



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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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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## Apple Class Assembly

The children in Apple Class presented an outstanding assembly to their parents and families on Thursday morning. We were all particularly impressed by their confidence in reading, speaking and performing to an audience. The children had beaming smiles on their faces and were clearly very proud to tell everyone about all the exciting learning they had been doing about robots, animals, artists and a lost (soft toy) dog called Fluffy, who has now been found thanks to their brilliantly written poster campaign!

Well done Apple Class—everyone is very proud of all you have achieved!



## Christmas Card Giving

This time last year, the Pupil Parliament discussed the balance of being **sustainable** versus allowing people to **celebrate** the magic of Christmas in a way that is personal to them. They also discussed how to encourage **inclusivity** in Christmas card giving, so that nobody feels left out. At the end of the discussion, the Pupil Parliament voted to suggest to families that Christmas card giving is limited to within a child's own class e.g. Beech to Beech only, Chestnut to Chestnut only etc.

We ask that you please consider this request from Pupil Parliament this year as well, when advising your child about



## Health Concerns

You will no doubt be aware from the widespread media coverage of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS).

You will also most likely have seen news of the tragedy caused by this in a very small number of schools recently.

Please read the information about scarlet fever that we emailed out yesterday from West Sussex County Council and contact us if you did not receive this.

Whilst news such as this is desperately sad, please be reassured that there is no current cause for concern here at West Dean.

As with any form of illness, please contact a GP or other health professional if you are concerned about the symptoms that your child is presenting. Much as we sympathise, we are not qualified to make a judgement about a child's condition.

Your child should continue to attend school unless:

- They are simply too ill to do so, or
- A GP or other health professional has indicated that they should be kept at home.

In school we have a very thorough cleaning regime and regularly remind the children of all of the things they can do to help reduce the risks of spreading germs, particularly during the winter months when there seems to be more bugs going around.

Do read the information and advice sent from West Sussex County Council. We will communicate any update or change to guidance for schools, should we receive it. Thank you.

## Beech Class Clarinet Performance

Thank you to those of you who joined us for the Beech class clarinet performance this week. The children were able to show case the work they have done this term with the West Sussex Music programme, 1Term2Learn with Mr Vincent Godfrey. They all preformed brilliantly and demonstrated great progress for such a short period of learning. Well done all!



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





**The School Carol Service** — is next **Wednesday evening, 14th December at 6pm** in St Andrew's Church, West Dean. Due to the numbers wishing to attend (which is a wonderful problem to have), this will be a ticketed event. You will shortly be sent an **online form to complete**, then tickets will be allocated on a two-per-family, first-come-first-served basis. We would love to welcome everyone, but our lovely parish church only has so much space.

Children should arrive at church **no earlier than 5.45pm**. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together with the whole school community. Full details, including timings and advice on parking will be communicated with the form.

### Don't forget to support the West Dean PTA with Amazon Smile when doing your Christmas Shopping this weekend!

Go online to amazon smile and set your chosen charity to 'West Dean Parent Teacher Association'. When you shop via the amazon smile home page, for every purchase you make, amazon will donate 0.5% to the West Dean PTA. There is no cost to you. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1098048-0>



## Reindeer Ramble and bake sale/ stall information

We would be hugely grateful for anyone who is able to bake for us over the weekend! Please drop off all your lovely bakes on Monday morning into the pavilion with any Tins or trays etc. — labelled so we can return them to you at the end.

On Monday afternoon the children will all be taking part in the ramble at 2pm (parents welcome to line centurion way to cheer them along their way from 2pm) where they will be led on the ramble by our super PTA volunteers .

**Don't forget Christmas dress down for school all day on Monday** — Payments made via school money

Once the children return to the finish line in school for their prizes, they will go to their classrooms to collect their bags and be collected as normal. The one exception to this is Apple Class, who should be collected from the Maple Class playground door, rather than from their own classroom.

Please then make your way into the school hall where you will find lots of lovely festive fun and games and also the Christmas bake sale where there will be cakes, bakes and hot drinks available to purchase.

Cash and card options available for payment, with tokens available to purchase for games if needed, similar to the system at the summer sizzler.



### PTA Christmas Wreath Making

Thank you to everyone who joined our festive wreath making evening, and to the PTA for organising such a lovely festive event, to get everyone in the mood and feeling Christmassy. As you can see, there was a huge amount of creative talent on show! Thank you also to the COOK shop in Chichester, for supplying truly scrumptious mince pies and canapés to complete the evening.



### Get on your Christmas Disco shoes!

The PTA have decided to make the **School Christmas Disco** on **Thursday 15th December** a **FREE** event. However, there is an option on school money should you still wish to make a donation. The event will run as follows:

**YR and KS1: 5-6.30pm KS2: 5.30-7pm**

The PTA is involved in many 'behind the scenes' aspects of Christmas at West Dean. Many thanks to everyone involved for giving up your time.







## Christingle Service

Thanks to a brilliant volunteer team of school parents and friends, a very efficient production line of Christingle making was in operation in school yesterday, with every child making their own Christingle and testing their patience and self-control by trying not to eat the sweets instead of threading them onto cocktail sticks!

This enabled us to have a simple but lovely Christingle Service in school this morning, joined by Rev. Sarah who taught us a little more about the history of this Christian church tradition.

If the self-control has lasted all day, your children will be bringing home a complete Christingle to share with you too! Ask them to explain what each element of the Christingle represents.



## MEAL ORDERING WITH PARENTPAY

A new meal ordering system is coming to your school.

This is for all Free school meals, Universal free meals, and paid meals.

### WHEN?

Start booking from **9<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for lunches starting from **6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. All lunches up until Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> February** will continue to be booked via Meal Selector (Paid Parents) or via the school office for KS1 children.

### WHO?

You will see a new Payment Item in your ParentPay account.

You must log in and order meals through this new Payment Item.

You **MUST** order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.

Medical diets and Lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering, medical evidence is still required for allergies.

### HOW?

Book your meals through ParentPay and the Chartwells kitchen teams will have the orders on a tablet known as Cypad. This will show the chosen meal along with your child's information on screen, and the meal you ordered to be served that day.

**All meals are subject to supplier availability.**

**LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR SCHOOL**



A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.

Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

It's easy, quick and safe.  
Select your meal choices in advance.

**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.**

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So much more than fantastic food



# 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



### **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**

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



### **Autumn Term 2022**

Monday 12th December	PTA Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off
Tuesday 13th December	1.00-3.00 SSP Small School Football event Yr 5/6
Wednesday 14th December	10.00am — Visit to Father Christmas @ West Dean College
Wednesday 14th December	6.00pm—Carol Service West Dean Church
<b>(SEE SEPARATE COMMUNICATION SENT WITH CAROL SERVICE DETAILS)</b>	
Thursday 15th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	PTA Christmas Disco event (details tbc)
Friday 16th December	Final day of the autumn term—Happy Christmas!



### **Spring Term 2023**

Tuesday 3rd January	Return to School for Spring Term
Wednesday 11th January	Westgate Swim Programme begins for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 11th January	SSP Bronze Ambassador Programme for selected Year 5/6
Wednesday 18th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 18th January	SSP Netball event for selected Year 5/6
Thursday 19th January	Chestnut Class Young Voices event at O2 London
Wednesday 25th January	SSP Cross Country event for Year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 26th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell (details to follow)