



RESPECT
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West Meon C.E. Primary School

Learning together, Respecting each other

Diary Dates

2nd Apr - 16th Apr

Easter Holidays

19th Apr - Inset Day

26th - 29th Apr - Bikeability Y5

3rd May - Public Holiday

17th - 21st May - Fairthorne Manor Day Trips Y6

31st May - Public Holiday

1st - 4th Jun - Half Term

16th Jun - QE Country Park Y4

17th Jun - Hawk Conservancy Y4

1st Jul - Sports Day (if possible)

5th - 9th Jul - Stubbington Y5 (TBC)

22nd Jul - Last

Welcome Back

It's a joy to see all our children back where they belong at school. We are delighted that nearly 100% attendance has been achieved this week and the children have settled down and seem to enjoy being back.

It's a delight to hear their voices in the playground after many weeks of silence. We are settling them in easy this week with trips to the Nature Station and lots of outside activities.

We have been requested by The Petersfield Post to send a photograph of some of the children as they are doing a piece on children returning to school. Hopefully, it will be in this weeks edition.

We wish to pay tribute to all our parents who have had to help their children with home schooling. We know it wasn't easy but they have come out the other side and long may it last!



Mary Touchet



Our lovely school was founded in 1852 by Mary Touchet and a charity was set up in her name for the benefit of residents in West Meon and Warnford. The trust supports the work of our school with significant annual and individual grants. The trust also donates money to help parents toward the cost of residentials each year. Next Wednesday 17th March Rev Mary Jepp will be holding a short service outside the church. After, the children will be taken to Mary Touchet's grave to lay flowers. We would be grateful if you could donate and bring to school a small posy of flowers so your child can lay these on her grave.

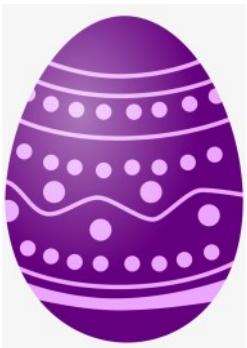
Some spring flowers from your garden would be greatly appreciated. The children will be socially distancing within their bubbles.

Comic Relief

Friday 19th March is Comic Relief Day and we will be acknowledging this by asking children to come to school "dress as you please". In return, we would like to ask parents to donate £1 per child toward this cause. The money donated will be used to help children who have suffered mentally during lockdown. This is entirely voluntary.



Egg Decorating & Rolling



West Meon School has a tradition each year just before the Easter holidays. Children are invited to take part in our annual egg decorating and egg rolling competition.

Each child is asked to bring into school two hard boiled eggs. They will be asked to decorate one of the eggs based on a theme which will be announced on the day, and the other is used in our egg rolling which is usually held on the recreation ground.

We usually ask two of our volunteers to judge the egg decorating but as this is not possible this year it will be judged by Rev Mary. Children from each year group will have the chance to win a chocolate egg for the best decorated egg and the furthest egg rolled. We will be holding this during the week commencing 29th March.

Residentials

This year our residentials will be very different but hopefully not completely abandoned.



Our Year 4 would normally visit The Privett Centre incorporating 2 field trips and 2 overnight stays. This year they will visit the Queen Elizabeth Country Park on 16th June and The Hawk Conservancy on 17th June. There will be no overnight stays this year.

Our Year 5 children will go to The Stubbington Centre on Monday 5th July - Friday 9th July. We hope that all restrictions will be phased out by that time but this is not set in stone and Stubbington will confirm at a later date. However, please put this in your diaries.



YMCA
Fairthorne Group

Fairthorne Manor will take place from Monday 17th May - Friday 21st May. As restrictions will still be in place this will consist of day trips only. More information will be announced in due course.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to reschedule our swimming lessons. Therefore, our Year 4 children will take their first lessons next January when they will be in year 5 and our Year 5 children will continue with their lessons when they are in Year 6.

Year 4 (currently Year 3) will also take their first lesson in January 2022.

