



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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

#### School Car Park

Please do take extra care when exiting our school car park. Always remember to look left as, although it is a quiet lane, there are vehicles constantly using Motor Road. Please do be courteous whilst using our school park and when entering and exiting both onto Motor Road and onto the A286.



Despite repeated requests from Mr Williams, there are still a small minority of families ignoring the rules. School car park use is reserved for parents of children in Apple Class and those with pre-school siblings.

#### Maple Class Showcase

Well done to all of the children in Maple Class for putting on an excellent exhibition for their parents yesterday afternoon, showcasing all of the work they have completed during their 'Don't let them disappear' topic. There was a fantastic array of writing, artwork and very clever green-screen role play on show and all of the children were very proud to show off their achievements. Thanks to the generosity of the parents, the children managed to collect an amazing £75 in donations, which they are going to use to 'adopt' an endangered species (yet to be decided by the children).

Great work Maple Class children and teaching team!

#### Comic Relief & Midhurst Fire Appeal

**COMIC RELIEF** Thank you for supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Together we raised £150 which we donated to Comic Relief. Thank you also, for your donations of toiletries in response to our appeal for help following the fire at The Angel Hotel in Midhurst. They have advised that they now have everything that they need and are extremely grateful for all the support they have received.

#### Attendance

**Overall attendance this year to date: 94.9%**

We are striving to get our overall attendance figure above 96%.

Thank you for your support in improving our overall attendance figures this academic year. It is really important that your child's education is as uninterrupted as possible during term time.

Quite understandably, everyone falls ill once in a while, but advising other reasons for absence helps to minimise the impact of this overall.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please do call or email the office first thing in the morning, as soon as possible.

Our school policy is to contact parents and carers if we haven't heard from you by morning break.

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#### GAS—Dance House performance.

Children from our Dance House performance group were invited to share their dance routine with other schools from the Goodwood Area. They travelled to North Mundham School on Tuesday to perform their 'Museum Heist' routine. Our thanks to Ellie Holder and her team of dancers for another brilliant show.



#### West Dean Swim Squad SSP Arun Swim Gala



10 keen swimmers entered the **Arun Gala** on Wednesday. They competed in both individual and medley races over 25m. There was a fantastic competitive atmosphere with all children cheering and supporting each other. Every child swam their very best and we are all incredibly proud of every single one of them!

#### Palm Sunday & Easter Celebration Service

On the final morning of term, next Thursday (30th March) we will be going to St Andrew's Church to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter. If the weather is fine, we will walk from school to church in Palm Sunday style procession at 9am. If the weather is wet then we will operate a drop-off directly at church from 8.35am, as we have for previous services this year. Parents are welcome to attend and the dry/wet weather plan will be confirmed next Wednesday.



#### Other news...

Thank you for your response to the **Parent Survey on Wrap-around Care**. Of the approx. 40 responses, an overwhelming majority of families indicated that they would use extended care facilities either before or after school. We will therefore look into viable options and hope to be able to put provision in place soon.

**Reports** - You will be provided with access to a digital copy of your child's school report via eSchools, by the end of this term. Please read this in detail over the Easter break. There will be an opportunity for a follow up discussion with your child's teacher at a **Parents consultation meeting** on either **Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26th April**.

Appointments will be bookable shortly after the Easter break.



# **WEST DEAN PTA MOVIE NIGHT**

£5

**20TH APRIL / 3 - 5:15**

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*WHAT'S ON:*

**ROALD DHAL'S MATILDA: THE MUSICAL**

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*WHAT'S INCLUDED:*

**POPCORN, SNACK AND A DRINK**

*BOOK VIA SCHOOL MONEY*





# 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**



facebook.com/AAACoachingUK

Inset day sessions  
9am - 4pm

Friday 31 March  
Friday 21 July





West Dean CE Primary School

Acorn Awards

Friday 24th March 2023



- Yr R** ***Edith** - for being a super role model. You listen well and support your friends.*
- Yr 1** ***Holly** - for your positive attitude and determination in all aspects of your learning! Brilliant!*
- Yr 2** ***Florence** - for your brilliant effort towards our 'don't let them disappear' showcase. You worked hard on every part including your amazing T-shirt and showed great respect towards the adults you showed around!*
- Yr 3** ***Fynn** - for being such an amazing role model; you are respectful of everyone around you, you listen carefully, give 100% effort as well as being a supportive friend.*
- Yr 4** ***Seb** - for creating a fantastic chocolate bar wrapper design. You thought carefully about the design to produce an eye-catching and appealing product.*
- Yr 5** ***Humphrey** - for a super piece of writing showing that you understood how to create a sinister atmosphere through word choice and technique.*
- Yr 6** ***Fraser** - for your super effort to describe and make careful word choices in your writing this week. You persevered to make it 'just right'.*



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 31st March 2023

Friday 21st July 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 - Thursday 20th July

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



## Spring Term 2023

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| Monday 27th March        | 2.30—Chestnut Class Open Afternoon—Space Exploration!           |
| Tuesday 28th March       | 2.30—Beech Class Open Afternoon                                 |
| Wednesday 29th March     | Final Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut            |
| Wednesday 29th March     | 6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge                     |
| Thursday 30th March      | End of Term Assembly at West Dean Church (details to follow)    |
| Thursday 30th March      | SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)                    |
| <b>Friday 31st March</b> | <b>INSET Day</b>  |
| Monday 17th April        | First Day of Summer Term  |
| Tuesday 18th April       | Whole School visit to West Dean Gardens and Greenhouses         |
| Thursday 20th April      | PTA Film Night (Details tbc)                                    |
| Monday 24th April        | Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton School (details to follow)      |
| Wednesday 17th May       | 1.00—3.45, SSP Tri Golf, Chichester Golf Club (selected Yr 3/4) |
| Thursday 18th May        | 1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers, Westgate (selected)               |
| Saturday 20th May        | 7.30pm, Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (Swim Squad)           |
| Wednesday 24th May       | 1.30—3.30, SSP Tennis at Bishop Luffa (selected Yr 3/4)         |