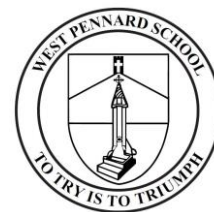




## Weekly Newsletter



**Written for the Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the FWPS 'Bags to School' initiative. Between us we managed to raise £172. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £62.

In addition to this, the FWPS are busy getting ready for their 'Winter Fair' which will take place at school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 6pm. If you are able to help with the final preparations then please come to the library on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 6:30pm (see note further down for more details).

Thank you for your patience with the new gating system – it is very much appreciated. Staff have noticed that it is now very difficult for teachers to dismiss children to parents standing outside of the gate/fence due to congestion, so we would now like you to wait on the playground. Please read the revised procedures at the end of the newsletter. Any queries, then please ask.

Best wishes

Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

**Menu Week 1**

### Spelling Tip of the Week

As a school, we have been having a big focus on spelling and teaching it in ways that are memorable. The following 'tip' could be used to help your child learn their weekly spellings.

**Drawing an image:** This makes words memorable. It links to meaning in order to try to make the spelling noticeable. It will not work for most spellings but can make those that are just a little harder to remember easier to spell.



### **Stars**

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

- Year 1: Noah & Sofia
- Year 2: Albert & Kobe
- Year 3: Amelia & Ethan
- Year 4: Gabrielle & Olivia L
- Year 5: Aisha & Edward
- Year 6: Billie & Katy

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.*

### **Disabled Parking Spaces**

We currently have a child in our Reception class who has Leukaemia and is receiving chemotherapy. This makes her very tired and she consequently finds walking up Church Lane too much to do on a daily basis.

**As a school we are going to reserve one of the disabled parking spaces with a bollard for this family. Please do not remove it.**

Only parents or carers with disabled badges should be parking in these spaces.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

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## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30 am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	Rainbow theatre company's production of Aladdin for the whole school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Strode Theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco in school hall 6:30 – 7:25 (Years R, 1 &2) 7:30 – 8:45 (Years 3 – 6)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

### The Daily Mile

Mr Bisgrove (Year 6) and Mrs Free (Year R) are trialling something called 'The Daily Mile' with their classes. This is where they run, walk or jog around a circuit for 10 minutes. The idea of this is to increase physical activity to keep body and mind healthy.

Please visit <https://thedailymile.co.uk/> for more details.

### Yeovil Town Football Tournament

On Friday last week our boy's football team travelled to Yeovil to take part in the U11s Kids Cup. A competition organised by Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust. We found ourselves in group B and despite losing 2-0 to Castle Cary (who eventually won the group) we comfortably finished runners-up meaning we had qualified for the quarter finals. In the quarter finals Milan got us off to an excellent start by scoring within the first 10 seconds! Two more goals from our top-scorer on the day, Tyler, meant that we progressed with a 3-1 win. East Coker awaited us in the semi-finals, a team that had not lost a match all day, and we produced a brave performance. Despite going 1-0 down early in the match some excellent defending by Tim and Scott and some great goalkeeping from Cole kept us in the game. We had some good chances towards the end but unfortunately it was not to be. Our luck was summed up when Tyler put the ball in the net seconds after the final whistle had gone!

Despite the boys disappointment at getting to within touching distance of the final, getting to the semis in a competition with 15 other teams is a huge achievement and they should be very proud of their efforts.

The squad: Cole, Tim, Scott, Owen, Leo, Jake, Milan and Tyler.

**Mr Bisgrove**

### FWPS – Wrapping Party

**Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
6:30pm onwards in Library**

Can you help the FWPS get ready for their Winter Fair? If so, just turn up. We need people to help sort out raffle prizes and other stalls. This will also be a final catch up for the Year reps.

There will be tea, coffee and mince pies provided.

### Christmas Lunch – 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017



**Main Meal:** Roast turkey, roast potatoes, peas and carrots, pigs in blankets and gravy.

**Vegetarian Meal:** Quorn roast, roast potatoes, peas and carrots and gravy.

**Pudding:** Choc-ices.

(All dairy and allergies will be catered for).

If your child normally has a school lunch on **Wednesdays of week 2**, they will automatically receive the hot Christmas meal (there will not be a sandwich option that day).

You can book our Christmas meal as a one-off for children that do not usually have a meal on that day. The cost is £2.50 per child.

Book via [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk).

If you wish to cancel a pre-booked meal for that day, please inform the office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

**Please book by Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December 2017.**

## Procedure for dropping off and collecting children

### Dropping off from 8:25am

- ✓ Parents should not arrive at school before 8:25am unless they are attending Breakfast Club. It is not safe to wait outside of the gates due to the school bus reversing and cars turning.
- ✓ Children should not be left unaccompanied outside the school gates before 8:25am.

### Collecting at 3:15pm

- ✓ The school gate will open at 3:10pm, so please avoid arriving before this time. From 3:10pm you can come straight into the playground to wait until the bell sounds.
- ✓ Please can **all parents** wait for children inside the school gates as follows:
  - ★ Key Stage 1 (years R-2) – parents please wait below the white line painted on the playground floor (near year 2 classroom).
  - ★ Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) – parents please wait above the white line painted on the playground floor (near basketball hoops)..
  - ★ If you have children in both Key Stages, please wait where your youngest child would expect you to be.
- ✓ Children will not be let out through the school pedestrian gate unless they are with a parent/carer.

<u>Time of day</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Note</u>
7:45am – 8:25am	Please ring the <b>Wrap Around Care</b> intercom for access to Breakfast Club.	Please escort your child into the hall for breakfast club. Do not drop them at the gate.
8.25am – 8:50am	Please wait until 8:25am before arriving at school. Bring children straight into the playground, where they will be supervised by a member of staff from 8:25am until 8:50am.	Please do not block the narrow pathway leading to the pedestrian gate.
9am-3:10pm	Please ring the <b>Office</b> intercom for access to the school and make your way to the school office to sign children in/out.	Please do not drop children at the gate unaccompanied if they are late.
3:10pm-6pm	Please do not arrive at the school gates before 3:10pm. At 3:10pm come straight into the playground to wait for children. <b>Please do not wait outside the school gates.</b>	Key Stage 1 parents (years R-2), wait below the white line. Key Stage 2 parents (years 3-6), wait above the white line.
3:30pm-6pm	The gate is temporarily unlocked during this time for access to After School Club and to collect children from extra-curricular clubs.	After School Club will shortly be getting an intercom, once this has been installed, the gates will lock from 3:30pm-6pm. We will notify you when this changes.
6pm-7:45am	The gate is padlocked overnight.	