



# 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

**Newsletter 36 28.06.24 Our overall attendance rate is 95.5% this week.**

**Please read the important information about attendance and punctuality sent to you earlier this week.**

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

## Beech Class Big Camp

Children in Beech Class have had the most amazing two days during their 'Big Camp' and activity days. The Year 4 children camped overnight while Year 3 enjoyed the activity days. The children reported that the birds were really loud; the Dawn Chorus had them awake early and what amazing weather for them too!

## The Selsey Arms

West Dean

Book your table now

**Tuesday 9th July**

**7.30pm**



# Bingo

## Cash prizes



## GAS Sports:

Children from Maple, Beech and Chestnut Classes took part in the GAS Sports event at Boxgrove School on Thursday.

Well done team for showing excellent sportsmanship, trying your best and representing our school beautifully.



Please see attached poster with updated details of our PTA Summer Sizzler event:



Parisian Olympic Bake Off—available to book on schoolmoney, £2 per entry.

Please bring in your Tombola bottle donations by Wednesday at the latest.

## Photograph Deadlines

The deadline for pre-ordering the Chichester Observer School Leavers special edition is Monday 1st July.

The deadline for ordering Yellow School Photographs is Tuesday 2nd July.

## Chestnut Tree House Owl Project

**Don't forget, the purpose of our recent 'Little Hoot' Owl 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=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

The Big Hoot, Little Hoot is in Arundel and Chichester. Keep a look out, we know that our Owlet will be on display somewhere in Chichester.

**West Dean PTA are running several fundraisers in the next few months to raise vital funds for West Dean Primary School and we need your help!**

**We are looking for any donations of Wine, Beer, Spirits or Bottles please.**

**All donations need to be brand new, sealed and in date.**

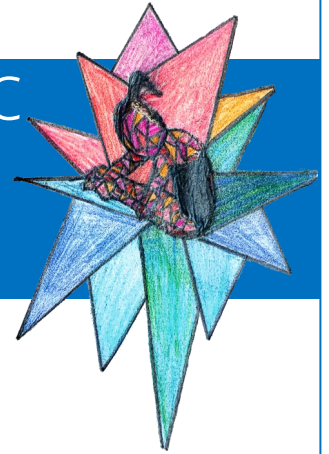
**Thank you for your support!**

**Please leave all donations before 1pm July 3rd at West Dean School Reception**





# West Dean CE Primary School Olympic & Paralympic Showcase



Join us for a celebration of this term's learning about the Olympic & Paralympic Games on **Monday 8th July** in a marquee on the lawn of West Dean College.

A colourful range of the children's work will be on display in the marquee and there will be short performances of song, dance and drama on the stage. The showcase gallery will be open for visitors between **5pm and 8pm**, with stage performances spread throughout the evening, starting with the youngest children.

Full details of the event have been sent out today.

## Ticks

A parent has informed us that they found a tick on their child this week. Unfortunately, although we always look out for ticks on the children, this is an unavoidable part of being in our rural setting in the summer. Here is some advice from the South Downs National Park Authority:

Ticks are tiny spider-like creatures found in moist areas of dense vegetation or long grass in woodland, grassland, moorland, heathland and some urban parks and gardens.

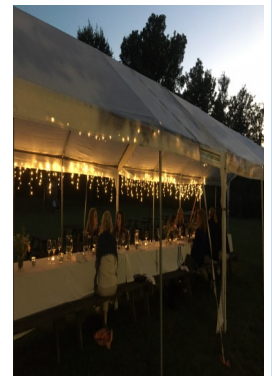
They can be found throughout the year, but are most active between spring and autumn. They feed on the blood of birds and mammals, including humans.

Some ticks carry the bacteria responsible for Lyme disease, an infection that can spread to humans if bitten by infected ticks.

It is possible to reduce the risk of tick bites by following some simple advice:

- When possible, stick to footpaths and avoid long grass when walking or cycling
- Wear long sleeved shirts and trousers tucked into your socks when near tick-infested areas
- Wearing light-coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes
- Use insect repellent on any exposed skin
- Check your skin and clothes for ticks at the end of the day, removing any you find as soon as possible
- Regularly check your pets for ticks
- If Lyme disease is left untreated, you could develop severe symptoms. Lyme disease is treatable if caught early, so it's important to know the symptoms and look out for them.

Read full [NHS advice on ticks and Lyme disease](#).



## PTA Indian Supper Club

Our guests enjoyed a wonderful evening on Saturday at the PTA Indian Supper Club. Out thanks to Deepali for hosting the event and for preparing the delicious food.

They were so lucky with the weather too, a perfect summer evening.



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# Sports Sizzler

**Friday 5th July**

**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 (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 fundraising**

**We need bottles for our Tombola, please bring your donations into school by Wednesday 3rd July.**



- Yr R**     *Theo G* - for being a super swimmer!! Lovely to see smiles and enthusiasm in the pool!
- Yr 1**     *Ava* - for being an all round superstar this week. You always do your best!
- Yr 2**     *Etta* - for the determination you showed in the swimming pool this week. You persevered and are becoming a master at backstroke.
- Yr 3**     *Mia* - for the endless energy and the enthusiasm you show to all our learning.
- Yr 4**     *Maxwell* - for your absolute enthusiasm for everything 'Big Camp' You have joined in with all the activities with a big smile on your face!
- Yr 5/6**   *Leo and Seb* - for being top notch 'West Deanies', looking out for the whole school community and being very vigilant when it comes to our outside area.



# Diary Dates 2024



## 2023/24 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024



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

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
<b>Wednesday 3rd July</b>	<b>Deadline for donations of bottles for our Tombola</b>
Thursday 4th July	Election Day—school open as normal
Thursday 4th July	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 4th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 5th July	12.30 Opening Ceremony—Sports Afternoon
Friday 5th July	3.00 PTA Sports Sizzler Event
Monday 8th July	Paris Olympics Showcase Exhibition
Tuesday 9th July	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 10th July	Louis Saunders—Boccia Paralympian visit to school
Thursday 11th July	Goodwood Festival of Speed—school open at 8am.
Friday 12th July	Goodwood Festival of Speed—school open at 8am.
Friday 12th July	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 16th July	2.00, Leavers' Service in school
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)
Monday 2nd September	INSET
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day back at school for the Autumn Term with new start time of 8.30.
Monday 9th September	First Day for our new Reception children (staggered start times tbc)