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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the focus of our daily collective worship has been 'Role Models'. Following on from last week's theme of New Year and Epiphany, during which the children were reminded of the visit of the Magi to the new born king, Jesus, the children have learnt that the Bible tells us that Jesus was more of a 'servant king' than a 'ruler', setting an example to us all—as a true role model—of how to live in the service of others.

The children have learnt about a range of different role model figures from past and present including Mother Theresa and even Lionel Messi! Today, I have talked to the children about choosing role models wisely and really thinking about what an individual represents, particularly now that we (and they) are surrounded by examples of people rapidly rising to fame or notoriety through various social media platforms. Although we didn't talk about specifics, and to be absolutely clear, there are many examples of very worthy role models made famous online, it is really important to help and support our children in navigating this landscape in a safe and healthy way, making wise choices about who they 'follow' both in the real and online sense.

Speaking of all things online, I know all too well as a parent myself, how challenging it is to keep up to date with the rapidly developing world of online communication and social media. I also know that at times, it can feel like our children are one step ahead of us parents on this, which can feel rather frightening or worrying. In order to support you on this, we plan to run an online safety event for parents later this year (date tbc), where you will be able to hear from an expert in this field, about how to support your child in healthy and safe online behaviour and activity, as well as learning useful safeguarding tips and emerging themes to look out for. Details to follow in due course.

It has been great to see this term's topic learning getting started with enthusiasm—including some amazing research about penguins and Antarctica from Apple Class, fantastic learning about food chains and predators in Maple Class, sensational sound science in Beech Class and some collaborative curiosity as Chestnut Class begin to reach for the stars! They certainly will be reaching for the stars next week as the day will finally arrive next Thursday, when the Chestnut children get to perform in the O2 arena—we can't wait!

You should have received details of how to access the spring term curriculum letter and curriculum overview grid for your child's class at the beginning of this week. If you didn't, or are having trouble accessing it, please contact the school office.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Chris Williams



We have just purchased a new scheme of reading books that link to the **Read Write Inc.** phonics, taught in Apple and

Maple Classes. These are designed to align the teaching of phonics and sounds with appropriate books that the children read in order to practice learnt sounds.

The scheme will be used to teach children from when they join us in Reception to the point that they have learnt all of the sounds and can decode and read fluently.

There will be a meeting on Monday (16th Jan) at 2.30 in the hall for all Apple and Maple Class parents, in order to share key information about this scheme. We strongly urge all parents to attend if you are able.

Sports Partnership Bronze Ambassador Event



Our Bronze Ambassador group from Chestnut Class attended a training event at the Westgate Centre on Wednesday, continuing to hone their sports leadership skills.

The aim of this initiative is to support children in developing the skills and understanding required to lead playtime sports activities with their peers in their own schools and at other sports events. Well done to all of the children involved; as always, you did West Dean proud.

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.



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 13th January 2023



- Yr R** *Theo* - for always being kind to others. You play with your friends and listen well. A brilliant role model! :)
- Yr 1** *Monty* - for your brilliant measuring in maths. You were accurate at measuring the height of your friends and yourself.
- Yr 2** *Miles* - for your brilliant reasoning in maths. You read the questions carefully and showed a good understanding of 3D shapes. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Martha* - for working hard at using your phonics to help with your reading and spelling. Well done Martha, you are a super role model for others to look up to in class every day!
- Yr 4** *Imogen* - for fantastic work on using the column method for addition and subtraction with exchange. You have shown a systematic approach to develop your understanding—well done!
- Yr 5** *Felix* - for super work in mathematics. You were quick to decide whether to round your answer up or down after division, depending on context. Well done.
- Yr 6** *Milton* - for your positive learning behaviours in class. You listen actively and concentrate on what is being said. This makes you a great friend and role model for others.



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 16th January	2.30, Yr R, 1 & 2—Read, Write, Ink Parent Information Session
Wednesday 18th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 18th January	Beech Class visit to Chichester Festival Theatre, Children’s Concert
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	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 25th January	SSP Cross Country event for Year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 26th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell
Thursday 26th January	Apple Class visit to Chichester Library (details to follow)
Wednesday 1st February	SSP Sportshall Athletics, all Chestnuts Class
Wednesday 2nd February	SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)
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
Wednesday 22nd February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 1st March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
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)

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



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 Muggerridge/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	