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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited to announce that Children's BookFest is back!

Children's BookFest is a local charity who are aiming to change the statistic that 1 in 11 children in the UK does not own a book of their own (National Literacy Trust) and to enthuse all children with a love of reading. They have organised for author visits in schools across Chichester for this week and **they are purchasing a book for every child taking part**. Please visit their website to find out more: www.childrensbookfest.com or follow them on social media.



Our authors this year will be Gareth P Jones for Wren and Robin classes and Kieran Larwood for Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes.

This year we are joining up with West Dean School for our BookFest author visits and will be travelling to West Dean by coach.



Woodpecker and Pheasant classes will be dropped off at West Dean after swimming on Thursday 8th October. They will need a packed lunch. We are asking that all children, if at all possible, are collected from West Dean at the slightly earlier time of 2:30 – 2:35pm. We have been advised that car drivers should park in the Selsey Arms Pub car park, across the road from the school, and walk up to the school drive. If you are unable to collect your child, or if they are attending Activ8 wrap around care on that day, please indicate on the slip below and we will endeavour to arrange transport back to school for them. Please ensure all slips are returned to school by Monday 5th October.

While the **BookFest** supply a book for each child, we pay for the author visit which is significantly discounted thanks to the charity. The Friends have kindly offered to partially fund the authors workshops, which we are very grateful for. We are, therefore, asking for a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child to cover the cost of the rest of the workshops and transport. Please sign in to Arbor and go to the 'shop' section to contribute. Please ensure you have contributed by Monday 5th October. Thank you.

Kind regards

Ali Totman
(English co-ordinator)

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Visit to West Dean School on Thursday 8th October 2026

Name of Child _____

I am able to arrange pick up from West Dean school at 2.40pm

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I am unable to arrange collection of my child and request a lift back to school

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Signed _____

Date _____