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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>



We marked the coronation of King Charles III during our Friday morning worship and Acorn

Assembly today, during which the children were presented with some books about our king for the school by Rev Sarah and a commemorative bookmark each to take home given by the West Dean Parish Council (these should be in your child's bag!).

The children learned a little bit about the coronation ceremony, including the weight of the crown (2.2kg). Holding a 2kg weight in their hands, most children agreed they would not fancy wearing it on their head for very long.

The children then sang a special coronation song called 'Sing for the King' which speaks of all that unites us rather than setting us apart. **An audio file of this song, recorded in worship this morning is attached to this newsletter.** Rev Sarah finished our worship by leading us in this prayer for King Charles III.

As we write this newsletter, cakes are arriving and bunting is being hung for our coronation tea party. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising what looks set to be a lovely event.

Dear God,

As we gather on this coronation day, let us give thanks for your blessings.

Thank you for your wisdom which guides us in all that we do. Grant to your servant, King Charles III, the spirit of this wisdom as he governs.

Thank you for your Holy Spirit which comforts us and fills our hearts with joy. Remind our King of your presence and may his faith give him strength in his public service.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal symbol of your love and mercy. May His peace and light be a guide to our King and the Royal Family.

Thank you for your grace which saves us through Jesus, your Son. Help to guide our Queen Consort as she supports The King through her dedication to charity work and good causes.

Everlasting God, let us pray for King Charles III. Bless his reign and bless all the people of the nation and around the world.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

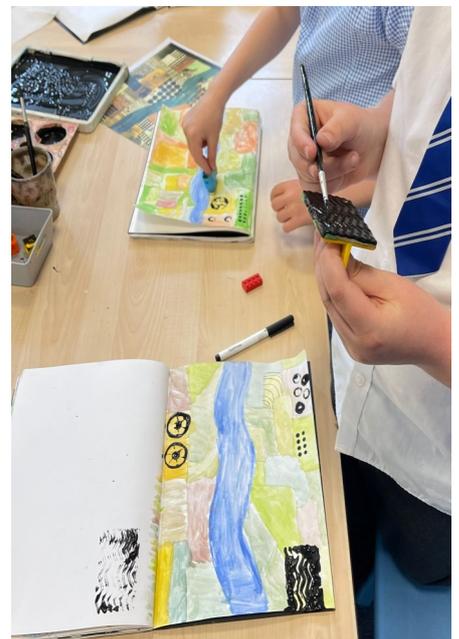


Breakfast Bears

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.

Beech Class have been using mixed media, including printing, to create paintings inspired by the book 'The River' by Marc Martin. They then overlaid descriptive writing text that they had written using a digital copy of their picture in Google workspace—they loved using the new Chromebooks.



Club absence

It is great to see so many children enjoying clubs this term.

We understand that life is busy and sometimes obstacles turn up which result in a child needing to miss their club for a week.

In this event, we ask that you give as much notice as possible, particularly for cookery club, where supplies are purchased each week according to numbers signed up.

If you know that your child would normally be in a club, please do not allow them to leave the playground without checking that the teacher running the club knows that they will not be attending. Thank you.

After School Trim Trail Use

Now that the nicer weather seems to have finally arrived, it is lovely to see children playing on the trim trail after school, whilst families have a chance to socialise.

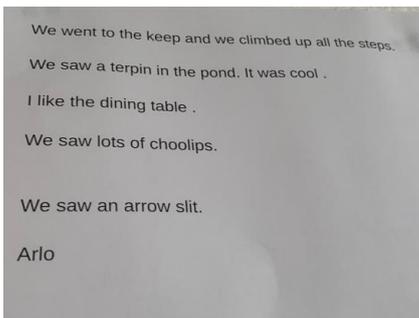
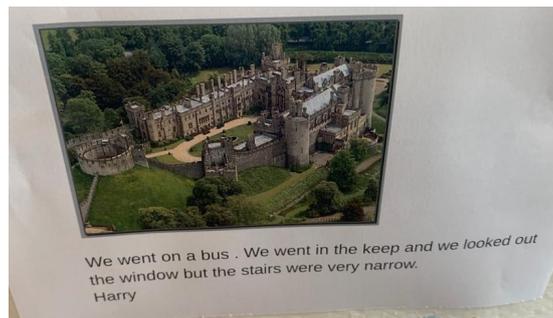
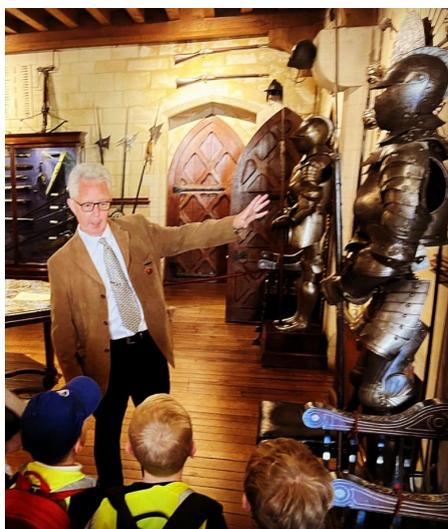


We are happy to support this, but ask please that you ensure that you have sight of your child at all times and accept full responsibility for their safety after 3pm, as no school adult supervision can be provided for this.

Thank you.

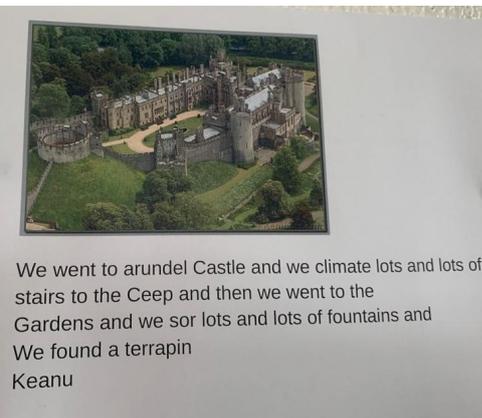
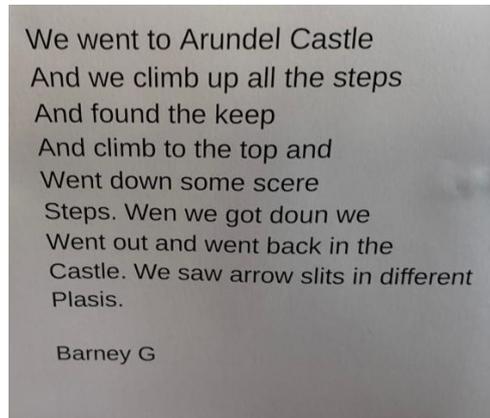
Apple Adventures in Arundel

The children in Apple Class had a wonderful time exploring Arundel Castle on Tuesday to support their 'Once Upon a Time...' topic. They were fortunate enough to choose a beautiful sunny day and had the chance to wander through the stunning gardens, as well as explore the many rooms and corridors of the castle, even finding some real suits of armour. What a great day—as always, thank you to the Apple Class teaching team for organising such exciting learning activity.



Once back in school, the children were practising their computing skills, by writing about their thoughts and memories of the day in Google Docs and inserting a photo of Arundel Castle.

Amazing work children, we can see that the castle clearly inspired you.



SATs Week



There will be an air of quiet concentration about school next week, as our Year Six children take their KS2 National Curriculum Assessments. This is a demanding week for them, but we know they are ready and will give it their all. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Good luck Year Six.

GO FOR IT!



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 5th May 2023*



- Yr R Alice - for your super sentences about our Castle trip! Well done!*
- Yr 1 Paddy - for being a brilliant listener and role model in forest schools. Well done!*
- Yr 2 Casper - well done for such a positive attitude when learning about $\frac{1}{3}$ this week in Maple maths. You showed an effective way of demonstrating splitting into 3s.*
- Yr 3 Henrietta - for being a super role model in class; always ready to listen and learn as well as being my iPad and Google Doc expert and support partner to others.*
- Yr 4 Imogen - for an all round great week - top tennis skills, super spelling, fantastic fractions and decimals and clever creative computing!*
- Yr 5 Zebby - for your carefully executed Islamic geometric art. Your repeating design worked really well to create an interesting and appealing pattern.*
- Yr 6 Milton - for wowing us all with your superb baseball skills. It was fantastic to watch your confident and expert performance.*



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

W/C 8th May	Statutory Assessment 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)