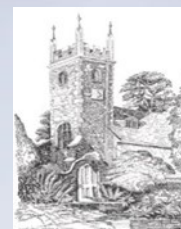




West Dean Church of England Primary School
West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0RJ
Telephone: 01243 811247
Headteacher: Mrs G. Moss
Newsletter 26 1st April 2021



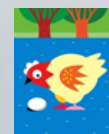
Dear Children and Parents,



Our Easter week in school has culminated in a super Easter assembly with the reverend Sarah Manouch, from our parish, who led us in prayer and worship for this important Christian festival. She has encouraged us all to rest and celebrate, whilst remembering the true meaning of Easter. Please see overleaf for more information.



The children have enjoyed the outdoors, learning about the French language and traditions, tried some tricky art work and lots of design & technology work too. Beech Class have proved to be really improving with following instructions and telling the time. The great Egg Drop Challenge was particularly successful in Chestnut Class—well done for some super listening, thinking and team work. They also know a lot about April Fools' Day! Our Apple children have shown superb creativity in their indoor and outdoor learning, and Maple Class children have produced some beautiful Easter crosses, with some thoughtful Easter writing.



We have lots of exciting plans for the Summer term, and really hope that the restrictions continue to ease so that we can work and play together more freely, and arrange some of our normal summer term events and activities. We will put our plans on the dates page in the first newsletter of the term, when we know a little more about the road map.

We hope that you will all keep up the regular reading and talking with your children, as well as mental maths and phonics etc., so that we continue to build skills and confidence together, whilst being 'just parents' again!
Happy Easter everyone!



Please continue to stay safe and **PLEASE MAINTAIN COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS!**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERINGS THEROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND.

Look at this lovely **rainbow!** A sign of hope!

FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We have been allowed the use of a small area of land near school to use as a forest school area, which will enable us to lighten the use of our grounds and vary the activities even more. Ms Boxall has devoted hours of her time to securing grants, resourcing and preparing for sessions, clearing brambles

etc. We now need some **fencing**.....

If you have expertise or resources to help us to make the boundaries of our new area safe with some fencing, please contact us as soon as possible. Ms Boxall and I propose to spend a day in the new area over the Easter holidays—an extra pair of hands would be great (only grown ups & no dogs please).

Diary Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021: Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April—Friday 23rd July

Half Term : Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

Easter Holidays

Thursday 6th May - Poling Day (School will remain open)

Monday 14th June - Yellow School Photos, Leavers and Classes

More events and activities—please next term's newsletter for further information.

www.westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk

Please do take a moment to have a look at our website; we are always updating information and making improvements so that you have access to all of our information in one place. We are asking you to be vigilant too, if you spot anything that needs updating or changing or any errors, please do let us know.

You can also download the eschools app, just go to the App store for your device and search eSchools—look out for Owl logo.

12:20 Tue 30 Mar

< Search



eSchools

eSchools Ltd



This half term, we have been having all our assemblies outside to keep safe, but to be together. In our **Easter lessons and assemblies**, we have been thinking about **Holy Week**, and everything that happened over 2000 years ago. The significance of the events is huge—they are remembered and celebrated all over the world by millions of people. We learnt about the Christian faith, and how Jesus taught his disciples how to love one another.

We used a palm branch to make a cross, and learnt about Jesus' journey into Jerusalem on a donkey.



Nell washed Miles' feet, as we learnt about Jesus being the Servant King, and showing his disciples how to care about one another. He showed them that 'a good leader isn't always showing off and acting like the most important person around.'

We learnt about the Last Supper. We looked at some famous and some modern art work depicting this symbolic meal. We learnt about the symbolism of the bread and the wine/ blackcurrant squash!

We thought about friendship, betrayal and bullying as we learnt how Jesus was tried and put to death.



Today, we all had an Easter egg hunt, for eggs which have been donated by the local parish church, from funds from the church charity: the Bowles Cottage Trust. This local trust exists to support the education of our parish children, and has a history of well over 100yrs. We are very grateful to the trustees for these eggs and for the financial donation we have received for the children's education this year.

Our Easter eggs are 'real' Easter eggs—they are hollow to represent the empty tomb, egg shaped to represent the stone rolled away from the tomb opening, and they come with a little story book to remind us all of the Easter story. Sarah explained that today is Maundy Thursday and that Maundy comes from the Latin word 'mandatum' or 'commandment'. We celebrate the 'new Commandment' from the last Supper: that we love one another as Jesus loves us.

This week we have relaxed our restrictions so that we can now sing together outside, so we sang 'A New Commandment' and enjoyed singing 'Our God is a Great Big God'. Sarah explained that on Saturday, we are all owed to do nothing at all and be quite lazy, because the disciples didn't do anything on the Saturday of holy Week! We are also allowed to break open our Easter eggs, as this symbolises Jesus breaking free and rising from the dead to be with God forever! So, enjoy relaxing this holiday and enjoy breaking open the chocolate!

Dear Parents and Carers

After School Clubs Summer Term 2021

We are planning to resume some of our After School Club provision, beginning with AAA Coaching and some school staff led clubs.

Mr Johnson will run his sports club on Friday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm and each 'bubble' will have a 2 week block. Mrs Moss will run a fun French club, for 2 weeks for each bubble.

AAA sports club will take place outdoors, on the field, weather permitting; if the weather is wet then the bubble will be in their classroom with alternative resources. Mrs Prudence will run a STEM club, Mrs Johnson will run an art club and Miss Ashton will run a board games club, all in 2 week blocks in the classroom bubbles.

The cost for the 2 week block will be £10 per child, this is available to book and pay for on school-money.co.uk. Booking will be open from 9.00am on Monday 12th April.

If we don't have sufficient numbers in each bubble to make clubs viable to run, we will have to make the decision to cancel the club or offer the weeks to one of the other bubbles.

Clubs will run for 6 weeks, in 2 week blocks, from Friday 23rd April until Friday 28th May.

We will monitor and review this provision and if it is successful and safe, we will look at continuing and possibly expanding this for the second half of the SummerTerm.

A timetable is attached below.

After School Club Provision W/C 19th April - W/C 24th May - x 6 weeks

Date	Beech	Mapples	Chestnut
23 rd April	Ben AAA Coaching	JA Board Games	GM French
30 th April	Ben AAA Coaching	JA Board Games	GM French
7 th May	SJ Art	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching
14 th May	SJ Art	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching
21 st May	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	KP STEM
28 th May	GM French	Ben AAA Coaching	KP STEM

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

March 2021

Governing Body News:

We are meeting at the end of the Easter holidays to shortlist candidates for the role of headteacher. We are delighted to have had nine people visiting the school and we are really excited to be involved in choosing Mrs. Moss's successor.

Louise Shaw retains her parent governor role following the election process and Mrs Johnson remains our staff governor. Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community.

We have had a donation of £2000 from the Bowles Cottage Charity—more information on this next week!

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on Schoolmoney.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.

Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.

Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.

PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin' , on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.