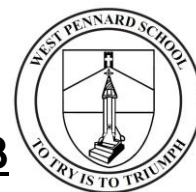




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 10th September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very positive start to the school year. All classes are getting going on their learning and there is a buzz of excitement in the air. I have been particularly impressed by our new Reception Class who seem to be settling in brilliantly – well done to you all! We also have children starting in other year groups – a special welcome to Jacob, George and Grace in Year 1, Cameron in Year 2 and Connor in Year 3 – you have all made friends already and we are very pleased that you have joined us.

It has been especially lovely to catch up with so many parents at the school gate. Last September, as a new headteacher, I knew no-one and this year it feels very welcoming – so thank you all.

On Tuesday of this week, I introduced one of our new school values 'resilience'. We discussed what this means and how this can relate to our learning. I showed the children a picture of, 'The Learning Pit' – an idea developed by James Nottingham. We then discussed what this means in the classroom – teachers will be referring to this idea as children go 'deeper' into their learning and are challenged more and more. If you would like to read more about this then click on the link: <https://www.jamesnottingham.co.uk/learning-pit/>

Finally, if you have any day to day concerns regarding your child at school, then your first port of call is your child's class teacher as they are the experts! I am available at a mutually convenient time for more complex matters.

With very best wishes

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'

Matthew 5 v16

Reminder

All clubs and music lessons start back this week (w/c 10th September)

Important Starting School Information 2019

Reception 2019 places and Year 6 transfers to secondary school – the application portal on the county website opened on 3/9/18 and parents can apply on line:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/>

Or they can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

The closing date for Year 6 transfers is 31/10/2018 and for Reception 2019 is 15/01/19.

Parents will not be notified by County this year.

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'Meet the Teacher' Sessions

These 'meet the teacher' sessions will give parents an opportunity to gain information about what to expect from a new year group - including class expectations and homework etc. It will also give parents an opportunity to discuss anything that they may be feeling anxious about and ask any question to enable each child to have the most successful year possible.

Year 1 – Thursday 13th September 6pm

Year 2 – Wednesday 19th September 2:40pm

Year 3 – Thursday 13th September 2:40pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 18th September 2:40pm

Year 5 – Thursday 20th September 2:40pm

Year 6 – Friday 21th September 2:40pm

Final Celebration Awards July 2018

Please see details below of the awards given out at the end of last term.

Learner of the Year:

Orlagh
George D
Joshua S
Martha
Katharine
Evie O
Hollie

Team Member of the Year:

Isla C
Bethany
Tigris
Abel
Freddie
Simon
Lucy

Maths: William B

English: Lhotse

Sportsperson: Lilija

Creativity: Walker

Science: Owen D

Reminder - Changes for September

We are pleased to inform you that after parental requests Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30-8.30am from September. The costs will be:

- £3 - breakfast included
- £2 - supervision-only from 7.30am
- £1.50 - supervision only from 8am

From September the gate will be released at 8.30am instead of 8.25am.

Reception class children will be allowed in the classroom from 8.35am. Parents are expected to wait with their child until this time.

Accelerated Reader

Mrs Pinsent invites you to join her for this information session on Friday 14th September at 2.45pm in the Library.

Parking

Please try not park at the bottom of Church Lane. It causes problems for cars coming to and from Baltonsborough as visibility is reduced. Thank you

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Key Dates Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Below I have included the anticipated dates for this academic year. I hope to keep changes to a minimum but please be aware that some of these are subject to change.

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| Friday 14 th September | Accelerated Reader Information Session 2.45pm-3.10pm, Library |
| Monday 17 th September | FWPS AGM @ 7:30pm, School Library |
| Wednesday 19 th September | Vicar Workshop in school Year 3 |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | Black History Month workshops |
| Tuesday 9 th October | Individual school photos |
| Friday 12 th October | Harvest Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm |
| Wednesday 17 th October | Open Morning |
| Friday 19 th October | Peer mentoring through CLP |
| Friday 19 th October | Year 6 Squash and Biscuits |
| WB 22 nd October | Enrichment Week – History of West Pennard School |
| Monday 22 nd & Wednesday 24 th October | Parents' Evenings |
| Wednesday 24 th October | Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature (Abi Elphinstone) |
| Monday 29 th to Friday 2 nd November | HALF TERM |
| 12 th – 16 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Wednesday 21 st November | Bags to School |
| Friday 23 rd November | Year 5 Squash and Biscuits |
| Wednesday November 28 th | Vicar Workshop in school Year 1 |
| Friday 30 th November | FWPS Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 4 th December | Wells Cathedral with Choir |
| Tuesday 11 th December | KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm) |
| Wednesday 12 th December | KS1 Nativity - in hall (am) |
| Friday 14 th December | Image Musical Theatre 'The Selfish Giant' pm All Year groups |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Christmas Dinner Christmas jumper day |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Carol Service – St Nicholas' Church - 2pm |
| Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st | Class Christmas Parties |
| Friday 21 st December | Break up for Christmas Holidays |

Key Dates: Spring Term 2019

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| Monday 7 th January | Term starts |
| Wednesday 30 th January | Vicar Workshop in school Year R |
| Tuesday 5 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Wednesday 6 th February | Year 3 and 4 production of 2pm and evening 6:30pm |
| Friday 8 th February | Year 4 Squash & Biscuits |
| Monday 18 th – 22 nd February | Half term week |
| Monday 11 th – 15 th March | Book Week/Book Fair Dress up day for World Book Day 11 th March |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Vicar Workshop in school Year 5 |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 |
| Thursday 21 st March | Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 |
| Tuesday 26 th / Wednesday 27 th February | Year 6 Bikeability days |
| Friday 22 nd March | Year 3 Squash & Biscuits |
| Friday 29 th March | Mothers' Day Celebrations Details to follow |
| Friday 5 th April | Easter Service in St Nicholas' Church - 2pm Last Day of term |

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Key Dates Summer Term 2019

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| Tuesday 23 rd April | First day of the summer term |
| Wednesday 24 th April | Field to Food Day at Bath and West – Years 3 and 4 |
| Wednesday 1 st May | KS1 SATS testing period starts |
| Wednesday 1 st May | Vicar Workshop in school Year 2 |
| Monday 6th May | May Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 8 th May | Bags to School |
| Wednesday 8 th May | Class Photos |
| Saturday 11 th May | FWPS Summer Fayre 12 – 3pm |
| Monday 13 th May | SATS week Year 6 |
| Friday 17 th May – Monday 20 th May inclusive | Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | Vicar Workshop in school Year 4 |
| Friday 24 th May | Year 1 Squash and Biscuits |
| Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May | HALF TERM |
| Monday 10 th June | Phonics screening week for Year 1 pupils |
| Saturday 15 th June | Country Dancing at Wells for selected children |
| Monday 24 th June Reserve date Friday 12 th July | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Vicar Workshop in school Year 6 |
| Friday 5 th July | Year 2 Squash and Biscuits |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Reports out to parents |
| Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th July both evening performances | Year 5 / 6 Performance of ... |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Leavers' Service St Nicholas' Church 2pm |
| Friday 19 th July | School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race |
| Friday 19 th July | Last day of term - finish for the summer ... |

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