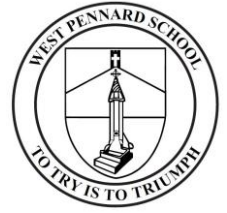




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 9th October 2017

We have had a very busy week in school. Our cross country runners did well in their first race of the season. For many of the children it was their first ever experience of cross country and they did themselves proud. A huge well done to all of the children for taking part and challenging themselves.

We also had our open morning this week and had an excellent turn-out of prospective parents. Our year 6 children had the responsibility of doing 'School Tours' and they were a real credit to our school. Visitors commented on their confidence, manners and knowledge – Year 6 I am so proud of you all!

I have been informed that some pre-school children are climbing on top of the red tractor. This is happening when parents are waiting to collect children after their clubs. Please can we ask parents to be vigilant and not allow this.

Next week I look forward to meeting you at my 'Meet the Headteacher' afternoon. This is on Thursday 12th at 2:30pm. During the afternoon, I hope to gather your views about the school by asking you the following questions: 'What do you think is working well?' and 'How can we make our school even better?'

Kind Regards

Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

Year 3 trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Our year 3 children looked splendid in their 1940s clothing and had a super day at 'The Fleet Air Arm Museum'.

The children were able to experience what evacuees took with them and they now have a better understanding of how food was rationed. They had to plan meals from the limited food that was available and they all made a gas mask box. Trips and visits in role really give the children a flavour of what life was like in times gone by and I am sure they will remember it for years to come

Speaking to the class they said:

"It was amazing!"

"You have to go – it's the best thing in the world!"

"It is definitely my favourite trip so far!"

Thank you to Mrs King, Mrs Crossman and the parent volunteers for accompanying the children.



Stars

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

- Year 1: Reu & Matthew
- Year 2: Willow & Sebastian
- Year 3: Hunter & Emily
- Year 4: Alexandra & Edward
- Year 5: Emma & James
- Year 6: Amelia & Millie

Drop-Off / Pick-Up

Please can you refrain from parking by the church when dropping children to school 8:15am-8:45am or collecting them at 3:15pm. This area is reserved for staff parking and parents/carers with blue disability badges. Thank you.

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Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 11 th October	Head teacher Commissioning Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Thursday 12 th October	Meet the Headteacher; Tea and Cake – 2:30pm
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 (funded by Wells Festival of Literature)
23 rd to 27 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day School closed to children
Monday 6 th November	FWPS Annual General Meeting 7pm in the school hall
Wednesday 8 th November	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 15 th November	FWPS Bags to School – details to follow
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – details to follow
Friday 1 st December	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 8 th December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm Date incorrect in last newsletter – sorry!
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (morning)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December-7 th January	Christmas Holiday – return to school 8 th January 2018

After School Clubs

Our clubs newsletter will be coming home on Monday 9th October. This will include booking details for both our extra-curricular clubs (football, art club, etc) and our After School Club that runs until 6pm. **Please look out for this, and return your booking slips as soon as possible.** All club spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Our After School Club is getting extremely busy. There have been several occasions recently where we have been unable to accommodate last minute requests. Please ensure that your booking is returned promptly.

Invoices for this half terms After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions will be issued via our online payments system the week commencing 30th October. You will receive a text notification when they are ready for payment.

A thank you!

We enjoyed a visit from a Send a Cow speaker, Jackie Laws on Tuesday. She sent the following message after her visit:

“Thank you for making me so welcome. The children were delightful and a pleasure to be with.”



School Garden Taskforce

Saturday 14th October 10am – 2pm
Calling all green-fingered parents!

We are hoping to clear some of the more 'wild' areas of the school as there are some brambles and weeds that have got out of control. If you are able to help (even for a short amount of time) that would be appreciated. Please bring your own tools. We are also looking for someone who would be able to take the garden waste away.

Winter Menu

Our new Winter menu will be coming home with children on Monday 9th October.



Please complete the choices and return the form to the school office, no later than **Friday 13th October.**

Parents' Evening Booking System

We are looking ahead to our forthcoming parents' evenings. 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 pupils 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 on Monday 9th October** and will close at midnight on Sunday 15th October.

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

