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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>



It has been a very strange, mixed and, at times challenging week. Sincere thanks for your understanding and support of the unfortunate forced school closure.

Everything is now back to normal, so we hope that is the last we see of any problems of this nature.

**Chartwells New Parent Pay Meal Ordering System**

You will have received an email containing your activation details to log-in to your new Parent Pay account. Please do remember to take the time to verify your email address to activate your account. This will enable you to book through this new system for meals **w/c 6th February**. Please do contact the school office if you need any assistance.

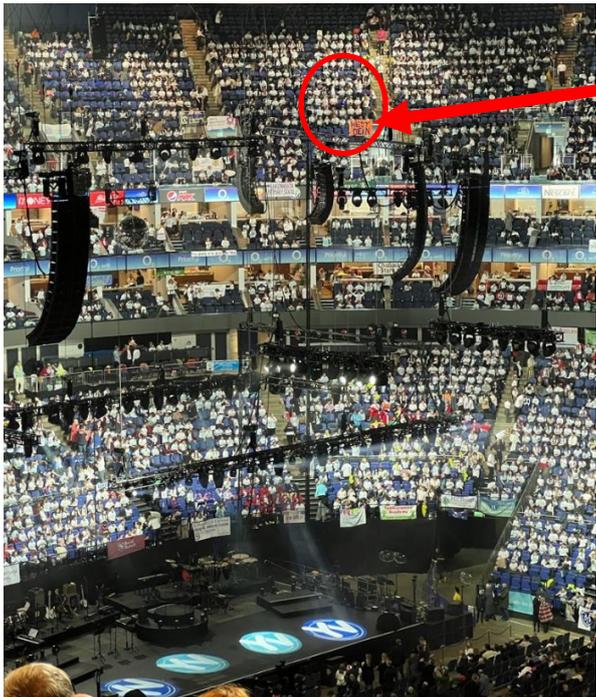
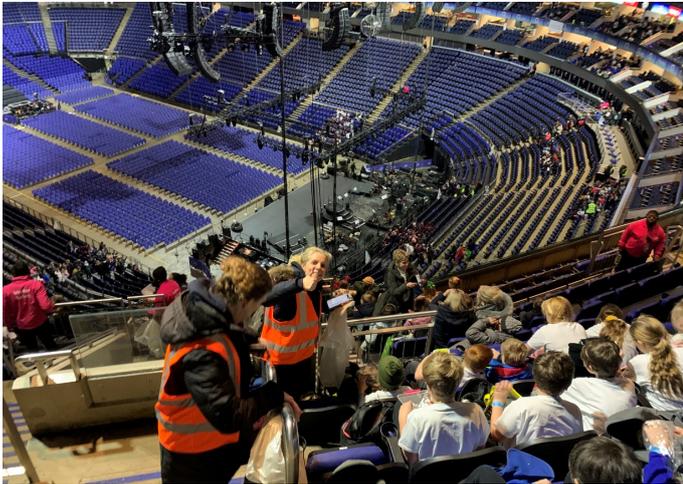
**Beech Class Orchestra Experience** – The children in Beech Class were treated to an afternoon of musical entertainment at the Chichester Children's Concert at Chichester Festival Theatre on Wednesday. Listening to a range a music from Rossini, Holst, Tchaikovsky and Strauss amongst others, the children learnt all about the part each instrument plays within the orchestra.

A fantastic afternoon of musical learning was had by all, with Tilly even trying her hand at being the conductor!



## Chestnut Class rock the O2 Arena at Young Voices 2023

Chestnut Class children had an absolutely incredible time participating in the 8,500+ strong Young Voices choir concert at the O2 Arena yesterday. After weeks of practising before school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the day finally arrived and to say it didn't disappoint is an understatement. Everyone had the most magical experience that we are sure they will never forget. Hopefully the pictures below will provide some idea of the incredible atmosphere inside the arena. Thank you to all of the teachers and support staff who made the trip to London possible, particularly to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Shears, who between them masterminded the entire project, from rehearsing the songs to booking travel and tickets and everything in between. It was a very long day and an extremely late night, but the enormous excitement shared by everyone at the O2 and the smiles remaining on the faces of the Chestnut children who have made it into school today, tell us it was definitely a memorable and worthwhile experience.



Look where we were, right up in the highest seats!  
Thanks to Mrs Johnson's banner making skills we were easily spotted by parents and supporters





West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 20th January 2023



- Yr R** *Ava* - for being a brilliant friend. You are always ready to help others in class. Super!
- Yr 1** *Matilda* - for always having a super attitude towards your learning! You consistently do your best.
- Yr 2** *Indigo* - for always working hard and being a wonderful role model. You always have a positive attitude and give your best to everything, well done!
- Yr 3** *Khloe* - for fantastic work in RE. You were our Hindu expert and shared your knowledge with the class with enthusiasm.
- Yr 4** *Seb* - for working hard in your writing of a story with a moral. You thought carefully about what you wanted to write. Well done!
- Yr 5** *Heidi* - for your helpful and kind attitude towards others. You looked after everyone in your after school club and made sure they were successful. What a lovely attitude. Well done.
- Yr 6** *Sid* - for thinking deeply in our RE lesson. You really made us think and as a result we have even more questions. A great curious mind. Well done.



# 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

### 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



### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 25th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 25th January	SSP Cross Country event for Year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 26th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell
Thursday 26th January	Apple Class visit to Chichester Library (details to follow)
Wednesday 2nd February	SSP Future Flyers Westgate (selected Yr 5/6)
Monday 6th February	Maths in Action activity day for Chestnut Class at Fontwell Racecourse
Tuesday 7th February	Dancehouse at Alexandra Theatre for Dance Club
Wednesday 8th February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> (Children return on Tuesday 21st Feb.)
Wednesday 22nd February	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd February	SSP Sportshall Athletics, all Chestnuts Class (change of date)
Wednesday 1st March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	Chestnut Class visit to Science Museum, London (details to follow)
Wednesday 8th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 15th March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 22nd March	SSP Swim Gala at Arun Leisure Centre (details to follow)

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



After School Clubs  
Spring Term 2023

Spring 1  
First half of Spring term

x5  
weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	
<b>Monday</b>	Mr C Williams	20	Language	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
	Mrs L Plackett	8	Hama Beads	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs A Chilton	10	Art and Craft	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3,4	
	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Goacher 6.30-7.00pm	20	Westbourne House Swim	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Mugeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6	
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	14	Dance	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching Mr B Johnson	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6	