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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>



### Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6 children took part in the WSX Bikeability Programme this week. Day 1 saw them complete their basic training on the playground at Singleton School.

On day 2, they completed their Level 2 training on the road through Charlton village.

Well done to the children for being amazing and completing their training, to Mrs Goacher and the West Sussex Instructors and thank you to all the grown ups for supporting with logistical arrangements.



### Breakfast Bears

Our brand new Breakfast Bears club is now open. Come and join us for breakfast everyday from 8.00—8.35.

Available to book on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk).



### RYA Sailing Information.

Please see attached poster with details of Chichester Yacht Club's programme of summer activities.

Part of their mission is to make sailing more accessible to all children and are looking to work with local schools to give children the opportunity to learn the basics of sailing as well as the ability to progress to become a self-sufficient sailor while having a huge amount of fun on the water along the way.

Please visit their website for further information:

[www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk)





## Parent's Evening

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Parent Consultation Evenings this week. I hope you found these meetings with our teachers useful and informative. Thank you for completing our feedback forms, your feedback is useful to us.

## Digital Technology

I am pleased to say that our investment in digital tech is now in use by the whole school. We have invested a significant amount of school funding in the purchase of Google Chromebooks and Apple iPads for use in classrooms. Thank you to Edward Younghusband, parent and governor, for helping to secure the best possible deal on these. All 20 iPads and 20 Chromebooks have been in frequent use by children of all ages to support their learning this week.



## Guitar Lessons now available in school on a Wednesday

If you would like your child to learn the guitar in school, please email Lee Ashment on:

[lee.ashment@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:lee.ashment@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

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## \*\*\*FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH\*\*\*

A free learning event, organised by our Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in May, which is open to all parents and carers of young people in Sussex.

The mental health workshops, all led by experienced CAMHS clinicians takes place virtually on Tuesday 16 May with three different start times; 9.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm, making it as easy as possible for people to attend, depending on their lifestyle. Parents may choose to join all three session in order to maximise workshop attendance.

The sessions will cover five workshops focusing on:

- Anxiety
- Sleep
- Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- Autistic Spectrum Conditions and challenging behaviour
- Eating disorders

Parents and carers will have the choice of which workshop to attend, with recordings of any others being made available afterwards.

The session lasts 90 minutes with the opportunity to ask any questions to CAMHS clinicians. Due to anticipated high numbers of attendees any questions will need to be sent in advance.

Any family that attends will also get a digital pack of useful resources and information. Poster attached with further information.



*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 28th April 2023*



- Yr R** *Charlie* - for your super symmetrical artwork, You used 2d shapes carefully to draw your castle. Brilliant.
- Yr 1** *Luna* - for your brilliant computer skills in phonics using our new Chromebooks! Well done!
- Yr 2** *Lucas* - for your enthusiasm towards your learning this week. You've been keen to share your thoughts in class discussion and have made an extra effort to present your work beautifully.
- Yr 3** *Bronte* - for working hard in writing to understand how to write in the different tenses—even the 'present perfect' - amazing!
- Yr 4** *Henry* - for your enthusiastic approach to all the different parts of school life; you have been particularly noticed this week in cookery club—well done!
- Yr 5** *Isaac* you have an amazing sense of humour as well as an impeccable attitude to your learning. This is the perfect recipe for success.
- Yr 6** *Amelia* - for working super hard to apply all your maths skills with great results. Well done!



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 21st July 2023



**Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Thursday 20th July**

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



## Summer Term 2023

Wednesday 3rd May	Apple Class visit to Arundel Castle
Thursday 4th May	School in use for Polling Day, open to all as normal
Friday 5th May	2.30-4.00, PTA Coronation Tea Party
W/C 8th May	Statutory Assessments Tests for Year 6
Tuesday 16th May	Maple Class visit to Pizza Express
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)
Thursday 18th May	5.30 Governing Body Meeting
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)
Tuesday 6th June	Whole School visit to West Dean Arboretum
Thursday 8th June	1.00-3.00, PTA Poolside First Aid Training
Saturday 10th June	Cycling Club—Ditcham Park Hill Climb event
Monday 12th June	9.00, Yellow School Photographs
Wednesday 14th June	GAS singing event—Yr 3 rehearsal at The March (details tbc)
Thursday 15th June	1.00-3.00 Future Flyers
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Morning
Wednesday 21st June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Monday 26th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers Service in Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 28th June	1.30 - 2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Wednesday 28th June	5.30, GAS Singing Event at St Paul's Church Yr 3 (details tbc)
Wednesday 5th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Wednesday 5th July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Thursday 6th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 10th July	Summer Production at West Dean College (details tbc)