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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 14 15.12.23 **96% whole school attendance** rate again this week — Well done everyone!

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

Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to Chartwells for a super Christmas lunch and to our PTA and Governor Elf helpers for setting up and serving.

The closing date for ordering your child's hot meals for the first week back in January is Thursday 21st December.



PTA Christmas Disco

The children all had a magical time, dancing along together at our Christmas Disco last night. Again, our thanks to the PTA for their organisation of this fun and popular event for the children.



Father Christmas visit to West Dean College

The children enjoyed a visit from Santa at West Dean College, he arrived this year in a fire engine, thank you to West Sussex Fire Service. We were hosted by the wonderful staff at the College and enjoyed mince pies and biscuits by the fire, singing carols and receiving gifts.

A huge thank you to West Dean College for inviting us and to our PTA for supporting this very special event.



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Carol Service in West Dean Church on Tuesday, in spite of the weather.

The children did an amazing job of telling the Christmas Story through their readings and singing.

It was a wonderful celebration the joy of Christmas, together as a school family.

Djembe Drumming Workshop

This week we celebrated the children's 1Term2Learn Music programme with a Djembe drumming workshop. Beech Class and Chestnut Class gave a brilliant performance, which showed the hard work and tremendous progress they have all made throughout the course of their lessons this term. We are really grateful to the drumming teacher, Nigel Rippon, from West Sussex Music for the enthusiasm and expertise he has brought to this project this term.



Star Tables

Well done to our star tables for this term.



These children have shown exemplary behaviour and manners during lunchtimes and deservedly enjoyed some 'star treatment' during lunchtime today.

Schoolmoney.co.uk

Payment is now available for milk and fruit for the Spring Term, if you would like to order this for your child.

Booking for Spring Clubs will go live on Tuesday 2nd January at approximately 1.00pm. Timetable attached for your information.

Please could we politely request that you log-in to your school money account and clear any outstanding balances. Costs for trips and visits are calculated on the basis of receiving contributions to ensure that they are financially viable. Please do come and speak to us if you need any support.

The whole staff team at West Dean thank you all for your support of the school this term. There is much to celebrate after 14 weeks of exciting learning. We wish you all a joyful Christmas with your families and health and happiness in 2024. During our final collective worship for the term this morning, Rev Sarah gave the following Christmas blessing, which we now offer to you all. Happy Christmas!



May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Diary Dates 2023/24



2023/24 INSET Days

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

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

Tuesday 2nd January	School closed for INSET
Wednesday 10th January	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Tuesday 16th January	9.55, Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 17th January	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 17th January	1.00—4.00, SSP Indoor Cricket, Year 5/6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 24th January	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 24th January	SSP Cross Country, Bishop Luffa, Year 5/6
Thursday 25th January	1.00-3.00 SSP Future Flyers (selected children)
Monday 29th January	Young Voices at O2, Chestnut Class
Wednesday 31st January	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 31st January	1.30—3.30 SP High 5 Netball at Bishop Luffa (details to follow)
Tuesday 6th February	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 7th February	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 7th February	1.30-3.30, AAP Tag Rugby at Bishop Luffa, Year 3/4
Friday 9th February	Foodbank Friday



- Yr R** **Theo G** - for your brilliant work at home and in school with your phonics. Well done!
- Yr 1** **Barney** - for your enthusiasm for learning! You always give 100%.
- Yr 2** **Viva** - for your brilliant 'Christmas around the World' poster. You found some exciting facts sharing how Japan celebrate. Well done!
- Yr 3** **Conran** - for your energy and enthusiasm this term in Beech Class.
- Yr 4** **Khloe** - for your super approach to learning this term. You have been aiming high and challenging yourself.
- Yr 5** **Henry** - for an amazing improvement in the presentation of all your work. Wow, what super handwriting, well done! You have worked hard at this!
- Yr 6** **Harry** - for great determination in maths to understand and solve problems involving fractions.

