



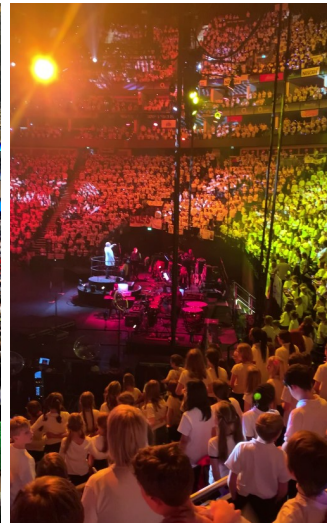
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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.
'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.' John 13

Newsletter 19 02.02.24 Oops—we've dropped to a **95.4% 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>



Chestnut Class had an absolutely fantastic visit to London on Monday to participate in the Young Voices 2024 concert at the O2 Arena, together with a choir of over 9000 people. These photos give just a tiny hint of the incredible atmosphere that the children experienced inside the arena. It was a truly magical event that we are sure the children will remember for a long time. Thank you to all of the school adults who made this brilliant event possible—we know you enjoyed it too, despite the very late night!

Maple explore Marwell!

Our Year Two children had a fantastic adventure as they explored Marwell Zoo on Thursday, as part of their 'Don't Let Them Disappear' Learning Journey.

The children came back buzzing with stories of the incredible animals that they had discovered.

Thank you Maple Team for a brilliant day of outdoor learning.



SSP Stinger Netball

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 netballers who represented West Dean at the local area 'Stinger' tournament this week. Throughout all the games, each player had to rotate through each netball position, giving them all a chance to adapt to being in defence or in attack.





Come and immerse yourself in Vintage & Art riches or get inspiration for a new design project for your home - stalls inside and outside including vintage, fabrics, brocante, furniture, antiques, art, jewellery, ceramics, lampshades, vintage-inspired flower displays, vintage dresses and more - for the public and professional buyers. There is nowhere better to spend a few hours scouring for treasures than at The Piglett Co Fair followed by a walk in West Stoke / Kingley Vale Nature Reserve or some shopping and lunch at Design Vintage, both just a few meters down the road. So ... put this in your diary if you haven't already ... **Saturday 16th March, 9am to Midday** at West Stoke Village Hall (PO18 9BG). Please bring cash to keep the £ alive. Some stall holders will also take cards. Parking is limited at the village hall so using parking in other areas of the hamlet (such as the Kingley Centre or Kingley Vale) that you may wish to visit afterwards will ease congestion on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!



Advice for Parents about Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children and young people. The symptoms of measles, along with more information about the

virus, can be found on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk).

The Department for Education has published new advice for managing measles outbreaks, including advice for parents on what to do when they suspect their child may have measles.

Parents are advised that children with diagnosed measles should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears. More information on how to respond to rising cases of measles can be found on the [DfE Education Hub website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education).

Hot Meals—Tuesday 20th February

The holiday return menu of jacket potato with suitable topping has now been loaded onto Parent Pay for the 20th February. If you have already placed your order for this day, you will need to reorder the jacket potato option if you wish your child to receive a meal for that day.



Foodbank Friday Friday 9th February

Our first Foodbank Friday for 2024 will be on Friday 9th February. 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. Your help is always greatly appreciated and our donation station will be on the Pavilion decking ready, if you are able to donate an item.

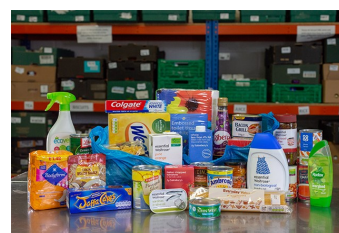


URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LAUNDRY POWDER OR LIQUIDS
TOILET ROLL
SHAMPOO
PASTA
TINNED FRUIT TINNED MEAT
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICES
JAM, HONEY, MARMITE, CHOC SPREAD
LONG LIFE MILK SUGAR
SANDWICH PASTE PACKET SOUP
TOOTHBRUSHES
TINNED VEGETABLES
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:

CEREAL
BAKED BEANS



Together for a better internet



Safer Internet Day 2024—Tuesday 6th

Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. As part of this annual celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet".

A wealth of information about how to support your child in interacting safely online can be found at www.saferinternetday.org/

Please also see the age specific information leaflets from 'Internet Matters' accompanying this newsletter—there is one for **5—7 year olds**, **one for 8—10 year olds** as **one for 11—13 year olds**, each giving advice for parents related to the type of internet engagement that is most likely for that age range.

Diary Dates 2023/24



2023/24 INSET Days

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

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

Woodland Wellbeing Walk

Our whole school will be having our first visit of the spring term to West Dean Gardens & Arboretum, **next Monday 5th February**.

We will be leaving school at **8.50am**, walking to West Dean Gardens to enjoy a morning of woodland wellbeing. We **will be back in time for lunch**, but children will need a drink and a snack in a small, easy to carry rucksack please. We would like children to wear 'forest School' clothes on their lower half, but school uniform please on the top half!



Monday 5th February	Whole School Wellbeing Walk—West Dean Arboretum
Tuesday 6th February	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 7th February	1.30-3.30, AAP Tag Rugby at Bishop Luffa, Year 3/4
Wednesday 7th February	2.40, Apple Class Open Classroom
Friday 9th February	Foodbank Friday
Wednesday 21st February	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 22nd February	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (Selected Yr 5/6)
Wednesday 28th February	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 28th February	1.00-3.30, SSP Bronze Ambassadors at Westgate (Selected Yr 5&6)
Thursday 29th February	2.00-4.30, Beech and Chestnut visit to Chichester Festival Theatre
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—details to follow)
Wednesday 13th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut (Last Session)
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
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)
Friday 22nd March	8.45, Palm Procession to West Dean Church for Service



- Yr R** *Eva* - for your understanding of capacity and finding out what happens with different sizes and shaped containers. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Charlie* - for your brilliant knowledge about how things work! A super engineer!
- Yr 2** *Todd* - for being so engaged on our Marwell trip. You asked and answered brilliant questions during our workshop, including what you know about white rhinos. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Casper* - for the confidence you show in our maths lessons. You have understood our work on multiplication brilliantly.
- Yr 4** *Lilly* - for your sound grasp of multiplication. You have shown great resilience when it got tricky.
- Yr 5** *Blaise* - for showing resilience and a 'sense of humour' throughout our Young Voices experience—well done Blaise, you survived!
- Yr 6** *Aven* - for your thoughtful and interesting interpretation of the Syrian artist using digital and mixed media - well done

