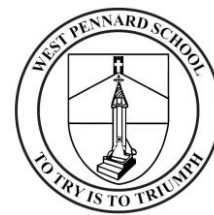




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 18thth September 2017

Welcome to the second newsletter of the school year. It has been lovely getting to know more and more families each day and I am even starting to remember names! Please do come up to me in the playground and introduce yourself – you will find me out and about from 8.25am most mornings.

This week I have met with Reverend Chris Hopkins, who would like to lead a very special service for me. My Headteacher's Commissioning service will be held on Wednesday 11th October at 2pm in St Nicholas' Church. As parents of the children at school, you are all invited. Please come along if you can.

For the last couple of weeks I have been sampling the school lunches and eating with the children. The lunches at West Pennard are of an excellent standard and I would definitely recommend them. Please see the ladies in the office if you'd like a menu.

Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

Starting and Transferring Schools (For September 2018)

I know it seems strange, but the admissions process for school places in September 2018 has begun. If you have a child due to start primary school or a child in year 6 transferring to secondary school, you should have received a letter from school admissions. Further information can be found using the link www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions

Our 'Open Morning' is on Wednesday 4th October ... more details to follow.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

Nut Free Zone

We are a 'Nut Free' school. Please do not bring any nut-based products into school (this includes peanut butter).

We have pupils in our school with a severe nut allergy, so we thank you for your cooperation with this.

School opening time

A polite reminder that our school gates are open from **8:25am** each morning.

Please wait until a member of staff is on duty before entering the gates.

Celebration Assemblies

We are excited to announce the introduction of new **Celebration Assemblies!** During our collective worship on Fridays, two children from each class will be awarded 'Star of the Week' for doing something **exceptional!**

We will be inviting parents of these children to attend the **Celebration Assembly**, which will take place at 9am on Friday mornings. If your child has been nominated by their class teacher, you will receive an invitation the Friday before. This will hopefully give you the opportunity to make arrangements to attend.

Our first Celebration Assembly will be on Friday 22nd September at 9am. Invitations to the parents of this week's "star" children have been sent home today...has your child been exceptional in class this week?

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Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 20 th September	Year 2 visit to Burcott Mill (morning only)
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 3 visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum
Wednesday 4 th October	Open Morning
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church 2pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Head teacher Commissioning Service at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits
Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 20 th October	Author Visit for Year 6 – organised by the CLP
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day School closed to children
Wednesday 8 th November	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 15 th November	FWPS Bags to School – details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (morning)

School Money

Our preferred method of payment for School lunches, breakfast club and after school club, school trips and swimming is via www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Please contact the school office if you do not yet have an account, or you have forgotten your password.

School Attendance and Punctuality

The school day starts prompt at **8:50am**.

The government has tasked schools to aim for a whole school attendance figure of 97%.

Please could I ask you to make routine dental and medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. If your child has an appointment in the middle of the day, then they should come to school before and be returned as soon as they can.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

After School Club

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

01 458 833224



Medicine in school

In accordance with the Department of Education's Health & Safety guidance school staff are not required to administer medicines to pupils unless they have been **prescribed by a GP**.

In some cases, written instructions from the parent or on the medication container dispensed by the pharmacist may be considered sufficient.

If your child needs medication during the school day then you need to complete a medical form from the school office. This medicine will be sent home at the end of each day, as we cannot keep medicines on school premises indefinitely.

If your child has a condition that requires regular or immediate medication, please discuss setting up a Health Plan with our SENCO.

Please pop into the school office to collect any medicines you may have stored here. Any uncollected medicines will be safely disposed of during half term.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Breakfast Club

We run a daily Breakfast Club from 7:45am in the school hall. Children are welcome to attend without prior booking.

The cost for breakfast; a choice of cereals, pancakes, fruit and a selection of drinks, is £2.50 a session. For supervision only, without breakfast, the cost is £1.50 a session.

Payment will be via our online payment system at the end of each half term, unless you have paid cash directly to Mrs Buckley.

Class meet and greet children

Well done to the following children, who have been chosen to greet visitors to their class and explain what they are doing:

- Year 1: Joshua & Elsie
- Year 2: Aldo and Lily
- Year 3: Ashleigh & Amelia
- Year 4: Martha & Elias
- Year 5: Katharine & James
- Year 6: Owen & Amelia