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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 8 - 04.11.22

All families from our school community are invited to attend the fireworks event at West Dean College tonight from 6pm.

This is a really special event and a privilege for the school to be included. Please see details below.



fireworks

Join us at West Dean on Friday 4th November for a fantastic free firework display!

This private event for staff, students and West Dean tenants opens at 6pm in readiness for the firework display at 7.15pm. We are pleased to welcome Sussex and Hampshire Hog Roast who will be serving food on the night. Booking is not required and parking is available in the Gardens Car Park.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November.

Our booking system is now live on e-Schools for you to book an appointment at one of our Parent Consultation evenings. If your child is currently on our SEND register, appointments are also available with Mrs Bowman for a meeting about SEND support. If this applies to your child you will have received a separate email about this.

In response to feedback from you, we are making a small number of Zoom appointments available on the Wednesday only from 5.20pm. These are clearly identified on the booking system. Please contact the office if you need a reminder of your log-in details or if you are having difficulty accessing e-Schools.

Remembrance Poppies

Our Pupil Parliament will be busy next week selling Poppies for Remembrance Day. They will be available to buy on the playground at the beginning and end of each day.



We will be having an act of remembrance for pupils and staff at 10.45am on Friday 11th, with a period of silence at 11am. Please join us in the afternoon from 2.30pm, for a taste of a different side of wartime Britain at the Chestnut Class revival Community Café.

Sickness Absence

It is that time of year when all manner of bugs and viruses are doing the rounds. In order to minimise the risk of spreading these, **please remember that it is school policy** that a child is absent from school for a full 48 hours following any form of **vomiting and diarrhoea**. This is a health & safety measure for both staff and children in a bid to keep us all safe and well. Following our recent communication about absence, please be assured that this type of absence will always be authorised. Thank you for your adherence.



Friday 18th November Children in Need.

We would like to invite children to wear their own clothes with the theme of 'Spots and Stripes' to support this year's Children in Need appeal.

£1 donations can be made as a shop purchase on schoolmoney.co.uk, you may add as many donations as you wish to your basket.

Thank you for your support.



Remember to follow our new Instagram feed:

[@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)

PTA News

Sonic the Hedgehog 2 Ticket £5



West Dean PTA FILM NIGHT

Thursday 17th November : 3 til 5pm

Drink and Snacks Included

We are so excited to be able to hold fundraising and social events once again. They've always been such an important part of life at West Dean. Following a very well attended PTA meeting a few weeks ago, we have been busy planning some brilliant events for the rest of the term.

Dates for your diary are as follows:

Thursday 17th November:

Film Night 3pm-5pm (tickets available on schoolmoney.co.uk £5)

Thursday 24th November: **Pub Quiz** at The Selsey Arms 7pm onwards

Monday 5th December: **Christmas Wreath Making Evening** 7pm-9pm

Monday 12th December: **Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off** - more details to follow.....

Back by popular demand.....

WEST DEAN PTA PUB QUIZ

Thursday 24th November

The Selsey Arms, West Dean

7pm for drinks and a prompt
7.30pm quiz kick-off!

Teams of up to 6 people

£10 per person including supper

Choice of Chilli or Veggie Chilli
(or £5 for quiz only)

Payable in advance on school
money

(Extra clues can be purchased for £1 a
go!)

West Dean ❤️ Xilitla

We are delighted that, due to the efforts and determination of one of our governors, Sharon-Michi Kusunoki, and Alex Barron from West Dean College, our link with the community in Xilitla, Mexico, has been re-established and communication between our two schools has started. Our otherwise vastly contrasting communities are uniquely and rather wonderfully connected through the life and work of Edward James and we are very excited that there is now real potential for our children to work with the children of Xilitla on some online collaborative project work.

At this stage, Miss Karye, a teacher from the primary school in San Luis Potosi, Xilitla, is communicating with Mr Williams, but we aim to extend this to the other teachers and children soon. This week, the children in Xilitla celebrated *Dia de muertos* or *Day of the Dead* and sent us this photo of them all in incredible costumes at school.



During our collective worship this morning, we talked to the children about *Dia de muertos* and how it is a significant family festival in Mexico. Although it has similar origins to the Christian observation of *All Hallows*, *All Saints* and *All Souls* days, and the subsequent popular culture celebration of *Halloween*, *Dia de muertos* is more about families coming together to celebrate the lives of relatives who are no longer with them. Yes, lots of the costumes include skull masks, but they are also full of colour and often decorated with flowers too. It is going to be really beneficial for our children to develop this connection and learn about a contrasting culture in another part of our world. Watch this space for more news...

Chestnut Class trip to the D-Day Museum, Portsmouth

The children in Chestnut Class enjoyed a fabulous trip to Portsmouth yesterday, to enrich their learning and develop their understanding of D-Day and the impact of WWII on this area in general. I could try to tell you about their highlights from the day, but let's let the children do that themselves:

'I enjoyed looking at the captain's badges and landing craft' **Robert**

'The [Overlord] tapestry was very interesting' **Sid**

'They had lots of interactive games that taught me facts whilst I was having fun' **Bonnie**

'I tried on some high heels from the 1940s' **Daisy** '...they looked like tap dance shoes, but were actually for going out' **Emie**

'The teddy that had belonged to an evacuee was interesting because of the way it had obviously been damaged and then patched up—you knew it had been loved' **Nova**





West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 4th November 2022



Freddie Year R - for super climbing on the trim trail. You balanced well and used your strength.

Arlo Year 1 - for your amazing writing this week in your dog fact book. Well done!

Finlay Year 2 - for your super mathematical thinking. You were able to explain what a related fact is and spot them in your work. Well done!

Martha Year 3 - for a super piece of artwork inspired by Jacqueline Hurley. You carefully used different shades of pencils and charcoal greys for the background and then beautiful red collage poppies in the foreground. Well done!

Henry Year 4 - for your marvellous multiplying in maths this week. You have such enthusiasm for the subject and have done well spotting patterns and answering questions. Well done!

Heidi Year 5 - for showing resilience when faced with challenges. You have been spotted twice this week for pushing yourself beyond your comfort zone. Amazing job.

Nova Year 6 - for your conscientious approach to your learning at school and at home. You show real enthusiasm for your learning. Well done.



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023

Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July



Autumn Term 2022

Friday 4th November	Rotary Shoeboxes returned to school please
Wednesday 9th November	1.00-3.00 SSP Dodgeball at Westgate, Chestnut Class
Thursday 10th November	West Sussex Fire & Rescue visit to Maple Class
Friday 11th November	10.45, Remembrance Assembly
Friday 11th November	2.30-4.00 Revival Community Café—everyone welcome
Monday 14th November	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 15th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Wednesday 16th November	Parent Consultation Evening—whole school
Thursday 17th November	8.45, Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 17th November	3.00-5.00, PTA Film Night (Tickets £5, schoolmoney.co.uk)
Friday 18th November	Children in Need—Spots and Stripes, own clothes, minimum £1 donation
Wednesday 23rd November	Beech Class visit to Amberley Museum (details to follow)
Thursday 24th November	8.45, Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 24th November	PTA Quiz Night at The Selsey Arms (Tickets £5, Supper £5)
Monday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 1st December	8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 1st December	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 5th December	7.00-9.00pm PTA Christmas Wreath Evening
Wednesday 7th December	1.30-4.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football event
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly
Monday 12th December	PTA Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off (details tbc)
Tuesday 13th December	1.00-3.00 SSP Small School Football event Yr 5/6
Wednesday 14th December	Visit to West Dean College (details tbc)
Thursday 15th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	PTA Christmas Disco event (details tbc)