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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 24 15.03.24 **95.1% 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>



## Palm Procession and Church Service — Friday 22nd March

Our annual Palm Procession and end of term service will take place next Friday, 22nd March immediately after the children have been registered. We aim to leave school at 8.50am and walk (led once again by Tilly the Shetland Pony) through the village to church.

Parents and family are welcome to join us for the procession and short church service. Please note: this is NOT a 'drop off at church' event, as the procession is very much part of the worship that we have planned.

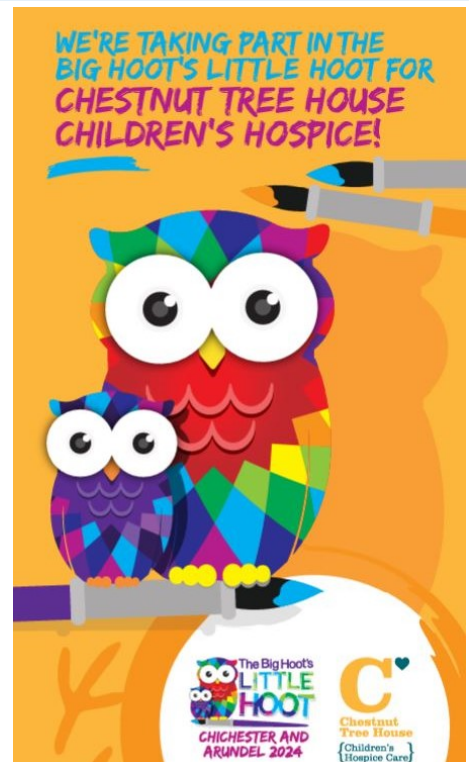
The service is at the end of the penultimate week of term because this most closely aligns with Palm Sunday, next weekend.



### ESSA Swim Gala in Horsham

Well done to our Chestnut Class swimmers, Aven, Emily, Beatrix and Ewan for their fantastic performance and attitude in competing in the ESSA Swimming Gala this week.

**Chestnut Tree House Assembly** We had a visit from Nicky Clark from Chestnut Tree House for assembly on Tuesday. Nicky told us all about the fantastic work that the charity does for children from all over Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire, in and around CTH, near Arundel. The children are all really inspired to get started with fundraising for this project.



### Head Lice

Please be vigilant, we have had reported cases of Head Lice in school. Please check your child's hair thoroughly and treat as necessary.

Guidance can be found:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



### Governing Body Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you feel this might be a role for you please do come and have a chat or contact Pasha Delahunty, who is our Clerk to Governors. Information is attached.

[Pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:Pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)



### Wraparound Care Places Available

**Care Bears**, Monday to Friday, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per session, to include a drink and a snack. **Breakfast Bears**, Monday to Friday, 8.00—8.35, £4 per child, per session, to include breakfast.

### Improved access to Centurion Way

You may have noticed that the entrance to Centurion Way adjacent to the school site has been closed for the past few months and there has been quite a lot of ground moving work and landscaping going on.

The South Downs National Park Authority have been building a new access ramp to improve the route onto Centurion Way, particularly for cyclists and wheelchair users.

As Centurion Way borders our school site, as well as the Pre-School, we have been quite involved in the planning process for this project and are looking forward to making use of the ramp, when it opens soon.

Who knows, it might even encourage some cycling to school at some stage!



## Palm Sunday

# 24<sup>th</sup> March

## 4 – 6

## East Dean Village Hall

*Crafts, activities, food, songs, and the story of Palm Sunday.*

Make an Easter Box. Create your own Dove of Peace

Decorate your own Palm Biscuits



Registration and start @ 4pm  
Please bring an adult with you



Thank you for supporting Comic Relief Red to Toe with us in school today.



Well done to our talented West Dean musicians, we celebrated in our Music Showcase Assembly yesterday.



**Chartwells have asked us to communicate the below information to our parents:**

ParentPay has sent the below automated email to some parents this week:

This is an automated email regarding your ParentPay account registered with xxxxxxxx School.

We wanted to let you know that, due to changes which have been made to menu items, some of xxxxxxxxxx pre-ordered meals have been cancelled for the following dates:

XXXXXXX

Please login to ParentPay to re-book meals for these dates.

Pre-ordered meals have not been cancelled and parents are not required to re-book, any changes with the upcoming menu have been addressed by Chartwells team.

Please accept our apologies for any confusion this may have caused and if you have any queries, contact Chartwells office [u73041@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:u73041@compass-group.co.uk)



- Yr R** *Margot* - for your fantastic writing of your tricky words. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Willow* - for a brilliant attitude towards your learning this week! Great Work!
- Yr 2** *Etta* - for creating a brilliant piece of music on google chrome tab on the computer, well done!
- Yr 3** *Florence* - for the effort you put into block programming using Scratch. Your hard work really paid off!
- Yr 4** *Rufus* - for your exceptional effort in investigating how to block program using Scratch. You really went above and beyond..
- Yr 5** *Bea* - for always having a super attitude to your learning. You consistently try your best, you listen to feedback and apply it to your learning. Keep it up, Bea!
- Yr 6** *Emie* - for being a super scientist! You applied everything you had learnt about how to plan and structure an investigation during our pulley experiment.



# Diary Dates 2024



## 2023/24 INSET Days

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**

W/C 18.03.24	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 20th March	Apple Class visit to Tuppeny Barn
Wednesday 20th March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (Selected Swim Squad)
Thursday 21st March	Chestnut Class author visit—Lindsey Galvin
Thursday 21st March	SSP Future Flyers (selected Yr 5/6)
Thursday 21st March	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22nd March	8.45, Palm Procession to West Dean Church for Service
Monday 25th March	NSPCC Workshops for Maple and Chestnut Class
Wednesday 27th March	2.30, Maple Class 'Open Classroom'
Wednesday 27th March	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Wednesday 17th April	'Hawking About' - Owl visit to school
Friday 19th April	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 23rd April	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 23rd April	Dance House, Worthing (Dance Club Children)
Saturday 27th April	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate
Tuesday 30th April	Drama for All Workshops in School, Apple and Maple
Thursday 2nd May	Poling Day (School open as usual)
Wednesday 8th May	1.30-3.30 Year 3/4 SSP Tennis (details to follow)
W/C 20.05.24	Chestnut Class Residential Visit to France (Tues/Wed/Th/Fri)
Wednesday 21st May	12.45—3.45, SSP Tri-Golf Year 3/4 (details to follow)
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
Wednesday 12th June	Sports Morning
Monday 24th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers' Service, Chichester Cathedral
Thursday 27th June	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting