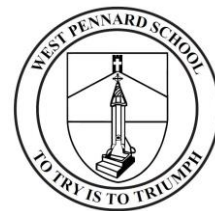




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 23rd July 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, I can't quite believe that I have completed my first year as headteacher of West Pennard School. I was told that it would go quickly, but wasn't prepared for just how quickly! I have thoroughly enjoyed this year as it has provided me with the challenge that I was looking for in my career. West Pennard is a super school, with a special ethos – children are celebrated as individuals who are given the opportunities to develop and grow as such. The year has had many successes and we are excited about building upon these as we go into next year. Over the summer we have plans to decorate two classrooms – the Reception Class and Year 6.

Looking ahead to next year, we want to continue to focus on improving standards across the school and as part of this focus on developing an irresistible curriculum that children are excited by. Trips and visits will be reconsidered and topics delivered in certain year groups will also be reconsidered to ensure that we are providing a curriculum that meets the needs of all of our learners. Our English work will be (as far as possible) linked to our topic learning for a more purposeful approach. We look forward to telling you about this next year. We also have plans to develop the outside learning environment for the Reception Class – again more details to follow later!

And finally ... I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and kind words throughout the year. As a new headteacher, I have felt both welcomed and supported by you. I wish you all a relaxed summer – let's hope that this glorious weather continues.

Best wishes

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' Jeremiah 29 v11

Ice Lollies

Thank you so much to the children (and parents) who have been buying ice lollies every Friday for the last few weeks, we have managed to raise over £300 for the FWPS.



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Changes for September

We are pleased to inform you that after parental requests Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30-8.30am from September. The costs will be:

- £3 - breakfast included
- £2 - supervision-only from 7.30am
- £1.50 - supervision only from 8am

From September the gate will be released at 8.30am instead of 8.25am.

Reception class children will be allowed in the classroom from 8.35am. Parents are expected to wait with their child until this time.

Reminder

There are no extra-curricular clubs or music lessons in the first week back in September.

All start back week beginning 10th September.

September Lunch Menu

Please note the menu for the first week back in September will be **Week 1**.

The first day back is Tuesday 4th September, which will be **Monday's** menu (pizza). If your child does not normally have pizza on a Monday, please provide them with a home packed lunch just for the Tuesday.

The correct menu will resume on Wednesday 5th September.

Goodbye and Good luck

At the end of this term, we as a school community will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bridson our Year 5 teacher. Mrs Bridson has worked at West Pennard School for 18 years and in this time she has had a positive impact on many children. She has also led on the Art and Design curriculum and has planned many exciting Arts weeks and led on staff development. In the last Year, Mrs Bridson has worked effectively as one of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bridson for all she has contributed and to wish her well in her new school. You will be sorely missed.

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Key Dates Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Below I have included the anticipated dates for next academic year. I hope to keep changes to a minimum but please be aware that some of these are subject to change.

Monday 3rd September	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th September	First Day of Term
Wednesday 5 th September	Year 6 trip to Rural Life Museum
Monday 17 th September	FWPS AGM @ 7:30pm
Wednesday 19 th September	Gloria Lawrence to lead workshops for KS2 – ‘Diverse Britain’ Library
Wednesday 19 th September	Vicar Workshop in school Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd October	Black History Month workshops
Tuesday 9 th October	Individual school photos
Friday 12th October	Harvest Service at St Nicholas’ Church 2pm
Wednesday 17 th October	Open Morning
Friday 19 th October	Peer mentoring through CLP
Friday 19 th October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits
WB 22 nd October	Enrichment Week – History of West Pennard School
Monday 22 nd & Wednesday 24 th October	Parents’ Evenings
Wednesday 24 th October	Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature (Abi Elphinstone)
Monday 29th to Friday 2nd November	HALF TERM
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 21 st November	Bags to School
Friday 23 rd November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits
Wednesday November 28 th	Vicar Workshop in school Year 1
Friday 30 th November	FWPS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 4 th December	Wells Cathedral with Choir
Tuesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)
Wednesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)
Friday 14 th December	Image Musical Theatre ‘The Selfish Giant’ pm All Year groups
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 19th December	Carol Service – St Nicholas’ Church - 2pm
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

Key Dates: Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 th January	Term starts
Wednesday 30 th January	Vicar Workshop in school Year R
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 th February	Year 3 and 4 production of 2pm and evening 6:30pm
Friday 8 th February	Year 4 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 18th – 22nd February	Half term week
Monday 11 th – 15 th March	Book Week/Book Fair Dress up day for World Book Day 11 th March
Wednesday 13 th March	Vicar Workshop in school Year 5
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 21 st March	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6.30
Tuesday 26 th / Wednesday 27 th February	Year 6 Bikeability days
Friday 22 nd March	Year 3 Squash & Biscuits
Friday 29th March	Mothers’ Day Celebrations Details to follow
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service in St Nicholas’ Church - 2pm Last Day of term

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Key Dates Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of the summer term
Wednesday 24 th April	Field to Food Day at Bath and West – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 1 st May	KS1 SATS testing period starts
Wednesday 1 st May	Vicar Workshop in school Year 2
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May	Bags to School
Wednesday 8 th May	Class Photos
Saturday 11 th May	FWPS Summer Fayre 12 – 3pm
Monday 13 th May	SATS week Year 6
Friday 17 th May – Monday 20 th May inclusive	Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay
Wednesday 22 nd May	Vicar Workshop in school Year 4
Friday 24 th May	Year 1 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
Monday 10 th June	Phonics screening week for Year 1 pupils
Saturday 15 th June	Country Dancing at Wells for selected children
Monday 24 th June Reserve date Friday 12 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 26 th June	Vicar Workshop in school Year 6
Friday 5 th July	Year 2 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 9 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th July both evening performances	Year 5 / 6 Performance of ...
Wednesday 17 th July	Leavers' Service St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Friday 19 th July	School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term - finish for the summer ...

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