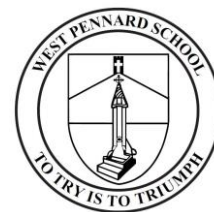




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 6th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term with your families. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. With the new half term comes a cold snap; please ensure that children come to school appropriately dressed and with a coat.

It has been brought to my attention that some boys have returned to school with haircuts that do not adhere to school policy. Our school behaviour policy states that: 'Unusual hairstyles e.g. shaved hair/patterns, gelled 'Mohican' style and dyed hair is not permitted.' We would appreciate your support in this matter. The new gating system has caused a few teething problems and I appreciate that this is a big change for everyone. Ultimately, the reasons are purely for safety and to allow us to monitor visitors that are on-site. When the gate is closed you have to press the button related to the area you require and a member of staff will let you in. To exit the premises you need to repeat this. Please can you exercise patience with this new system? There may be occasions when you have to wait a minute.

Finally, have a great weekend – the weather is looking lovely on Sunday!

Best wishes

Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

The FWPS Need Your Help!

The Friends of West Pennard School (FWPS) need new members.

School budgets are getting tighter and tighter and without the money raised by the FWPS the school would not be able to fund many of the enriching opportunities available to all of your children.

They have an **Annual General Meeting on Monday 6th November** in the school hall. This will start at 7pm.

Please come and see how you can make a difference.



Stars

As there was no Celebration Assembly this week due to half term, I would like to share a couple of the lovely feedback comments with you instead.

"Well done to all the staff for such a brilliant initiative - long may it continue!"

"I would like to thank you for the wonderful idea of inviting parents to the celebration assembly. What a stunning idea and made us feel special receiving an invitation too! It might just as well have been an invite from the Queen!"

I appreciate that getting time off work to share in this event may be tricky for some parents, so please feel free to speak to me if you struggle. We welcome any members of the family, so if mum or dad can't attend, maybe a grandparent, aunt or uncle could come instead?

Site Security – A message from the Governors

I would like parents to know that the reason for the new fencing and intercom gate has come from OFSTED and the governors have been looking at it for the past year. The safety of our pupils is extremely important to us and the decision to choose the correct style of fencing was not taken lightly. We are simply adhering to strict safeguarding guidelines about school security and it is a very strong requirement of OFSTED to secure school sites.

Kind Regards

Sylvia Smith

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Dates for your Diaries

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 Collection
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – wear something spotty or pyjamas for a donation
Friday 24 th November	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 1 st December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30 am
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school 8 th January 2018

School Photographs – Wednesday!

Bring your best smile and your smartest uniform!

During the school day, all pupils will have an individual photograph taken and all siblings will have a photograph taken together. There is however no pressure to buy these photographs from Tempest.

If you would like a **family** photograph taken (ie: with pre-school siblings and/or mum and dad), slots are available from 8.15-8.45am. Please book a slot online (a link is also on the school website):

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

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies during playtimes on the behalf of the Red Cross Poppy Appeal from **Monday 6th November**. Please feel free to send your children in with a donation in exchange for a poppy.

Operation Christmas Child-Reminder

The drop off date for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes is Friday 10th November please. Shoeboxes should be taken to the Library on that day. Thank you.

Sporting News

On Tuesday we took two football teams down the road to Shepton to compete against St. Pauls.

Year 4/5 match

As this was their first game together as a team (and for some their first competitive football match ever!) the boys were excited but slightly apprehensive before kick-off. St. Pauls started well and scored two good goals and the score stayed at 2-0 until half time. Growing in confidence the boys really started to show great ability, teamwork and determination and were the better team for most of the second half. Isaac, Oliver and Sam were showing great energy in midfield, making tackles and creating chances for our two strikers Toby and Olly – and it was Olly who scored our goal with some tenacious work inside the St. Pauls box. Some brave defending by Owen and Edward and some outstanding saves by our goalkeeper Gabriel kept us in the game until the last 5 minutes where St. Pauls scored another 2 goals. Despite the score line the boys should be very pleased with their individual performances and more importantly their impressive performance as a team.

Man of the match – Olly for keeping the St. Pauls defence on their toes throughout the game and eventually getting a deserved goal.

Year 6 match

With our first league match being the following day this was a perfect opportunity for the boys to get together as a team and compete against a talented St. Pauls outfit. Despite the teams looking evenly matched for most of the first half we managed to take a 2-0 lead into half time with two impressive strikes from Tyler and Milan. Despite some excellent defensive work from Tim and Scott, St. Pauls managed to pull a goal back shortly after half time. In response, Leo, Owen and Milan were using their creative flair to create more opportunities for our strikers and Tyler soon got his second of the match to make the score 3-1. Yet again St. Pauls responded well scoring their second goal and for a short while it looked as if they were going to equalize but for some excellent saves from Cole. After withstanding some St. Pauls pressure an excellent pass from Owen released Tyler who calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to restore our two goal lead and complete an outstanding hat-trick. With 5 minutes to go Jake added a fifth goal with a composed finish before Tyler got his fourth and our sixth goal of the match making the final score 6-2. Great start to the season boys – well done!

Men of the match – Tyler for scoring 4 goals, and Tim for showing great leadership and organisational skills in defence.

Mr Bisgrove