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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 31 17.05.24 Our whole school attendance rate is **95.3%** this week. Well done!

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

Well Done Year 6, for your calm, mature and focussed approach to your SATs this week—You are all Superstars!



Look out for the Chichester Observer Special Year 6 Leavers Edition which will be published W/C 8th July.

Swimming Pool

Plans are well under way for preparing our swimming pool ready for use after half term. Abbie is busy putting together a rota for Supervisors and helpers for our after school swim slots, 3.00-4.00. We have arranged a poolside first aid training session for anyone who would like to take part in order to be a first aider at any of our sessions. Spaces are limited to max 12 people on this training, please do let us know if you would like a place, either by contacting Abbie Williamson or the school office.



It is crucial that we have enough helpers who are first aid trained to help us cover all of our after school swimming sessions. Each session must have a first aider and a supervisor, without this we cannot open the pool for the children after school. Please do help if you can.

Look out for details following soon about our sessions and booking arrangements. Fingers crossed that we have some lovely sunny weather.

SUMMER 2 CLUBS

Our **club timetable** is attached with our after school provision for the last half of the summer term. Booking will go live for clubs on **Friday 24th May at approximately 1.00pm.**



Maple Class Weald and Downland Living Museum visit



Despite choosing the worst day of weather this week, Maple Class had a brilliant day at the Weald and Downland Museum on Thursday, even managing a walking adventure from school to get there. Roving reporter, Viva said, "We did a comparison between a Victorian house and a Tudor house. It was great fun".

Beech Class Visit to Dell-Quay

A glorious day of exploration around Chichester Harbour was had by all in Beech Class on Wednesday. Hetty J reported, " We really enjoyed the fun activities, such as making scrapes for oystercatchers, although making sticky pictures was unforgettable!" Many thanks to Chichester Harbour Conservancy.





Please respond to our Academy Conversion Consultation

CHECK YOUR INBOX! Thank you to those parents who came along to our two meetings on **Monday 13th May**. We appreciate your engagement in this important process.

The meeting was attended by Mr Williams, members of our governing body and representatives of the leadership team of Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership and was a good opportunity for those present to receive information and ask questions. It is important that we hear from you about this important development in the life of our school, and there is still time. Our consultation period runs until **6th June**. Please respond using the online form that you have been emailed.

Chestnut Tree House Owl Project

Thank you to **Ruth Roberts** and **Karen Katon** who have been in school helping the children to paint and decorate our owl this week. It is looking fabulous and we cannot wait to see it on the art trail.

Don't forget, the purpose of the project is to raise funds to support the incredibly valuable work of Chestnut Tree House children's Hospice. You can make a donation on our JustGiving page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=fpf-share



Star Table

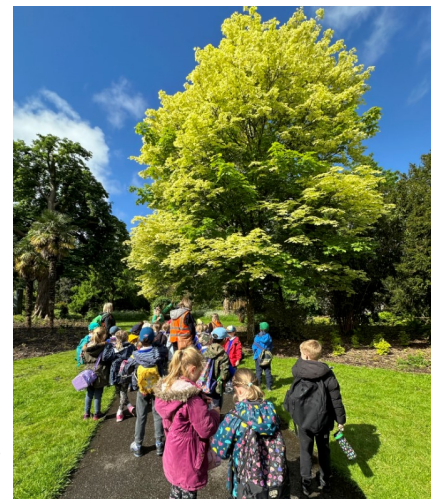
Well done to our star table for this half term. These children have shown exemplary behaviour and manners during lunchtimes and deservedly enjoyed some 'star treatment' during lunchtime today. This including some pretty spectacular beach-themed cupcakes crafted by the very talented Ms Boxall!



Apple and Maple Class visit to West Dean Gardens

As part of this half term's learning journey related to 'Owls and Trees', Apple and Maple Class had a fantastic time learning all about the trees in West Dean Gardens and Arboretum on Tuesday.

Led by Chantelle, one of the West Dean gardening team, the children discovered facts about the life cycle of trees and got to see some pretty unusual species, including the rather glorious Handkerchief Tree (below).



SOS—Save our Sunflowers - Plea for egg shells :

Please could you save any egg shells that you may have and bring them in, washed, for our school gardens.

We're trying to keep the slugs at bay and crushed egg shells seem to be a good, environmentally friendly way of doing this.





Sports Sizzler

Friday 14th June

The children's sports event will be during the afternoon and the Sizzler will start at the end of the school day.

- ◆ **Parisian Olympic Bake-Off — £2 per entry on School Money from 24-05-24 (please remember your entry will be sold to raise funds after the judging)**
- ◆ **Bottle & Teddy Tombola**
- ◆ **Stalls & Games**
- ◆ **BBQ & Bar**

Please come along, join the fun and support West Dean PTA

Olympic Rings Dress-Down Friday 7th June

In order to gather items for the Sizzler, children are invited to wear their own non-uniform clothes on 7th June in exchange for a non-perishable item such as toiletries or any type of bottle (soft or alcoholic) as donations for the tombola stalls. Each Class will be designated a colour and your donation should correspond to this colour (more details coming soon).

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West Dean Primary sport & activities club

*Football, Hockey, Bowling, Jail Break
Dodgeball, Tag Games, Archery, Lego,
Bubble Making, Basketball, Hot Wheels,
Mini Golf and so much more...*

£20 per day

**TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, CONTACT BEN JOHNSON
BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK**

**Inset day sessions
9am - 4pm
Monday 22 July and
Tuesday 23 July 2024**

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**INDIAN
SUPPER
CLUB**

WEST DEAN PTA

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE, 7PM
A GLASS OF WINE ON ARRIVAL | 3 COURSE MEAL
£35 PP AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL MONEY

CARDAMUM COOK
TRADITIONAL INDIAN CUISINE

PTA Indian Supper Club

Saturday 22nd June, 7.00pm.

Deepali Stamp will be hosting a PTA event, Indian Supper Club.

This will be in our beautiful school grounds and we are hoping for the perfect, warm summer evening to enjoy the West Dean ambience along with delicious food and a drink on arrival.

Please do come along and join in for a super, social evening with our West Dean community, family and friends. Bookings can be made on schoolmoney.co.uk, as a shop item. All profits will go to the PTA to support our school and our children.

The deadline for booking is Friday 7th June. Please do book in, without your support this event will not go ahead and we will not be able to raise valuable funds for your children in our school.

WEST DEAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT



MOVIE: WONKA

DATE: THURSDAY 23RD MAY

TIME: 3PM - 5PM

£5 PER CHILD

INCLUDES A DRINK, POPCORN AND A SNACK

CHILDREN CAN BRING EITHER A SMALL CUSHION OR BLANKET

PLEASE BOOK BEFORE WEDNESDAY 22ND 12NOON



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 17th May 2024



- Yr R** *Leo* - for a brilliant week! You consistently give your best. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Eadie* - for your amazing collaborative art work. Well done!
- Yr 2** *Ettie* - for your enthusiasm during our trips this week. You listened beautifully, asked brilliant questions and shared your thoughts. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Florence* - for the enthusiasm and interest you showed on our trip to Chichester Harbour. What an expert you are!
- Yr 4** *Owen* - for your awesome attitude to learning. You try your hardest in absolutely everything you do. Well done!
- Yr 5** *Seb* - for your hard work and focus with your owl project!
- Yr 6** *All* - for a brilliant SATs week, well done!



Diary Dates 2024



2023/24 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024

Half Term 27th May—31st May 2024

Monday 20th May W/C 20.05.24	1.00-3.00, Poolside First Aid Training (contact Office or Abbie to book) Chestnut Class Residential Visit to France Mr Williams in attendance (Tues/Wed/Th/Fri)
Tuesday 21st May	12.45—3.45, SSP Tri-Golf Year 3/4
Thursday 23rd May	PTA Movie Night—details attached
Tuesday 4th June	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 5th June	1.30-3.30 SSP Quad Kids Yr 5/6 (details to follow)
Thursday 6th June	D-Day 80th Commemoration
Friday 7th June	Foodbank Friday
Monday 10th June	Yellow School Photographs, Classes and Year 6 Leavers
Friday 14th June	Sports Afternoon followed by PTA Olympic themed event (details to follow)
Wednesday 19th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants Day 1 Stay & Play
Saturday 22nd June	7.00, PTA Indian Supper Club (book on schoolmoney.co.uk, deadline 7th June.) If we don't have enough bookings this event will not go ahead.
Monday 24th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers' Service, Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 26th June	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 2, Parents meet The Team
Thursday 27th June	GAS Sports at Boxgrove (Details to follow)
Thursday 27th June	Beech Class Big Camp (details to follow)
Monday 1st July	Apple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Tuesday 2nd July	Maple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Wednesday 3rd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 3, Drop and Go
Thursday 4th July	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 4th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 8th July	Paris Olympics Showcase Exhibition (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th July	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Friday 12th July	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 16th July	Leavers' Service in school (details tbc)
Wednesday 17th July	End of Term Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 18th July	2.30, Pre-School Leavers' Festival
Monday 22nd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)
Tuesday 23rd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)