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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



Chestnut Class Assembly

A huge well done to the children in Chestnut Class for the exceptional presentation of their work on WWII that they gave to their parents yesterday morning.

Everyone was incredibly impressed by the confidence, enthusiasm and personality that they demonstrated in their performance. Particularly impressive, was the very high standard of creative writing on show, with a number of children reading very amusing, but poignant letters home, which they had written in character as a WWII evacuee.

Chestnut Class children, we hope that you are very proud of all you have achieved—we are certainly very proud of you.

As ever, we are so grateful for the hard work and creative planning of Mrs Prudence and the Chestnut Class teaching team, in putting such a rich sequence of learning together.



Christmas Card Giving

This time last year, the Pupil Parliament discussed the balance of being **sustainable** versus allowing people to **celebrate** the magic of Christmas in a way that is personal to them. They also discussed how to encourage **inclusivity** in Christmas card giving, so that nobody feels left out. At the end of the discussion, the Pupil Parliament voted to suggest to families that Christmas card giving is limited to within a child's own class e.g. Beech to Beech only, Chestnut to Chestnut only etc.

We ask that you please consider this request from Pupil Parliament this year as well, when advising your child about card giving.

Post boxes will be in each class from next Monday.



Beech Class Clarinet Performance

Beech Class Parents, please do come and join us for your children's class clarinet performance to show case the work they have done this term with the West Sussex Music programme, 1Term2Learn.



Tuesday 6th December, 2.30pm with Mr Vincent Godfrey.

PTA Christmas Wreath Making

Tickets for the **Christmas Wreath Making** evening on **Monday 5th December, 7:00—9:00pm** are selling like hot cakes! If you are keen to come, it would be brilliant if you could purchase your ticket in advance so that we can ensure we have enough resources. **COOK** have very kindly donated canapés for the evening and we shall have mulled wine and mulled apple juice on the go! We would be grateful for any foraged greenery or berries if anyone is out walking over the weekend.



Plans for the **Reindeer Ramble on Monday 12th December** are taking shape. We would be most grateful if people could bake for the sale after school. Cakes, biscuits, mince pies—whatever you fancy!

The PTA have decided to make the **School Christmas Disco on Thursday 15th December** a **FREE** event. However, there is an option on school money should you still wish to make a donation. The event will run as follows:

YR and KS1: 5-6.30pm

KS2: 5.30-7pm

The PTA is involved in many 'behind the scenes' aspects of Christmas at West Dean. Many thanks to everyone involved for giving up your time!

After School Clubs, Care Bears & Out of School Events

If your child is out of school on a visit, trip or sports event please could you let us know, if they are booked into a club or for care bears and they won't be returning to attend. This helps us to plan our provision and be prepared.

Equally, if you are ever concerned about timings and transport for events, do please come and talk to us. There is usually a workable solution if we know in advance.

Remember to follow [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary) on Instagram



Christmas Shopping this weekend? Support the West Dean PTA with Amazon Smile

Looking for ways to support our school? Then set your chosen charity on amazon smile to the 'West Dean Parent Teacher Association'!

When you shop via the amazon smile home page, for every purchase you make, amazon will donate 0.5% to the West Dean PTA. There is no cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1098048-0>

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Sustainable energy in West Dean

Beech Class took a walk through the village this morning to visit the amazing biomass boiler, which produces the energy to heat and provide hot water in many buildings across the West Dean Estate, including the college. The children learnt how trees that have been grown sustainably within the West Dean Estate, are cut, chipped and used to fuel the boiler.

We were all particularly wowed by the size and lovely smell of the wood chip warehouse. Many thanks the West Dean Estate for their 'warm' welcome and for giving the children this interesting local perspective on energy production.





*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 2nd December 2022*



Year R – **Edith**, for your brilliant reading. You are blending your sounds together and can talk about the story.

Year 1 – **Matilda**, for being kind, helpful and a good friend to everyone. A real role model!

Year 2 – **Teddy**, for creating a beautiful 'Liligan Parul' light lantern. You thought carefully about the colours you wanted to use and the pattern you wanted to create. Well done!

Year 3 – **Rufus**, for having more confidence in getting started with your work. It is great to see you pushing yourself to do your best. Well done!

Year 4 – **Felix B.**, for a detailed recount of our trip to Amberley. You used clear paragraphs and connectives to produce a well-organised piece of writing. Well done!

Year 5 – **Emily**, for a super piece of writing. Your confident use of tone produced an entertaining and very believable 'letter' full of personality and character.

Year 6 – **James**, for your conscientious and ambitious attitude to your homework. You always challenge yourself to produce your best, even at home.



MEAL ORDERING WITH PARENTPAY

A new meal ordering system is coming to your school.

This is for all Free school meals, Universal free meals, and paid meals.

WHEN?

Start booking from **9th January 2023** for lunches starting from **6th February 2023**. All lunches up until Friday **3rd February** will continue to be booked via Meal Selector (Paid Parents) or via the school office for KS1 children.

WHO?

You will see a new Payment Item in your ParentPay account.

You must log in and order meals through this new Payment Item.

You **MUST** order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.

Medical diets and Lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering, medical evidence is still required for allergies.

HOW?

Book your meals through ParentPay and the Chartwells kitchen teams will have the orders on a tablet known as Cypad. This will show the chosen meal along with your child's information on screen, and the meal you ordered to be served that day.

All meals are subject to supplier availability.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR SCHOOL



A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.

Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 9th January 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 6th February

It's easy, quick and safe.
Select your meal choices in advance.

DON'T FORGET!
SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

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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



Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

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



Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th December	7.00-9.00pm PTA Christmas Wreath Evening
Tuesday 6th December	2.30, Beech Class Clarinet Performance, parents welcome
Wednesday 7th December	1.30-4.00 SSP Yr 3/4 Football event
Thursday 8th December	8.45, Apple Class Assembly
Friday 9th December	Christingle in school (tbc)
Monday 12th December	PTA Reindeer Run and Christmas Bake Off (details tbc)
Tuesday 13th December	1.00-3.00 SSP Small School Football event Yr 5/6
Wednesday 14th December	Visit to West Dean College (details tbc)
Wednesday 14th December	6.00pm—Carol Service West Dean Church
Thursday 15th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	PTA Christmas Disco event (details tbc)



Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January	Return to School for Spring Term
Wednesday 11th January	Westgate Swim Programme begins for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 11th January	SSP Bronze Ambassador Programme for selected Year 5/6
Wednesday 18th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 18th January	SSP Netball event for selected Year 5/6
Thursday 19th January	Chestnut Class Young Voices event at O2 London
Wednesday 25th January	SSP Cross Country event for Year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 26th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell (details to follow)