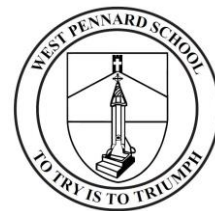




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 29th January 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to the Phonics Workshop being led by Mrs Fowler. We do need a few more parents to sign up to make this viable. Please see the information on page 2 of this newsletter.

Just to remind you, we have a school Twitter feed, which is updated regularly with important messages and updates. Please follow us @WestPennardHead

Best wishes
Miss Jo Hale



Menu Week 3

Cake and Book Sale

We would be delighted to receive good quality books (all primary school ages) for the Book & Cake Sale being held in the school hall on **Friday 2nd February** from 2.45pm onwards.

All proceeds go towards reimbursing the FWPS funds after they purchased books and a bookcase for Year 2. You can leave any books with Reception or pass to us at the Village Hall/School Gate.

Please leave cakes (no nuts) in the school office on the morning of Friday 2nd February.

Many thanks Vanessa and Rosie (Year 2 Parents)



Stars

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year R: Antoine & George
- Year 1: Zachariah & Harvey
- Year 2: Mia & Alfie
- Year 3: Archie & Evie
- Year 4: Zander & Maggie
- Year 5: Edward & Simon
- Year 6: Jessica L & Owen

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week. Please can children return their badges to the school office after this time.

If your child has received an award outside of school, then we would love to be able to present them with it in our weekly celebration assembly.

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Diary Dates

Monday 29 th January	Year 6 trip to Bristol Life Skills – 4:15pm return
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 2 trip to Glastonbury Abbey
Thursday 1 st February	Phonics Workshop for parents 6-7pm
Monday 5 th February	Enrichment Week: Healthy Lifestyles Week
Monday 5 th February	First Aid workshops for children followed by a parent workshop after school
Tuesday 6 th February	First Aid workshops for children followed by a parent workshop after school
Friday 9 th February	Year 4 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 12 th February	Half term week
Monday 19 th February	Match Attax card swap at the village hall 3:15 - 4:15
Monday 19 th February	FWPS Task Force meeting at 'The Crown' to plan Fish and Chip Bingo 7:30pm start
Monday 26 th February	Miss Bradford starts in Year 3
Monday 26 th February	Book Week/Book Fair World Book Day Thursday 1st March
Monday 26 th /Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 2 nd March	FWPS School Disco
Friday 16 th March	FWPS Fish and Chip Bingo
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Wednesday 21 st March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
TBC	Easter Service 2.00pm
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 Squash & Biscuits
Thursday 22 nd March	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd March	INSET Day

Phonics Workshop

Do you have a child in Reception, year 1 or Year 2? Are you unsure how to help them learn to read? If so come to our phonics workshop on **Thursday 1st February 6 – 7pm.**

Mrs Fowler will be leading this phonics workshop, which is intended to give parents more information about how we teach and how children learn to read and write through phonics. There will also be information about how to support your children at home.

We would really urge parents to state your attendance by email or by signing up in the office.

If you would prefer us to run a workshop in school time, then please let us know as we may be able to facilitate this.



BBC Radio 2 500 words competition

How to enter:

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

For more details click on the link:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50p_nqLfDywb9CFxjNvth5l0/about-500-words

Our After School Club has a dedicated phone line for use in emergencies **after 3:15pm.**
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Attendance and Punctuality

The government have tasked schools to improve their attendance figures. Good attendance is considered to be above 96%. Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was **96.7%**.

If your child has an attendance percentage below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee – you will have been given a letter explaining this. The Department for Education say there is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement.

Yesterday there was an incident on Church Lane whereby a parent was hit on the elbow by a wing mirror. We are sure you will agree that if that had been a child's head there would have been a very different outcome. Please take the utmost care when driving up Church Lane.

Year 3 had great fun using cocktail sticks and marshmallows to create structures to test in earthquake situations. A large roasting tin of jelly made an ideal earthquake simulator! ' See photographs below:

Netball News: Brookside 8 – 2 West Pennard

On Monday afternoon, Lucy, Imogen, Evie, Liliya, Jess and Amelia represented West Pennard in the first of a series of league matches throughout the spring term. Brookside started strong and took an early 4 point lead in a quarter where the girls were still familiarising themselves with the positions, rules and tactics. In the second quarter we came on strong and produced some excellent flowing moves, started often by Evie breaking up Brookside possession and initiating West Pennard attacks. Our first point was scored by Jess, who composed herself under the net and then shot with unerring accuracy; the score at half-time 5-1. The third and fourth quarters were again very even with Liliya and Jess looking threatening in attack and Lucy, Amelia and Imogen keeping the Brookside attacks to a minimum. Liliya finally netted the point and her commanding performance deserved to complete the scoring at 8-2.

Considering it was their first competitive match as a team, the girls' attitude and application was brilliant from start to finish. After a tentative start they grew into the game and were arguably the better side for the second, third and fourth quarter. A good base to build on for next week's game.

Girl of the match: Liliya



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