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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 enjoyed a fabulous Palm Sunday & Easter Celebration Service** at St Andrew's Church this morning, having processed there from school, waving real palms and again this year, led serenely by Tilly the Shetland Pony. The Year Six children read from scripture and led us in prayer, while Rev. Sarah gave us a 'whistlestop' telling of the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Christ rising on Easter Sunday. Each child was presented with a palm cross and the Easter garden, assembled in church by children from Beech Class, was blessed by Rev Sarah. Thank you to all who attended, sung beautifully and helped to make this a special end to our term together. Happy Easter everyone!







**A visit from a real explorer and scientist!** Apple class enjoyed a morning of ocean exploration with marine biologist, Dr Nicolai Roterman, from the University of Portsmouth on Wednesday morning. Having learnt about explorer Ernest Shackleton earlier this term and about various animals that inhabit the polar regions, the children were keen to meet a modern day explorer. Dr Roterman has travelled extensively in the Southern Ocean including a dive in a submarine to a depth of over 2500 metres. He discovered a new species of crab, never seen before and met all kinds of wildlife along the way including King Penguins! Thank you very much to Dr Roterman, the children were very inspired by his visit.



**MONTEZUMA'S**  
EXTRAORDINARY  
CHOCOLATE

In what was probably the most perfect way to round of their topic 'What a Sensation', Beech Class children received a very special package from Montezuma's Chocolate this week and spent Thursday afternoon tasting the full range. They began with 'Absolute Black', which is 100% cacao and very bitter. As you can tell from the middle picture, there weren't many of them who liked that! After working their way through several other types of chocolate, they finished up with a milk chocolate and white chocolate button, which was much more to their taste. Thank you to Helen Pattinson at Montezuma's Chocolate in Birdham, for sending us this amazing chocolate tasting package.



### Star Table

Well done to the children who have consistently demonstrated good manners and behaviour at lunchtimes this term, earning Star Table status and a special reward today, including scrumptious Easter cakes.

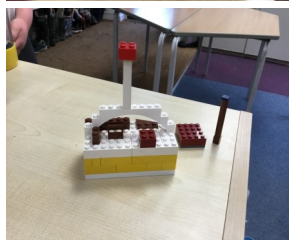


Thank you to all of the staff team, governors, parent helpers and supporters of the school for making this term so successful and special. We wish our whole community a healthy, fun-filled and relaxing Easter holiday.





**Club** The children have had amazing fun designing and building their creations with Mrs Pearmaine in Lego Club this half term. The older children will have the opportunity to show off their skills over the next half term.



#### Other news...

Thank you for your response to the **Parent Survey on Wrap-around Care**. Of the approx. 40 responses, an overwhelming majority of families indicated that they would use extended care facilities either before or after school. In response to this we are pleased to announce the arrival of our Breakfast which will begin after the Easter holidays. Full details of this will be sent out separately.

**Reports** - By the end of the final day of term, you will have received a digital copy of your child's school report via eSchools. Please read this in detail over the Easter break. There will be an opportunity for a follow up discussion with your child's teacher at a **Parents consultation meeting** on either **Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26th April**. Full details of this will be sent out separately.

#### Chartwells Meal Ordering

Please remember to order your Chartwells meals for all year groups. The **cut off date for ordering is 6th April** for meals week commencing 17th April.



#### Payments are now available

for Milk and Fruit for the summer term if you would like to sign your child up.

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

**Fruit—£7.50 Milk - £5.50**



#### An out of this world afternoon in Chestnut Class!

The Year 5 and 6 children showed off some amazing examples of learning from this term to their parents on Monday in an exhibition of space related work. Their topic 'Curiosity' has taken them on a fascinating journey from the Ancient Greeks to Outer Space.



**THANK YOU** to Ellie Holder and her team of PTA helpers for running a brilliant Easter egg hunt for all of the children on the final afternoon of term on Thursday. Some of the clues were quite tricky to find and lots of outdoor fun was had, with a special chocolate treat for everyone at the end. Don't forget the next PTA event is the Movie Night—see details below.

## WEST DEAN PTA MOVIE NIGHT

£5

20TH APRIL / 3 - 5:15

WHAT'S ON:

**ROALD DHAL'S MATILDA: THE MUSICAL**

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**POPCORN, SNACK AND A DRINK**

BOOK VIA SCHOOL MONEY







# West Dean Primary sport & activities club

Football, Hockey, Bowling, Jail Break  
Dodgeball, Tag Games, Archery, Lego,  
Bubble Making, Basketball, Hot Wheels,  
Mini Golf and so much more...

**£20 per day**

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, CONTACT BEN JOHNSON  
**[BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK](mailto:BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK)**



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Inset day sessions  
9am - 4pm

Friday 31 March  
Friday 21 July



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 31st March 2023

Friday 21st July 2023



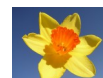
### Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Half Term—Monday 13th—Friday 17th February

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April— Friday 14th April

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

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



## Spring Term 2023

### Friday 31st March

Monday 17th April

Tuesday 18th April

Tuesday 18th April

Thursday 20th April

Monday 24th April

Tuesday 25th April

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 17th May

Thursday 18th May

Saturday 20th May

Wednesday 24th May

### INSET Day AAA Sports Coaching

First Day of Summer Term (Breakfast Bears begins, 8.00—8.35)

Whole School visit to West Dean Gardens and Greenhouses

2.30 Year 6 SATs information sessions

3.00-5.15, PTA Film Night

Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton School

3.00-5.30, Parent Consultation Evening (Incl SEN Mrs Bowman)

3.00-6.00, Parent Consultation Evening

1.00—3.45, SSP Tri Golf, Chichester Golf Club (selected Yr 3/4)

1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers, Westgate (selected)

7.30pm, Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (Swim Squad)

1.30—3.30, SSP Tennis at Bishop Luffa (selected Yr 3/4)