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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 23 08.03.24 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>

World Book Day Thursday 7th March



What a fantastic day we had yesterday (children and adults alike some might say!) dressed up as a colourful array of book characters in celebration of World Book Day and the joy of reading. Whilst the costume element is always popular, many of the school adults agree that the most wonderful moment of the day was when the older and younger children 'buddied-up' to share a book. Our older children were exceptional in engaging the younger ones, showing great care and a brilliant example of sharing reading for pleasure. Very well done KS2 readers!

A Warm West Dean Welcome to Mrs Pierron

We are delighted that Mrs Pierron will be starting her new role in Beech Class on **Monday 18th March** and we look forward to giving her a warm welcome. Mrs Pierron will be job-sharing with Mrs Anstee as Beech Class Teacher as follows:

Mrs Pierron—all of Monday & Tuesday, and Wednesday AM

Mrs Anstee—part of Wednesday PM, all of Thursday & Friday

There will be a time on a Wednesday afternoon when Mrs Pierron and Mrs Anstee will both be in school and will have the opportunity to meet, plan together and ensure effective handover and continuity for Beech Class children. During this time, Mrs Huxham will teach one lesson in Beech Class. I am sure you will all want to make Mrs Pierron feel welcome as she begins her new role and joins Team West Dean.



Wraparound Care Places Available

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.

Improved access to Centurion Way

You may have noticed that the entrance to Centurion Way adjacent to the school site has been closed for the past few months and there has been quite a lot of ground moving work and landscaping going on.

The South Downs National Park Authority have been building a new access ramp to improve the route onto Centurion Way, particularly for cyclists and wheelchair users.

As Centurion Way borders our school site, as well as the Pre-School, we have been quite involved in the planning process for this project and are looking forward to making use of the ramp, when it opens soon.

Who knows, it might even encourage some cycling to school at some stage!



Palm Sunday

24th March

4 – 6

East Dean Village Hall

Crafts, activities, food, songs, and the story of Palm Sunday.

Make an Easter Box. Create your own Dove of Peace

Decorate your own Palm Biscuits



Registration and start @ 4pm

Please bring an adult with you



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 8th March 2024



- Yr R** *Finley* - for being kind and caring to others in school.
- Yr 1** *Jack* - for making links in your learning and being so focused. Well done!
- Yr 2** *Matilda* - for your brilliant work in maths this week, recognising and making groups. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Teddy* - for the perseverance and resilience you are demonstrating with your learning.
- Yr 4** *Fynn* - for the patience and kindness you show to everyone at school.
- Yr 5** *Ollie* - for taking on board and applying fast strategies for subtracting from a landmark number.
- Yr 6** *Emily* - for applying taught strategies effectively in your independent work across all areas of your learning! - 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 13th March	8.45, Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut (Last Session)
Wednesday 13th March	ESSA Swim Gala
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 (Red to Toe)
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
Friday 19th April	Foodbank Friday
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)
W/C 20.05.24	Chestnut Class Residential Visit to France (Tues/Wed/Th/Fri)