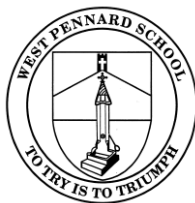


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Newsletter: Summer No 1

Deadlines: Juice: 26th April a.m.

Holiday club: 29th April

Action/ Information: Whole School

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting term. I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and that your children have returned to school refreshed and eager to learn. They certainly seem in good spirits and happy to be back in school.

Staffing News

We welcome back Mrs Emma King, who is returning to year 3 to following her maternity leave. Mrs King will be working Mondays and Tuesdays with Mrs Emily Bridson working the remainder of the week.

Swimming: Year 1 and 4

Swimming starts this week for years 1 and 4, but please note that there will be no swimming on Thursday next week 29th April, due to works being carried out at Strode Pool.

Now on to the dates for the term:

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| April | Tuesday | 20 th | Class and team photographs |
| | Wednesday | 28 th | FWPS Meeting – 7:30pm Staffroom |
| May | Monday | 3 rd | May Day Bank Holiday – school closed |
| | Mon-Friday | 10-14 th | SATS Week Christian Aid Week |
| | Monday | 10 th | Christian Aid Cake stall –3.00pm FWPS Bags to School Collection |
| | Thursday | 13 th | Education evening for parents at St Dunstan's 'Restorative Approaches' 7.00-8.30pm |
| | Fri-Mon | 14 th -17 th | Year 6 Residential to Manor Adventure |
| | Friday | 28 th | Squash & Biscuits – Year 1 School Council Mufti Day in aid of Children's Hospice South West (details to follow) |
| | | | Break up for half term |
| June | Monday | 7 th | Return to School |
| | Tuesday | 8 th | Induction Evening for Parents of Sept 2010 admissions - 7:00pm School hall |
| | Thursday | 10 th | FWPS Meeting – 7:30pm Staff room |
| | Saturday | 12 th | Wells Country Dance Festival - 2.00pm Cathedral Green |
| | Tuesday | 15 th | 'Arty-Fact' Theatre visit |
| | Friday | 18 th | Year 6 Leavers' Day, Wells Cathedral |
| | Friday | 25th | Inset Day – School Closed |
| | Monday | 28th | Inset Day – School Closed |
| | Tues-Fri | 29 th -2 nd | 'Money' Enrichment Week – details to follow |
| Wednesday | 30 th | Wells Blue, St Dunstan's and Whitstone Schools' Year 6 induction day | |



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| July | Thursday | 1 st | Whitstone School's Year 6 induction day 2 |
| | Saturday | 3 rd | FWPS Summer Fair |
| | Monday | 5 th | Reports to parents |
| | Wednesday | 7 th | Crispin School's Year 6 induction day |
| | Friday | 9 th | Sports Day – 12.45pm FWPS Greenbank swim – 7.00-9.00pm |
| | Friday | 16 th | Squash & Biscuits – Year 2 |
| | Mon-Friday | 12-16 th | Health & Safety Week |
| | Tuesday | 13 th | KS2 Performance – 7.00pm in the school hall |
| | Wednesday | 14 th | KS2 Performance – 2.00pm in the school hall |
| | Thursday | 15 th | School Discos – Infants 6:30-7:25pm, Juniors 7:30-8.45pm |
| | Friday | 23 rd | Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' assembly – 1.30pm in the school hall Break up for Summer holidays |

Year 6 SATs 2010

It has been reported in the media that the main teaching unions have voted overwhelmingly in favour of boycotting the year 6 SATs this year. This may be the case but I am writing to reassure parents that, whatever decision is made at a national level, our children will be taking their SATs as planned. The children have worked hard and are well prepared for the forthcoming tests and we feel the children should have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and understanding. To deny them this opportunity would, in our opinion, be unfair.

May I remind parents that children in years 2-5 will also be taking SATs during this week. These tests help to inform our teacher assessments and, although important, we believe that the children should not be made to feel in any way anxious. They are well prepared and can expect to achieve good results after working so well over the year. **I would like to stress that no authorisation for absence can be granted during SATS week for anything other than illness.**

Holiday Club: Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th June

Audrey Truan and Chaska Gaines, who run our successful after school club, are keen to run a holiday scheme for the half term break. In order for the holiday club to take place there must be sufficient interest to make the venture viable. Therefore, I am asking parents to indicate on the attached slip whether they would be interested in child care during half term. The club would run from 8.30am – 4.30pm at the school and I would anticipate costs to be in the region of £16.00 for a full or part day. Please return the slip by Thursday 29th April as we will be making a decision by Friday 30th April.

Parents' Education Evening: 'Restorative Approaches' Thursday 13th May 7.00-8.30pm at St Dunstan's School

You may recall that earlier in the year I had to cancel a parents' education evening on the subject of Restorative Justice approaches helping children to resolve friendship issues and playground disputes successfully. For those parents who did express an interest in attending or who would like to find out more there is an education evening in St Dunstan's school hall on Thursday 13th May between 7.00-8.30pm for parents from all local schools. Please look out for the flyer being distributed today.

Walking Bus/High Visibility Jackets

Thank you to those parents who volunteered to help run the walking bus. I will be contacting you this week to organise training. However, due to the small number of parents who have volunteered, the scheme may not be viable. If there are any other parents who would be willing to help then please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

This week we will be taking delivery of a whole school set of high-vis jackets kindly sponsored by Glastonbury Spring Water. We will be encouraging the children to wear these jackets on their journey to and from school and when 'out and about'. Many thanks to the Tucker family for their generosity.

Mid-Morning Drinks

When ordering these drinks, **please ensure that your child really does want this drink**, as we very often find full cartons left, particularly in junior classes, at the end of the day.

Milk is available from today for those who have registered with Cool Milk Ltd. If your child wishes to take up this option please contact the school office for the appropriate form to complete or you can register online at www.CoolMilk.co.uk. Reception children under 5 are eligible for free milk and once again the appropriate form can be obtained from the office.

Orange juice is available from today and the cost for the term for those already taking juice is £12.40 each. Please complete the reply slip attached and forward with your payment. If your child would like to take up this option please also complete and return the attached reply slip with your payment of £11.60 by Monday morning, 26th April, to enable us to place our order ready for the next day. Please make cheques payable to 'Somerset County Council'.

Summer term School Meals Payments

Depending on how you prefer to settle meals payments, the cost of school lunches for next term is as follows:

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| Weekly payment | £ 9:50 | Whole Term | £ 117.80 |
| First half term: | £ 55.10 | Second Half term | £ 62.70 |

If you have not already done so, please complete the reply slip attached and return with your payment.

For year 6 pupils please deduct £3.80 from first half term or whole term payments to allow for their residential trip away in May.

If you have more than one child taking school lunches the '1 free meal in 10' discount will apply and you should then deduct 6 meals (£11.40) from a full term's payment, or 3 meals each (£5.70 each) from first and second half term payments. If your child does not have meals every day please contact Rachel for clarification of costs. Please make cheques payable to 'West Pennard School Meals Trust'. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week – 10th – 14th May (Cake Stall Monday 10th)

We would like to invite the children to once again make a cake, biscuits or buns to be sold in aid of Christian Aid on **Monday 10th May after school**. The school acknowledges the goodwill of parents for always taking the time to help raise funds for this worthy cause and I hope you feel that together we are successful in raising the children's awareness of those who are in much greater need than ourselves.

Uniform

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of our uniform as the warmer weather approaches. **Please, please, please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled. Having already found very new looking sweatshirts left lying around with no name in, it is a real shame that they cannot easily be united with their owner.**

| Boys | Girls |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Grey trousers or shorts | Grey or navy trousers |
| School polo shirt | Grey or navy skirts/pinafore dresses |
| School sweat shirt | School polo shirt |
| Dark coloured shoes or sandals* | School sweat shirt |
| Black or grey socks | Navy check summer dress |
| | White or navy socks (not trainer socks) |
| | Plain sandals with low heel and support (not clogs) |
| PE shirt: plain white t-shirt** | PE shirt: plain white t-shirt |
| PE shorts: white or navy | PE shorts: white or navy |
| PE footwear: daps or plain trainers | PE footwear: daps or plain trainers |

* Trainers, unless entirely black are not acceptable footwear

** Football shirts or shirts with logos are not acceptable for PE lessons (except for football club)

Unwanted Furniture / Shredded paper

We have recently updated some of our class furniture and have several small tables, a folding book case and other shelf units (though these would only be suitable for garage or shed use) which we would like to be able to pass on to good homes! If you, or an organisation you know of can use them, please let Rachel know. Also we are constantly filling up bags with shredded paper. We know of a few people who can make use of this for their pets but if you would like to be put on a list please also contact Rachel.

Next Academic Year (2010-2011) term dates

For your information I attach a copy of next academic year's term dates to aid you in planning annual holiday times.

This can either be accessed on the County website www.six.somerset.gov.uk under 'most popular documents'.

There will be an INSET day on Wednesday 1st September. The remaining 5 days will be notified to you in due course.

H. Burchell

Helen Burchell

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Reply Slip for Orange Juice

My child/ren in Year/s
already receive mid-morning juice and I enclose my payment of £..... (£12.40 each)

I would like my child /ren in Year/s
to start mid-morning juice and I enclose my payment of £ (£11.60 each)

Cheques payable to 'Somerset County Council' please

Signed

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School Meals Payment Slip

I wish to pay for school meals for my child / ren for the (circle choice) **first half term** **whole term**

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| Name(s) | Yr | £ 55.10 | £ 117.80 |
| Total for 1 child | | £ 55.10 | £ 117.80 |
| 2 nd sibling | Yr | £ 49.40 | £ 106.40 |
| Total for 2 children | | £104.50 | £ 224.20 |
| 3 rd sibling | Yr | £ 49.40 | £ 106.40 |
| Total for 3 children | | £153.90 | £ 330.60 |

Please tick and action as appropriate:

- I have a child in year 6 and am deducting £3.80 from my payment
- My child / ren in Yr/s only has meals on particular days, please let me know the costs for next half / full term

Please make cheques payable to 'West Pennard School Meals Trust'. Thankyou.

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Reply Slip for an Half Term Holiday Club

Child/ren.....**Year/s**.....

I would be interested in holiday care on the following dates:

| Date | Number for Full Day | Number for Part Day |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday 1 st June | | |
| Wednesday 2 nd June | | |
| Thursday 3 rd June | | |
| Friday 4 th June | | |

We would also consider the club starting earlier and finishing later if there was a need. Please indicate if this is the case below. This would be at additional cost depending on demand.

- I would be interested in an early start
- I would be interested in a later finish

Signed.....