# **West Pennard Church of England Primary School**



# Weekly Newsletter



# Written for the Week Beginning 26th February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. This week we have welcomed Miss Alexandra Bradford to our Year 3 Class and the children are embracing the new challenges on offer. In addition to teaching year 3, Miss Bradford is the English Lead for the school and has already hit the ground running by planning an exciting 'Book Week'. I am sure that you will all make her feel very welcome. Miss Bradford would love to meet parents of children in year 3 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2:45pm in the library.

Mr Wheat and I have had the opportunity to visit a range of classes this week to monitor the quality of mathematics lessons. As a school we are working on improving children's 'deeper' understanding through reasoning and problem solving and it has been great to see children thinking hard and explaining their ideas. To develop this even further our next INSET day will be led by a Maths consultant to train the teachers even further in developing reasoning in maths lessons and stretching all children with their learning.

Best wishes Miss Jo Hale





## 'World Book Day' at West Pennard is on Wednesday 28th February 2018

As always we enjoy celebrating World Book Day at school! We will be reading with our buddy classes, dressing up, exchanging our unwanted books, having a school competition to see who can read/recite the best rhyme or poem and generally having a book filled day!

#### Things you need to know:

#### **Book Fair**

The book fair will be visiting the school from 1st – 7thth March 2018 and will take place in the library. As part of World Book Day, the children will receive a £1.00 book token. We will look after the tokens until the week of book fair where they can subsequently be exchanged for their discount. The school receives a slice of the money taken at the book fair which can be used to buy more books for our school. After the book fair has closed, any unused tokens will then be sent home to those who have not used theirs, where they can be used in local bookshops.

#### **Dressing Up**

Come to school on the 28<sup>th</sup> February dressed as a book character; if you are stuck for ideas please look on the official World Book Day website: <a href="http://www.worldbookday.com/">http://www.worldbookday.com/</a>. Please don't buy anything! We will be giving out certificates to children who have really got into the role of their character.

We hope the children enjoy this special day!

Kind regards,
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#### **Diary Dates**

Monday 26th February	Book Week / Book Fair(starts 1st March)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability – children to wear suitable clothing/footwear and
February	bring gloves and cycle helmet (not full face)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball match at Strode
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross-country at Downside School
Wednesday 28th February	Dress up day for Book Week
Wednesday 28th February	Futsal Competition at Strode for our Yr 4/5 squad
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	FWPS School Disco
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 visit to Glastonbury Abbey
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Meet the new Year 3 teacher 2:45pm in the library
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Squash & Biscuits
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	FWPS Fish and Chip Bingo
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 2.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Wednesday 21st March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last day of term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	INSET Day – school closed to children

### Year 2 go to Yeovilton

Year 2 had a great time learning about flight and the materials used to construct aircraft over the years.



#### **School Money**

www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Some parents have already noticed a change to this website – it now auto-sends you to Eduspot's home page.

You will need to select the option for 'School Money parent login' (not just 'School Money') and you should then see the normal info requested.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

# We have new interactive boards ...

In the half term break we had new 'state of the art' interactive boards installed. Many of the old boards were not fit for purpose and the new interactive screens will make a huge difference to the children's learning. A huge thank you to the FWPS for funding these; the money that you raise makes a huge difference to every single one of our children.



# Parents' Evening Booking System

We are looking ahead to our forthcoming parents' evenings, though this will not include Year 4 as this has already been organised on an earlier date. Booking will be through our online parents' evening appointment booking system. The booking website is self-explanatory, although we would advise that you select the on screen 'manual' option for bookings once logged in. The system uses the contact details of each pupil's Priority 1 parent/carer. Bookings are on a first come first served basis so please be aware that this system will be open from 6pm Friday 9th March and will close at midnight on Friday 16th March.

https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/

# **FWPS School Disco**

Our school disco is **on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and will take place in the school hall. The cost of the disco is £2 per child and there will be refreshments on sale.

6:30 - 7:25 (Years R, 1 & 2)

7:35 - 8:45 (Years 3 - 6)

There will be a signing in sheet on entrance to the hall so please do not just drop children and go. Once children are signed in, parents should leave the site. School staff will be supervising.

Members of the FWPS will be in Hi Viz making sure that the top of Church Lane stays clear so that cars can turn.

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