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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>

Industrial Action

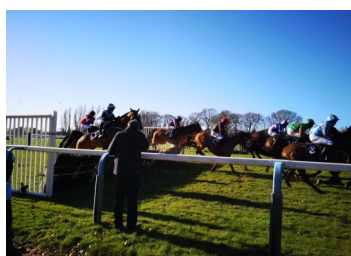
We will be in further contact regarding the proposed dates of industrial action planned for shortly after the half term break, as soon as we are able. The next potential dates of action are:

Thursday 2 March, Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023.

Thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

Chestnut Class Racing to School at Fontwell Racecourse.

Chestnut Class had the amazing opportunity to take part in a 'Maths in Action' activity day at Fontwell Racecourse this week. The event, which is organised by 'Racing to School', a charity which introduces young people to the many training and career opportunities within and around horseracing. The children took part in a number of maths activities in all manner of public and behind the scenes areas of the racecourse. The day finished in the Paddock and watching the first race.



Dancehouse

Children from our after school Dance Club took part in the annual Dance House performance at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor. Their performance was the result of theirs and Ellie Holder's hard work in their dance club sessions this term and last.

They portrayed a 'Museum Heist' in dance and movement and performed with many other schools during the evening.

Well done to our amazing dancers and huge thanks to Ellie Holder for her hard work and dance tuition.



Thank you for all of your support so far this term. We wish all of our school families a happy and healthy half term break. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Chartwells New Parent Pay Meal Ordering System

Thank you to everyone for your support with our new system. We went 'live' on Monday and this week has been well organised and all run smoothly. Thank you to Chartwells and to our staff for ensuring a smooth transition. Please don't forget to contact us if you have any questions or queries. If you have trouble accessing the system using the APP, it is worth trying a laptop or tablet to access through a search engine.

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



The news of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and the thousands of lives lost is truly heart-breaking. As a school we are going to pause until immediately after the half term break and await further advice on the best way to respond and support those in need. In the meantime, we ask that you hold all of those affected in your prayers and if you wish to take immediate action in support, we would suggest that you make a donation via the Disasters Emergency Committee website:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Thank you.

Drama for All

KS1 enjoyed a 'trip to the Circus' on Tuesday morning led by 'Holly the Ringmaster' from Perform. They developed their skills as tightrope walkers, clowns and acrobats and managed to put a smile back on the sad clown's face!



World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March

Children are invited to start a reading adventure and dress up as their favourite book or character to celebrate World Book Day, in school, on Thursday 2 March.



Children will also receive a £1 National Book Token to either exchange for a free World Book Day book or £1 off a book/audio book, (full details will be included on the voucher)

Apple Class—Open Classroom Exhibition

Apple Class parents and guests were invited to their Polar Exhibition this week. The children were very proud to show off the work that they have been doing this term around explorers, Penguins and Polar Bears.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and thank you for your really positive feedback. We are so pleased that you were able to see the high quality in the children's work, hear their exceptional knowledge of animals and hibernation, and experience their infectious enthusiasm



Chichester Corporate Challenge

We are looking forward to the corporate challenge running races next half term and are really pleased that a keen group of pupil runners have entered and are raring to go. This is always a fantastic series of events with a really supportive family atmosphere. The dates of the races are **Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Wednesday 29th March**, all beginning at 6.30pm.

The races start and finish in North Street, Chichester, from just outside the Assembly Rooms (see map below for the course routes). Do come along and support the children.

If our child runners particularly inspire you, please note – there is also the opportunity to put together an adult “West Dean Team” if there is enough interest! This is a longer race of 4.4km.

7.30 p.m. Corporate Challenge “A” race approx. 4500m (4 laps)

7.55 p.m. Corporate Challenge “B” race approx. 4500m (4 laps)

The Corporate Challenge is split into “A” and “B” races for logistical reasons. Race “A” for faster runners who will complete the course in under 18 min (10K in under 40min); race “B” for all other runners. This will be strictly adhered to. Team results calculated from aggregate of fastest times regardless whether athletes run in the “A” or “B” race.



Any adults interested in running in a West Dean Team, please enter yourself online on the Chichester runners website on this link:

<https://www.chichester-runners.org.uk/cc-entry-2023>



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 10th February 2023



- Yr R Jack - for being a hibernation expert in our polar exhibition! You spoke with confidence about hedgehogs. Well done! :)*
- Yr 1 Kash - for being a brilliant independent learner! You are quick to start and focussed on your work. Well done! :)*
- Yr 2 Atti - for your excellent reasoning skills in maths. You weren't afraid to ask questions when something was tricky and were able to clearly articulate your answers. Well done!*
- Yr 3 Reuben - for being a supportive classmate and working really hard to explain your science investigation clearly.*
- Yr 4 Felix - for an excellent role play as Mr Twit - you really got into character and effectively used the stage directions.*
- Yr 5 Leo - for asking great questions during our RE lesson. Your questions showed your curiosity and your appreciation of the deeper concepts of the Hindu faith.*
- Yr 6 Florence - for showing your understanding of how to compare fractions by finding the lowest common denominator. Your methodology is accurate and used confidently.*



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023



One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 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 - Friday 21st July

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



Spring Term 2023

Monday 20th February

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 22nd February

Tuesday 28th February

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 1st March

Thursday 2nd March

Tuesday 7th March

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 22nd March

Thursday 23rd March

Wednesday 29th March

Wednesday 29th March

Wednesday 29th March

Thursday 30th March

Thursday 30th March

Friday 31st March

INSET Day (Children return on Tuesday 21st Feb.)

Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut

10.30—1.00 SSP Sportshall Athletics, all Chestnuts Class (change of date)

1.30—3.00 Year 6 Computer Science Workshop at Bishop Luffa

Apple Class visit to Goodwood Motor Circuit (details to follow)

Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut

6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge

World Book Day—children to dress as favourite book or character

Chestnut Class visit to Science Museum, London (details to follow)

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ESSA Swim Gala (swim squad children, details to follow)

6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge

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SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)

5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting

Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut

1.00-3.00, SSP '60 Active Minutes' at Westgate, Beech Class

6.30 Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge

End of Term Assembly at West Dean Church (details to follow)

SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)

INSET Day