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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 21 23.02.24 95.4% whole school attendance rate this week.**

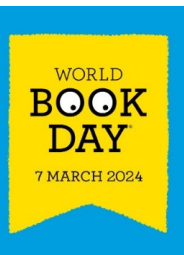
**Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>**



We saw some Brilliant collaboration from our Maple Class children this week as they responded to a piece of music called 'Orawa' by Wojciech Kilar. They watched and listened to a special blended performance of the piece, recorded by the by the Australian Chamber Orchestra during the COVID lockdown. It was incredible and really inspired them to work together to draw the journey of a river from source to sea.

#### Polite Reminder:

Whilst dogs are welcome on our school site please make sure you clear up after them. This is a health and safety concern and it should not be our responsibility. Thank you for your support.



#### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

To celebrate our love of books and reading on World Book Day, we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character and to bring their favourite book into school to share.



#### Violin lessons

Alex Urquhart, former violin teacher at the school, is offering violin lessons from her home in Tangmere.

Also a trained and experienced classroom teacher, Alex aims to make music learning fun and engaging. Her students play music of all genres, from folk to pop to jazz, and she works with students who like to play for fun as well as those who take exams - all the way up to Grade 8 and beyond. Alex's students have gone on to study music at higher education level and to join both local and national youth orchestras, as well as achieving distinctions in their exams.

Alex is also an experienced teacher of adults, so if any parents or grandparents would like to get involved lessons are available to all! Lessons last for 30 minutes and cost £19: 20-minute and 60-minute slots are also currently available. Alex can also advise on and assist with hiring an instrument.

To find out more, contact Alex via [alexandra\\_urquhart@hotmail.com](mailto:alexandra_urquhart@hotmail.com) or 07540 402478.



#### Music Showcase Assembly

Children are invited to take part in our Music Showcase Assembly on **14th March**. Any child wishing to participate can perform a piece on the instrument they learn. Please let Mrs Anstee know if you would like to be part of this special assembly.



#### Places are available in our wraparound care facilities:

**Care Bears**, Monday to Friday, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per session, to include a drink and a snack. **Breakfast Bears**, Monday to Friday, 8.00—8.35, £4 per child, per session, to include breakfast.

Places are still available in some of our after school clubs for this half term, log in to [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) for details.





- Yr R**      *William* - for your knowledge and enthusiasm in dinosaur doubles! You know all your doubles to 10. Well done!
- Yr 1**      *Mila* - for being a super scientist, labelling the honeybee and explaining the life cycle. Brilliant!
- Yr 2**      *Paddy* - for your brilliant work making different amounts of money out of coins and notes! Well done!
- Yr 3**      *Berti* - for all the terrific adjectives you used to expand your sentences. Well done!
- Yr 4**      *Maxwell* - for your focus and determination in all your learning this week.
- Yr 5**      *Finley* - for your hard work and determination in your swimming lessons both in and out of school. You are developing into a super swimmer!
- Yr 6**      *Isaac* - for an in-depth, sophisticated and well thought out analysis of the Refugee poem - well done!



# Diary Dates 2024



## 2023/24 INSET Days

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**

Wednesday 28th February	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 28th February	1.00-3.30, SSP Bronze Ambassadors at Westgate (Selected Yr 5&6)
Wednesday 28th February	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Thursday 29th February	2.00-4.30, Beech and Chestnut visit to Chichester Festival Theatre
Tuesday 5th March	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Wednesday 6th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Dress Up as your favourite book Character)
Wednesday 13th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut (Last Session)
Wednesday 13th March	ESSA Swim Gala (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th March	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Thursday 14th March	Music Showcase Assembly—for children only
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
W/C 18.03.24	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 20th March	Apple Class visit to Tuppeny Barn (details to follow)
Wednesday 20th March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)
Thursday 21st March	SSP Future Flyers (selected Yr 5/6)
Friday 22nd March	8.45, Palm Procession to West Dean Church for Service
Wednesday 27th March	6.00—Chichester Runners Corporate Challenge
Thursday 28th March	Chestnut Class Maths in Action at Fontwell Racecourse
Tuesday 23rd April	Dance House, Worthing (Dance Club Children)
Saturday 27th April	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate
Tuesday 30th April	Drama for All Workshops in School, Apple and Maple
Thursday 2nd May	Poling Day (School open as usual)