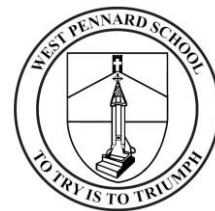




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 4th June 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your understanding whilst I have been recovering from my recent surgery. I am pleased to be able to inform you that I will be back at school fully following half term. I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible during that week.

I would personally like to thank my staff for keeping the 'ship' sailing in my absence – especially Mr Wheat who has done a fabulous job covering urgent office matters in my absence. Without this sounding too much like an Oscar's speech, I would also like to thank Mr Bisgrove, Miss Bradford and Mrs Middleton, who did a fabulous job taking the Year 6 children on residential.

Unfortunately, due to my unexpected illness, we have had to postpone our 'Musical Extravaganza' - it will now be held on Thursday 5th July. This will give children in Key Stage 2 the opportunity to show off their musical talent!

Finally, have a wonderful half-term with your families – we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th June – remember that Monday 4th June is an INSET day and school will be closed for children.

Miss J Hale

Menu Week 2

Staffing News

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to a very much loved member of our staff team. Mrs Alison Warner has decided to explore other opportunities within education and will be very much missed by the children and staff at West Pennard. Mrs Warner has worked at West Pennard for many years - first as a teaching assistant and then this year as our Year 2 teacher. On a personal note I would like to thank Alison for her dedication and professionalism and I will be very sad to see her leave. However - I do hope to welcome her back on a supply basis when the need arises.

Following interviews on Wednesday, we have appointed Miss Clare Holmes. Miss Holmes was a firm favourite with our pupil panel and her purposeful teaching immediately motivated the children in her group. Miss Holmes comes to us from a school in Bath and is delighted to be joining our teaching team.



Stars

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

- Reception: Amaya & Ida
- Year 1: Matthew & Roo
- Year 2: Aldo & Isabella
- Year 3: Zara & Archie
- Year 4: Robert & Meghan
- Year 5: Noah & Beatrice
- Year 6: Hebe & Cole

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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Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

On Friday, after a busy few days working through their SATs papers, the year 6 children went on their residential trip to Osmington Bay in Weymouth. Luckily the weather was kind to us with lots of sun and no rain meaning that all of the activities could go ahead. The activities included: zip-wire, kayaking, archery, trapeze, camp-fire and aeroball to name a few. The three meal times throughout the day were popular with lots of healthy, delicious options to choose from in the canteen and the trip was rounded off nicely with a trip to an ice-cream factory at the end of a coastal hike on the Monday morning. All of the children had a wonderful time and showed immense courage and bravery to complete some of the challenging activities. They were all a credit to the school with the PGL instructors saying what a "lovely bunch" they were.



Year 6 Residential Assembly

Wednesday 6th June @ 2:30pm
For Year 6 Parents only

The children will be sharing their experiences and memories from residential - we really hope that you can make it.

Mr Bisgrove & Miss Bradford

Lost Property

Please note any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of day on Tuesday 5th June

Bus Stop Safety

- It has been brought to our attention that children are playing football whilst waiting for the bus. We are concerned about the risks involved and request that children refrain from doing this.
- We would also request that parents wait with their children until the bus arrives and meet them off the bus on their return journey.
- Thank you for your support with this.

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Diary Dates for this week

Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th June	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th June	Year 6 Residential Assembly – 2.30pm
Thursday 7 th June	Induction Evening for new Year R parents - 6pm

Online Safety

Can you keep your family safe watching YouTube?

YouTube can be a great source for entertainment and for useful information. However, young children need to be protected from harmful content and parents and older children need to be ready to report inappropriate content. The more people reporting, the safer YouTube becomes.

Consider whether YouTube for Kids is the best option for your family but remember you still need to do the checks. Information can be found at

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/youtube-announce-new-parental-controls-youtube-kids>.

Or set up YouTube in a way that you know all the family can enjoy it.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parent%E2%80%99s-guide-youtube-restricted-mode>

Guides are also available to help create a good experience for everyone:

<http://bit.ly/youtubefamilyPC> for PCs and laptops

<http://bit.ly/youtubefamilymobile> for tablets and phones.

NSPCC Safeguarding

The NSPCC have released a campaign called PANTS to keep children safe from sexual abuse. They have put together a guide for parents giving useful information and fun activities you can do with your children.

For more information or to order a pack please visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

Summer Fair Raffle Prizes

To add to our many raffle prizes already received we have:

- A complimentary year-long Family membership for Kilver Court – secured by Julia
- A Family day ticket for The Bishops Palace – Secured by Julia
- A child's book from Bayley Hill Book shop, Castle Cary – secured by Gail
- A £10 voucher for Living Homes – Secured by Gail
- A Free hair cut from Argento hairdressing, Barton St.David – secured by Janine Biss
- 1 month membership for Wincanton Leisure centre – secured By Gail
- 2 x Family swims for Wincanton leisure centre – Secured by Gail
- £25 gift voucher for South west karting – secured by Gail
- £25 Voucher for Whitstone's Fish & chip shop – Secured by Julia
- Bottle of Wine form The Brewers Fayre – secured by Julia
- £15 gift voucher for The George hotel, Castle Cary – Secured By Gail
- Bottle of wine from Wraxall vineyard – secured By Gail.
- A Sun-down Spa Package for Elements Boutique Spa in Middlezoy – Secured by Miss Hale
- A pedicure voucher for Elements Boutique Spa in Middlezoy – Secured by Miss Hale

We have more prizes still coming in over the coming weeks. Raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag on Tuesday 5th June. Please can you try and sell as many tickets as you can. If you require further raffle tickets please contact the school office. Please contact Julia or Gail if you have any prizes to donate or any suggestions for local businesses to contact.

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