It is really stretching our brains!



Diary Dates 2024



2023/24 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024



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

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

Tuesday 5th March	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Wednesday 6th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Dress Up as your favourite book Character)
Wednesday 13th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut (Last Session)
Wednesday 13th March	ESSA Swim Gala (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th March	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Thursday 14th March	Music Showcase Assembly—for children only
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
W/C 18.03.24	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 20th March	Apple Class visit to Tuppeny Barn (details to follow)
Wednesday 20th March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)
Thursday 21st March	SSP Future Flyers (selected Yr 5/6)
Friday 22nd March	8.45, Palm Procession to West Dean Church for Service
Wednesday 27th March	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Friday 19th April	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 23rd April	Dance House, Worthing (Dance Club Children)
Saturday 27th April	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate
Tuesday 30th April	Drama for All Workshops in School, Apple and Maple
Thursday 2nd May	Poling Day (School open as usual)
W/C 20.05.24	Chestnut Class Residential Visit to France (Tues/Wed/Th/Fri)