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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>

Industrial Action

We will be in further contact regarding the proposed dates of industrial action planned for shortly after the half term break, as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

Whole School Arboretum Visit

On Thursday this week, we visited West Dean Gardens and Arboretum as a whole school. We all walked through the grounds, admiring the hopeful snowdrops peeping through, to a quiet place where we stopped for a while to join together in a 'Forest Church' gathering. We shared a story and our school prayer and a moment of reflection. Apple and Maple classes then returned to school while Beech And Chestnut extended their walk further around the Arboretum. It was so lovely to see the children enjoying the outside space, engaging in their natural surroundings and being inspired by an afternoon of activities back at school.



News from Mexico

This week we also heard about how our friends at Xilitla School in Mexico have been busy making improvements to their outside environment. The children have been involved in clearing and replanting a previously neglected part of their school grounds, breathing new life and potential to this area.



Chartwells New Parent Pay Meal Ordering System

You will have received an email containing your activation details to log-in to your new Parent Pay account. Please do remember to take the time to verify your email address to activate your account. This will enable you to book through this new system for meals **w/c 6th February**. Please do contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Furry Friends on School Grounds

We think it is really important that your children get to experience being around animals and how to behave towards them. We are also delighted that Monty has been welcomed so successfully into the school community. As explained previously, Monty is fully insured and his presence in school has been risk assessed and a related policy created, which you are welcome to view at any time.



If you are bringing a furry friend onto the school grounds at the start or end of the day, please **ensure** that they are on a lead and under the complete control of an **adult**, not a child. Thank you.



West Sussex West Schools Future Flyers Programme

Six children from Chestnut Class had the opportunity to begin their Future Flyers journey with Sports Partnership at Westgate, in collaboration with Everyone Active. They will take part in four separate sessions, designed to

expand their awareness of sports, improve their fitness and agility and increase their knowledge in essentials such as teamwork and leadership.

We very much look forward to hearing all about the programme, inspiring our sports leaders of the future.

World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March

Children are invited to start a reading adventure and dress up as their favourite book or character to celebrate World Book Day, in school, on Thursday 2 March.



Children will also receive a £1 National Book Token to either exchange for a free World Book Day book or £1 off a book/audio book, (full details will be included on the voucher)

Remember to follow

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





West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 3rd February 2023



- Yr R** **Mila** - for your brilliant writing about polar bears. You labelled the different parts of the polar bears accurately. Well done.
- Yr 1** **Barney G** - for your enthusiasm with our Explorers topic. You are sharing your knowledge of polar climates and explorers with others. Well done.
- Yr 2** **Nella** - for your excellent non-fiction poster explaining how to stop Giant Pandas from becoming extinct. You made your poster very eye-catching and included so many important facts! Well done.
- Yr 3** **Lilly** - for working hard in science to understand that sounds of different pitch and volume produce different sound waves, you even did some super extra work at home. Well done.
- Yr 4** **Poppy R** - for a fantastic scientific write up of your investigation about volume and distance, you clearly explained how you made it a fair test and what your results showed—brilliant!
- Yr 5** **George** - for showing such an inclusive and caring attitude to the younger children in your after school club. You were noticed.
- Yr 6** **Daisy** - for phenomenal mathematics. You have a super understanding of factors and multiples to help you with accurate and speedy fraction work.



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

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

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

Half Term—Monday 13th—Friday 17th February

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

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

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



Spring Term 2023

Monday 6th February	Maths in Action activity day for Chestnut Class at Fontwell Racecourse
Tuesday 7th February	Dancehouse at Alexandra Theatre for Dance Club
Wednesday 8th February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Monday 20th February	INSET Day (Children return on Tuesday 21st Feb.)
Wednesday 22nd February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd February	10.30—1.00 SSP Sportshall Athletics, all Chestnuts Class (change of date)
Wednesday 1st March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day—children to dress as favourite book or character
Tuesday 7th March	Chestnut Class visit to Science Museum, London (details to follow)
Wednesday 8th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 15th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd March	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 29th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 29th March	1.00-3.00, SSP '60 Active Minutes' at Westgate, Beech Class
Thursday 30th March	End of Term Assembly at West Dean Church (details to follow)
Thursday 30th March	SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2023

Spring 1
First half of Spring term

x5
weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	
Monday	Mr C Williams	20	Language	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
	Mrs L Plackett	8	Hama Beads	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	
Tuesday	Mrs A Chilton	10	Art and Craft	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4	
	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Goacher 6.30-7.00pm	20	Westbourne House Swim	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
Wednesday	Mrs Mugeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6	
Thursday	Mrs E Holder	14	Dance	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
Friday	AAA Coaching Mr B Johnson	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6	