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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>

Well Done Reception! This has been a big week for our new Reception children (and their parents) as they began their 'big school' journey on Monday. We are so proud of how well they have settled and the confidence they have shown in the face of this big challenge. We are equally proud of the kindness and care that the older children have shown in welcoming them, particularly in looking out for them during break times.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

West Dean School PTA is tremendously supportive in raising funds and running events to enhance the life of the school. Last year these funds helped to purchase new iPads, run the swimming pool, renovate the library and much more. We need more enthusiastic and keen members to help with the work of the PTA. There will be a meeting very soon, where you can find out more and help to plan the year ahead. **Watch this space for details and dates...**



School Games Mark

Silver

We are delighted that our school has been awarded the Silver School Games Mark in recognition of engagement in physical activity and competition.



The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision, recognise strengths and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

Well done to everybody and particular thanks to Mrs Johnson for enthusiastically leading sport at West Dean and for her hard work in securing this award.



After School Clubs and Wrap Around Care Provision

We are really pleased to be able to offer our after school care bears provision again this year. Due to staffing difficulties, we are currently only able to offer this on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3.00-4.00pm. £5 per child, per session.

We are also offering our Breakfast Bears provision, every day, 8.00-8.30am. £4 per child, per session (including breakfast)

Please make your bookings on schoolmoney.co.uk.

Please see attached information regarding our after school club programme for the first half of the autumn term.

Bookings are now live.

Are you green-fingered or know anyone who is?

During the long summer break, our wonderful school grounds are relatively undisturbed and, despite the very best efforts of Mr Goacher, who keeps our grass so beautifully mowed, things grow very quickly and we arrive back to an abundance of weeds.

We really want to keep our school looking lovely, but really need your help, or the help of somebody you know who might be prepared to do a few hours of gardening every now and then.

We are happy for this to happen during or after school hours, as suits that green-fingered person.

If you think you or a friend could help, please contact the school office or Mr Williams.



Woodwind Lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the assembly this week, I am pleased to inform you that there are limited spaces available for free recorder and clarinet taster lessons. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are advised to book now to secure a space. You can book by emailing me at: vincent.godfrey@westsussexmusic.co.uk. These taster sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings this half term.

Clarinet lessons are available to anyone in Year 3 and above and recorder lessons to anyone in Year 2 and above. Instruments will be provided for the taster session but if you want to sign up for official lessons after that you will have to hire an instrument from West Sussex Music.

Learning a music instrument is great fun and can be very rewarding, it develops co-ordination, boosts confidence and encourages self-discipline. In order to make good progress, small amounts of regular practice are important. I recommend at least 10 minutes, three times a week for beginners.

Weekly 20-30 minute lessons take place during school hours, in small groups. Many children enjoy learning in groups with their friends and group tuition provides a fun and effective way for children to learn. The cost for group lessons is **£8.80** per lesson.

Instrument hire is also available through West Sussex Music at **£30** a term, which you can opt into during the application process. Recorder pupils are asked to supply their own recorder (which can be bought for under £10), I can give advice on this.

West Sussex Music Trust is committed to enabling all young people access to high quality music education. If finances might prevent your child from taking up music lessons, we have a **Bursary Fund** covering 50% or 100% of costs depending on your circumstances. For more information on the criteria visit: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/help-with-costs/>

If you would like to **apply for lessons** you can do so on our website at: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>

If you have any questions please **email me** at vincent.godfrey@westsussexmusic.co.uk

Best wishes,

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Are you looking for a way to get more involved with the school?

Are you interested in making a valuable contribution to your child's education?

Are you interested in helping to shape and oversee the administrative arm of the primary school?

Then we are looking for YOU! Become a Parent Governor!

For more information, speak to the school office, or contact the Clerk of Governors, at pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Foodbank Friday 29th September

We would like to introduce our 'Food Bank Friday'. This is an opportunity for us all to support Chichester Food Bank, a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area.



Non-perishable, in-date food is donated to a foodbank. Volunteers sort food and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need. Over 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at foodbanks. Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

Your help would be greatly appreciated, if you are able to donate an item please bring it in on Friday morning, there will be a 'Foodbank Station' on the pavilion decking ready for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- TREATS KIT KAT, MUESLI BARS ETC
- DEODORANT
- SQUASH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- KITCHEN ROLL
- JAM
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE
- WASHING POWDER, LIQUID DETERGENT
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- PACKET SOUP
- SHOWER GEL
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- COFFEE
- BAKED BEANS
- PASTA



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 15th September 2023*



- Yr R** **India** - for a brilliant first week in Apple Class! You have been kind and caring and a super role model. :)
- Yr 1** **Eadie** - for coming back to school ready to learn. It is so lovely to see how focused you are. Well done!
- Yr 2** **Kash** - for sharing your excellent knowledge of space with the class. You clearly explained gravity and how everything in space floats, well done!
- Yr 3** **Nella** - for settling into Beech class so brilliantly. You always try your best in everything you do.
- Yr 4** **Rufus** - for your hard work and determination during our work on Flotsam. The ideas you had were wonderful.
- Yr 5** **Henry** - for your superb 'can do' attitude; you are approaching your learning with positivity and it is great to see, well done!
- Yr 6** **Emily** - for your hard work and enthusiasm for learning, what a great role model you are both in and out of the classroom.



Diary Dates 2022/23



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



Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 21st September	9.55, Bishop Luffa Worship
Thursday 21st September	Music 1Term2Learn Prog begins for Beech and Chestnut
Tuesday 26th September	9.55, Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 27th September	2.30pm, Year R, Meet the Teacher
Friday 29th September	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 3rd October	Bookfest Author in School, Beech and Chestnut
Friday 6th October	8.45, Harvest Service at West Dean Church (details to follow)
Wednesday 11th October	GAS Maths Enrichment Event (details to follow)
Tuesday 17th October	Chestnut Class visit to The Natural History Museum, London
Tuesday 17th October	Beech Class visit to The Novium Museum, Chichester
Wednesday 18th October	GAS Enrichment Day at West Dean (details to follow)
Tuesday 31st October	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Friday 10th November	8.45, Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 21st November	Flu Vaccination programme in school
Friday 24th November	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 30th November	Full Governing Body Meeting

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After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1
First half of Autumn term

x5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	Description
Monday	Miss B Evans	14	Choir	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	An opportunity to come and have a sing-a-long and explore music and singing in a group.
Tuesday	Mrs A Chilton	12	Arts and Crafts	£25.00	Yr R, 1, 2	An opportunity for the children to experiment with different art materials, primarily junk modelling, age appropriate.
	Mrs S Johnson/ Mrs S Goacher	20	Swimming WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Children must be able to swim 25m of any stroke (not all strokes!) and want to work towards competing in galas. Rather than swimming lessons, this club will be focussed on building stamina and preparation for competing in Galas.
	Mr C Williams	20	Sports	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	A variety of different sports activities, learning new skills, competitiveness and sportsmanship.
Wednesday	Ms J Boxall and Mrs S Muggieridge	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr 3,4, 5, 6	Making a variety of recipes, teaching kitchen and knife skills with tea to bring home.
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	14	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6	A structured dance club for children to explore music and movement in a variety of dance styles.
	Mrs L Plackett	14	Board Games	£25.00	Yr 1 & 2	Come and play a selection of different board games each week in small groups, age appropriate.
Friday	AAA Coaching Mr B Johnson	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6	A variety of different sports activities, learning new skills, competitiveness and sportsmanship.

We are delighted to be able to offer a varied programme of after school clubs for our children again this term. We are also pleased to be able to offer this provision with no increase to the cost again this half term. The cost of our clubs will remain at £5 per child, per session, with the exception of Cookery Club which is £6, towards the cost of ingredients.

Dates: W/C 18th, 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th October 2023.

In addition to our after school club programme our **Care Bear** provision is available on the following days **Tues/Weds/Thurs**, 3.00-4.00pm. Our **Breakfast Bears** Club is also available, Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 8.35, £4 per child (including breakfast). Please make sure that you book in. All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, apart from cookery which will finish at 4.15pm and Westbourne House swimming, which is at 6.30pm.

For all clubs, breakfast 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. If there is insufficient numbers to make the club viable, we reserve the right to cancel this provision and make a full refund of any monies paid. Clubs will go 'live' on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30am.