



# 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 2 13.09.24 Our overall attendance rate is 96.6% this week. Keep it up everyone!**

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



A huge well done to all of our new Reception children who started school on Monday and have completed their first week. We are so impressed by their calmness, confidence and enthusiasm to get stuck into every activity. They all had their first taste of Forest School yesterday and have been really brave in talking to the older children at play time and making new friends (including Monty the dog who has received a lot of stroking this week). Keep up the good work reception—you are amazing!

An equally huge well done to the Year One children, all of whom have shown great responsibility in welcoming their new class mates this week, helping them to get to know class routines and setting a really good example of excellent learning behaviour. We knew we could rely on you Year One—Good job!



Thank you Chestnut Class children for doing an excellent job being reading buddies for the younger children yesterday, setting an example of the joy of reading for pleasure!

### Wonderful West Dean Wellbeing Walk

Kicking off the new term in a burst of sunshine, everyone really enjoyed our first Wellbeing Walk of the school year last week. Sitting up on the hill and gazing back at the college building and our school nestled in the trees, we felt so lucky to have such a glorious location in which to learn every day!



## PTA Fall Fiesta—Friday 27th September, 3.00-5.00 pm

### Save the Date

Sadly, largely due to the weather not being kind for us, our planned 'Summer Sizzler' event had to be cancelled.

This has now been reinvented as our 'Fall Fiesta'.

Further details will follow very soon but please do put the date in your diaries to come along and join in the fun.

We are also looking for some willing volunteers to join our band of helpers, so if you have any time to spare or can help on the day please do let us know.

[office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) and we can put you in touch.

We very much look forward to seeing you all there and spread the word among grannies, grandpas and friends.



### MEET THE TEACHER

Many thanks for attending your child's class 'Meet the teacher' session this week. We hope you found the session useful and informative. If you remembered a burning question on the drive home, don't forget you can always contact us in a number of ways, including the class teacher email addresses provided on the curriculum letters that



### After School Clubs and Wraparound Care

Booking is now live for our after school clubs, Care Bears and Breakfast Bears.

Spaces are still available and can be booked on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk), at least 24 hours in advance please.

Our club programme for this term begins next week.

Bookings for SCS sports club can be made following the link:

<https://southcoastsports.org.uk/product/wdmultisportsy2-6/>



# Preloved Uniform & Wellie Boots Sale



**Wednesday 18th  
September  
2.30pm-3.15pm  
in the Pavilion**

**Cash & Card  
Taken**



All Donations of clean, good quality uniform and wellies (in bags) to the Pavilion by Monday afternoon please.

**All proceeds to West Dean PTA**



## 2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.

**Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024**

**Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024**

**Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April**

**Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February**

**Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July**

**Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May**

Tuesday 17th September	One Term2Learn Music starts for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 18th September	2.30-3.15, PTA pre-loved uniform sale, pavilion
Thursday 19th September	10.00, Bishop Luffa Worship
Tuesday 24th September	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 26th September	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 27th September	Food Bank Friday
<b>Friday 27th September</b>	<b>3.00-5.00, 'Fall Fiesta' (in place of Summer Sizzler) details to follow</b>
Thursday 3rd October	10.00, Bishop Luffa Worship
Wednesday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th October	Chestnut Class visit to London (Details to follow)
Wednesday 23rd October	3.15, PTA Movie Night
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications
Tuesday 5th November	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Friday 29th November	Food Bank Friday



- Yr 1** *Finley* - for being so kind and helpful to the new Reception children in Apple Class!
- Yr 2** *Edith* - for being a brilliant role model who always shows a positive approach to learning, well done!
- Yr 3** *Harry* - for being an all round superstar and showing all the West Dean values.
- Yr 4** *Ned* - for the fantastic start you've made to Year 4. You are showing a maturity and excellent attitude to learning.
- Yr 5** *Martha* - for being a ray of sunshine! You come into Chestnut class every morning with such joy and positivity!
- Yr 6** *Poppy* - for a fantastic start to Year 6. You have shown such positivity and hope.

Our Reception children have not been attending worship this week while they get settled into class life. We're looking forward to awarding the first Reception Acorn Award next week. This week, they have all been superstars!

