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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

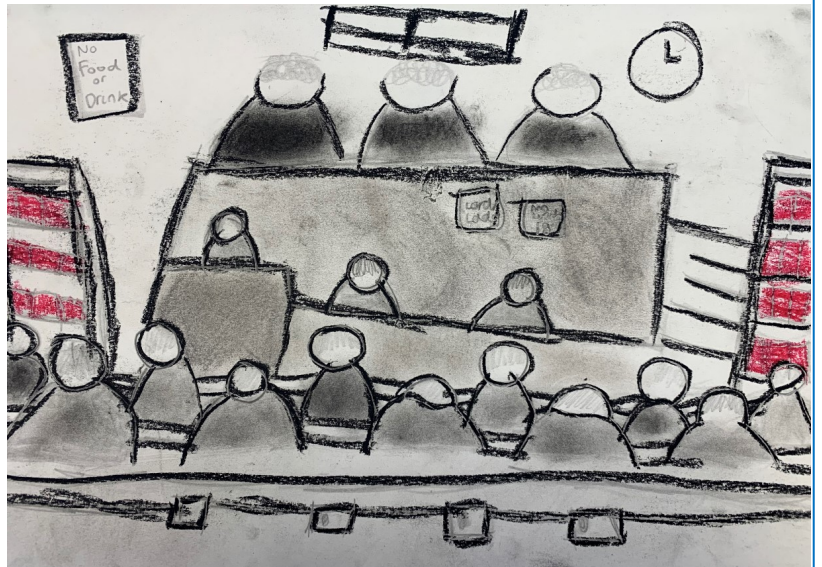
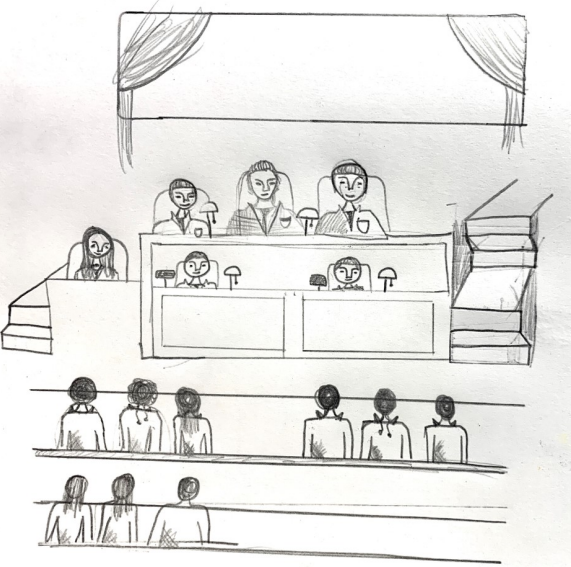
Newsletter 7 18.10.24 Our overall attendance rate rose slightly to **96.8%** this week. Well done everyone!

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>



ORDER, Order in court!

Chestnut Class had a very special trip to London yesterday. To support their learning journey for this term, 'Take Control', the children had the privilege of participating in a mock-trial in a real courtroom in the Royal Courts of Justice building in central London. Playing the parts of the judge, barristers, solicitors, key witnesses and the jury, the children worked through a case hearing and decided on a verdict. The material used was from a real case related to the subject of harassment through cyber-bullying from a few years ago. It was an incredibly powerful learning experience and we are so proud of how well the children responded. Making the most of the opportunity of being in our capital, the afternoon was spent in The National Gallery and touring the sights of Westminster and Whitehall, including Downing Street. As photography is not permitted anywhere in the Royal Courts, the children have worked on their own courtroom artist's impressions today!





We're on a mission this Christmas!

Please join us in supporting @ChiDistrictFoodbank **Christmas Kids Lunch Packs** initiative. We're collecting donations to ensure no child in the Chichester District community goes hungry during the Christmas holidays.

We're looking for: A Tin of Soup or a Packet of Biscuits

They need 1000 of each item, so a lot to collect. Any amount you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your kind donations at our Donation Station between Friday 18th October and Friday 22nd November and make a difference. The collection of the donation bin will coincide with our usual Foodbank Friday on Friday 22nd November when we will collect all donations.

Together, we can fill every lunch pack with love and nutrition!

If you need more inspiration, check out the Foodbank's most wanted list:

<https://bit.ly/3V1sBF2>

Let's make this Christmas a season of giving.

#ChristmasKidsLunchPacks #CommunitySupport #FeedTheFuture
#ChiDistrictFoodDrive



Trundling about in the sunshine!

Beech Class took to the hills this morning to explore the Iron-Age fort on the Trundle.

They searched for evidence of early settlement, explored the earthworks and, on what was the most glorious morning of weather, admired the 360 degree view of the Sussex Downs and coast.

Re-energised with hot chocolate and a snack, the children then took the track down through the woods, along the wall of West Dean estate and back to school.

They seem to have picked up all manner of treasures in their pockets along the way, including some interesting flints—could these be ancient arrowheads? You never know!





Jess Brown-Fuller MPs Christmas Card competition

I have a lot of Christmas Cards to send this year and I need your help. I would love your creative designs for my official Christmas Card.

The competition is open to all children in Year 3 to Year 6. Please send me your designs by email or post by Sunday 3 November.

Email: jess.brownfuller.mp@parliament.uk



Post: Jess Brown Fuller MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA





2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.

Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024

Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July

Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Tuesday 22nd October	Maple Class visit to Selsey Lifeboat
Wednesday 23rd October	Apple Class visit to Chichester Library
Wednesday 23rd October	3.00, PTA Movie Night (poster attached with details)
Friday 25th October	10.00, NHS Yr6 National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications
Tuesday 5th November	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 7th November	1.00-3.30, SSP Girls Football (selected Year 5&6—Chichester University)
Tuesday 12th November	Parent Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 12th November	7.15-8.30, Valley Voices
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals
Wednesday 13th November	Parent Evening (details to follow)
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Thursday 21st November	1.00—3.30, SSP Football (selected Yr 3&4, details to follow)
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22nd November	Food Bank Friday and collection of Christmas Kids Lunch Pack donations
Tuesday 3rd December	1.00-3.30, SSP Small Schools Football (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Wreath Making Evening (see attached poster for details)
Friday 6th December	Christingle Service in School
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Event (details tbc)
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly



Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)



West Dean PTA Presents
LUXURY CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
AT THE BEAUTIFUL FARBRIDGE

Wednesday 4th December
7pm-9pm



£35 on School Money
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Book now to secure your spot before we offer the event to the wider community!

WEST DEAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOVIE
NIGHT

FEATURING

INSIDE OUT 2

DATE: WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
TIME: 3PM - 5PM
£5 PER CHILD

INCLUDES A DRINK AND SNACK
CHILDREN CAN BRING EITHER A SMALL CUSHION OR BLANKET
PLEASE BOOK BEFORE TUESDAY 22ND 12NOON