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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 9 08.11.24 Our overall attendance rate is 97.1% this week. Well done everyone!

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

West Dean Remembers...

The children will be taking part in our Remembrance Assembly on Monday and observing 2 minutes silence at 11.00 Poppies and other items are in the school reception if you would like to make a donation to **The Royal British Legion**.

The children have worked really hard in Forest School this week, inspired by Ms Boxall's brilliant ideas, to weave woollen poppies on and ivy wreath. It looks beautiful! Some of the children who regularly attend Sunday worship at St Andrew's, West Dean will be laying this wreath at the act of remembrance in church with Mr Williams this Sunday.



Children in Need—Challenge Yourself, Be a Gladiator or a Hero!

Friday 15th November

The theme for Children in Need this year is to challenge yourself! We are inviting our children to dress up for the day as Gladiators, Super Heroes, or their own interpretation of a hero and make a donation on school-money.co.uk (available as a shop item). To have a closer look at this year's Children in Need campaign, visit the website here:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Chestnut Class visit to Chichester — 'Graffiti, Art or Crime?'

There was very healthy debate and some challenging questions from Chestnut Class yesterday as they visited sites around Chichester and discussed the theme, 'Graffiti - Art or Crime?'

The trip supported the children's overall learning theme for the term, 'Take Control' and will hopefully inform some great balanced argument writing back in school next week.





Fantastic Football

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who represented west Dean at the SSP Girls' Tournament at the University of Chichester yesterday.

The children all showed brilliant teamwork and a sporting attitude.

After school play

We really love the fact that many of our children and families like to stay on the school grounds after school to play and socialise. This only goes to highlight the sense of community here at West Dean.

We are more than happy for this to continue, but unfortunately we need to introduce a time limit, to ensure that we can still provide a completely safe environment for those in clubs and after school care.

We must lock our school gates whilst we still have children on site without their parents, who are therefore in our care. Please continue to enjoy the grounds for a little while after school, but **we politely ask that you move outside the gates by 3.20pm**, at which time they will be locked to safeguard the children on site. Thank you.



We're on a mission this Christmas!

Please join us in supporting @ChiDistrictFoodbank **Christmas Kids Lunch Packs** initiative. We're collecting donations to ensure no child in the Chichester District community goes hungry during the Christmas holidays.

We're looking for: A Tin of Soup or a Packet of Biscuits

They need 1000 of each item, so a lot to collect. Any amount you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your kind donations at our Donation Station between Friday 18th October and Friday 22nd November and make a difference. The collection of the donation bin will coincide with our usual Foodbank Friday on Friday 22nd November when we will collect all donations.

Together, we can fill every lunch pack with love and nutrition!

If you need more inspiration, check out the Foodbank's most wanted list:

<https://bit.ly/3V1sBF2> Let's make this Christmas a season of giving.



Forest School Plea

We are in need of some wool for the children to use, they have been weaving wooden poppies and would like to make other things too. If you have any old wool that you no longer need and would like to donate, please do drop it in, we can make good use of it. There are also some apple trees in our orchard area which need some tidying and pruning. If you have any expertise in this area and could help, please do let us know.



West Dean PTA Presents
LUXURY CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
AT THE BEAUTIFUL FARBRIDGE

Wednesday 4th December
7pm-9pm

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£35 on School Money
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Book now to secure your spot before we offer the event to the wider community!

Governing Body Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you think you might be interested in becoming a governor of our school please complete the attached nomination form. If you would like any further information please do come and have a chat with us. All of our school governors are listed on our 'Who's Who' board in Reception.

Election of Parent Governor

Every maintained school in England has a Governing Body responsible to the local community for running the school. There is currently one vacancy for a Parent governor at the school. The term of office will be 4 years.

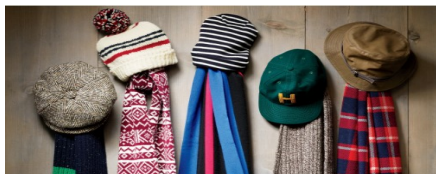
If you are interested in standing for election as a Parent Governor of the school, please complete the enclosed nomination form, ensuring that you obtain the signature of 2 parents/legal guardians who support your nomination. You must also include a brief election statement. If three or more nominations are received, I shall send all parents voting papers, which will include the candidates' election statements.

The deadline for returning completed nomination forms to the school is noon on Wednesday 20 November 2024.

In the event of a ballot I will arranged for votes to be counted at a time mutually agreed with all candidates, and each candidate or his authorised representative may attend the count. I shall arrange for all parents to be notified of the result.

I have enclosed an extract from the Regulations concerning the qualifications and disqualification connected with the office of governor, which you should read carefully. If you have any queries about them or about the procedure, I shall be pleased to answer them.

All elected parent governors are required to complete an enhanced criminal record application (DBS) within 21 days of their election.



Hats, coats & hairbands! There has been a distinct nip in the air towards the end of this week, which is a sign of colder times ahead. As you know, we love that your children are able to enjoy our outside spaces all year round, but we do want them to be appropriately dressed and warm. If your child intends to play football at playtime, or any game potentially involving getting dirty, then they need to have clothes with them to cover up there uniform and keep it clean.

Please ensure that your child has a coat, particularly when the weather is wet, even if you arrive by car in the morning. As the weather becomes colder, a warm hat and gloves will also be needed.

Whilst on the subject of things to wear on your head... **thank you for ensuring that children with longer hair have it tied back.** For the purpose of minimising distraction, we ask that headbands or anything used to tie hair back are in a muted colour (blue, black, grey, brown etc), which is in keeping with the school uniform, and are simple in style. Thank you.



Activ8 Wraparound Care—coming soon

We are currently in the process of applying for Government funding to secure the need for Wraparound Care in school between the hours of 3.00 and 6.00 pm (including snack and tea).

Activ8 are an established company providing Wraparound Care and curriculum provision in schools and we are hoping to be able to work together to enjoy this at our school with a view to starting in January.







This would be in place of our current Care Bears provision which is limited in days and between 3.00 and 4.00pm. We will still run our own Breakfast Bears between 8.00 and 8.30am for those who need this.

Activ8 will be joining us during our Parents Evenings next week; Tuesday during the whole session and Wednesday from 4.45 until 6pm. They will be available to give you all the information you will need and to answer any questions and queries you may have about this provision.

Autumn 2 Clubs

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2024

Autumn 2
Second half of Autumn term X5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead		Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	Description
Monday	Mr Williams		16	Computer Animation	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Do you like making models and using iPad technology? Are you a future film director or Pixar animator? Come along to animation club and have fun learning how to create a short animated film
Tuesday	Miss Scott		10	Christmas Craft	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Get in the festive spirit by making your own Christmas decorations.
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine		10	Lego	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	Come along and explore all things Lego, with a different theme each week. Children will have the opportunity to design and build Lego structures.
Thursday	Mrs E Holder		16	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6	A structured dance club for children to explore music and movement in a variety of dance styles.
Friday	South Coast Sports		20	Multi-sports	Details on website	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	This club needs to be booked and paid directly with SCS Details: https://southcoastsports.org.uk/find-book-sessions
	Mrs Anstee		16	Christmas Choir	£25.00	Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Come along and let's sing ourselves into the weekend. We shall be learning to sing Christmas tunes and carols, getting ourselves into the festive mood!

We are delighted to be able to offer a varied programme of after school clubs for our children again this half term. We are also pleased to be able to offer this provision with no increase to the cost. The cost of our clubs will remain at £5 per child, per session. All of our clubs run between 3.00 – 4.00.

Dates: W/C 4th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th December. (No school clubs W/C 11th November – Parent Evening Meetings but SCS will run as normal)

In addition to our after school club programme our **Care Bear** provision is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this term, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per child per session. Our **Breakfast Bears** Club is also available, Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 8.30, £4 per child (including breakfast) Please make sure that you book at least 24hrs in advance.

For all clubs, breakfast and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk. Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If there are insufficient numbers to make the club viable, we reserve the right to cancel this provision and make a full refund of any monies paid.

2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.



Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024

Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July

Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly in school (Poppies available in reception)
Tuesday 12th November	3.10—5.30, Parent Evening—booking now live on e-schools.
Tuesday 12th November	7.15-8.30, Valley Voices
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals and siblings
Wednesday 13th November	3.10—6.00, Parent Evening - booking now live on e-schools.
Friday 15th November	Children in Need—Challenge Yourself, be a Hero (dress-up day)
Friday 15th November	Year 6 NHS Measurement Programme
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Thursday 21st November	1.00—3.30, SSP Football (selected Yr 3&4)
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22nd November	Food Bank Friday and collection of Christmas Kids Lunch Pack donations
Thursday 28th November	GAS Maths Investigation Morning (x3 Chestnut children)
Tuesday 3rd December	1.00-3.30, SSP Small Schools Football (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Wreath Making Evening (see attached poster for details)
Friday 6th December	Christingle Service in School
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Event (details tbc)
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	Whole School Christmas STEM Challenge (in school)
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly
Tuesday 17th December	Whole School visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 17th December	6.00pm, Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Wednesday 18th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	5.00—7.00, PTA Christmas Disco (staggered start, details to follow)



Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us @westdeanceprimary





- Yr R **Bertie** - for showing respect to others and being a super role model.
- Yr 1 **Delilah** - for being so enthusiastic in your learning and everything you do.
- Yr 2 **Ivy O** - for always bringing joy to the classroom. You are always willing to help others with a big smile on your face, well done!
- Yr 3 **Paddy** - for your brilliant attitude to learning this week. You didn't give up when it got tricky.
- Yr 4 **Mia** - for looking out for others and being a thoughtful friend.
- Yr 5 **Amelie** - for stepping up for the team, and having a great sporting and supportive attitude. What a superstar!
- Yr 6 **Seb** - for a fab attitude this week, you've approached learning and school life with increased maturity and positivity.



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FESTIVE MOMENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A collection of handpicked stallholders that will be showcasing the best in arts, craft and food at West Dean College.

Dates 28th Nov | 4-8pm
Tickets FREE



SANTA'S GROTTTO

Come and meet Santa this Christmas at West Dean's Christmas Grotto! Complete with arts & crafts, face painting & Christmas treats.

Dates 30th Nov - 1st Dec, 8th Dec
Tickets £8 children, garden entry adults



CHRISTMAS BANQUETING

Visit West Dean at Christmas & enjoy a festive banquet. Feast like a king in the West Dean staterooms.

Menus From £30pp includes a glass of fizz on arrival, mince pie with tea & coffee.



Book online today westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events



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**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

28th November 2024 | 4-8pm

Join us at the West Dean Christmas Market, where a collection of handpicked stallholders will be showcasing the best in Arts, craft and food.

Enjoy an array of festive delights as you shop for the perfect Christmas gifts.

The market will take place in the college offering a unique shopping experience set within our grand state rooms.

Take advantage of the house opening and book your free event tickets now to avoid disappointment to an event that will be sure to be full of festive cheer!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS HERE
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Entrance: West Deans Gardens