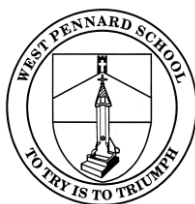


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Newsletter Summer No

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Deadlines: Early 'Festival' Collections: 16th June
Photographs 18th June
Holiday club: 18th June

Action/ Information: Whole School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. I hope that you all had a super half term holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather.

I would like to congratulate one of our year 6 pupils, Alice Cheetham, who won the South West region's 'Design a Coin' competition. Not only has she won a number of prizes for herself, including a trip to London with an overnight stay to attend the national finals for her family and accompanying teacher, Mrs McKaig, but she has also won one thousand pounds for the school! Well done, Alice!

This half term is generally one of reflection as reports are written and progress analysed now the end of year assessments have been completed. In line with this reflective note, I will soon be issuing our annual parent survey for you to give your views on this year and also to look to the future. Your input is valued and, where possible, we have responded to views expressed last year. It is my aim, shared by staff and Governors, to continue to improve our school. Please take the time to respond to this questionnaire, which I shall send out shortly.

Now on to a few reminders on dates.

June	Tuesday	8	Induction Evening for Parents of Sept 2010 admissions - 7:00pm School hall
	Thursday	10	FWPS Meeting – 7.30pm Staff room
	Tuesday	15	Arty-Fact Theatre Company: 'The Reading Room' Year 3 Strings Concert for year 3 parents – 2.15pm
	Thursday	17	Swimming Gala – Strode Pool 10:00am (normal groups cancelled)
	Friday	18	Wells Cathedral Year 6 Leavers' Day
	Saturday	19	Wells Country Dance Festival - 2.30pm Cathedral Green
	Tuesday	22	Strode Music Spectacular - 7:00pm – Strode Theatre
	Friday	25	School closed: INSET
	Monday	28	School closed: INSET
	Tues-Fri	29-2	'Money' Enrichment Week
	Wednesday	30	Wells Blue, Whitstone, St Dunstan's Schools' Induction Day for Year 6
July	Thursday	1	Whitstone School's second Induction Day
	Saturday	3	FWPS 'Football frenzy' Summer Fair – 11.00-1.00pm
	Monday	5	School Reports to Parents
	Wednesday	7	Crispin School's Induction Day – Yr 6 'Musical Celebration concert': Orchestra, Choir, Ensembles 2.00pm
	Friday	9	Sports Day – 12.45pm FWPS Fun Swim at Greenbank Pool – 7:00-9:00pm
	Mon – Friday	12-16	Health & Safety Week



Tuesday	13	'Hoodwinked' – KS2 Production – 7.00pm
Wednesday	14	'Hoodwinked' – KS2 Production – 2.00pm
Thursday	15	Year 6 Brass Concert for year 6 parents School Discos – Infants 6:30-7:30pm, Juniors 7:30-8.45pm
Friday	16	Squash & Biscuits – Year 2
Friday	23	Leavers' Service – St Nicholas' Church – 10.00am – Parents welcome Leavers' Assembly – 1.30pm – School Hall – Parents welcome Break up for Summer holidays

Class and Team Photographs

Although the remainder of the class and team photographs arrived just before half term, it was unfortunately too late to distribute them so they are being sent home today.

- If you wish to keep your photo please return your payment in the envelope provided by the photographer which is enclosed in the pack. **OR**
- If you do not wish to keep the photo, please complete the reply slip attached and tape it to the photograph before returning to school so that we know who has returned them.

Please send in all payments or unwanted returns **by Friday 18th June**. Thank you.

Year 3 Strings Concert for Year 3 Parents: Tuesday 15th June at 2.15pm

Parents are warmly invited to attend Year 3's strings lesson on Tuesday 15th June when, under the skilful tutelage of Mr Hywel Jenkins, your children will amaze you with the progress they have made in learning to play the violin and/or cello over the course of the year. The concert will begin at 2.15pm in the school hall.

Strode Swimming Gala: Thursday 17th June at 10.00am

Year 1 and year 4 continue to swim until the end of term. However, on Thursday 17th June the pool will not be in use for normal lessons as the annual swimming gala is being held. Pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 who have been selected to swim will receive letters with further details this Friday. Parents of competitors are invited to attend and cheer our team on.

Wells Country Dance Festival – Saturday 19th June – 2:00pm

If you are in Wells on Saturday afternoon next week this is an event not to be missed. Over 1000 school children all dressed in folk costume will be entertaining everyone with their dancing on the Cathedral Green. Please come along and support our dancers in what is always a fantastic spectacle.

Glastonbury Festival Implications and Arrangements

The buses will be running as usual. Past experience has shown us that the buses usually arrive at school on time or with a slight delay but the journey home from school towards Pilton and North Wootton on the Wednesday and Thursday can take a long time. Therefore, as in previous years, parents of children who normally use school transport, or those who will have difficulty collecting at the end of school, are welcome to collect their children at any time after 1.15pm on these days, once the children have registered for afternoon school. **It is important however that children are signed out at the office so we know who is still on site.** Please indicate on the attached slip whether you will be collecting your child before the end of the school day and return the slip by **Wednesday 16th June** so we can give the bus companies plenty of notice if there is no need to run the buses.

We understand from the local festival co-ordinator that the gates to the festival car parks only will be open from 9:00pm on Tuesday 22nd June, but that they do not anticipate there will be any problem with volume of traffic that afternoon. As notified previously, the school is closed on Friday 25th June and Monday 28th June for INSET days.

Breakfast Club will be running as usual, but please do not drop your child /ren off at the gate unless you are sure that the staff, who also live in Pilton, have arrived.

The After-School club and the other after-school activity clubs will not be running on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June.

Home Computer Access

We have received details from the County ICT Advisor of the Home Access programme delivered by Becta which aims to provide computers and connectivity to families that currently are unable to access computers and the internet. If you would like know more about this please request information and a grant application from the school office. It is important to note that grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

New School Induction Days for Year 6

Crispin 7th July / Whitstone 30th June & 1st July / St Dunstons & Wells Blue School – 30th June

All year 6 parents should by now have received details (including transport arrangements) regarding Induction Days for the children's new schools. If you have any queries about these days **please contact the school concerned.**

Holiday Scheme

The feedback from parents and children who attended the half term holiday club run by Audrey Truan and Chaska Gaines was very positive. I am trying to gauge whether there is enough interest to run a similar scheme during the summer holidays. At this stage you will not be committing yourselves to taking up a place but helping us to decide whether there is a need and, if so, when. Please complete the attached slip giving us as much information as you can about your needs by 18th June. I will then collate the information and decide whether a holiday scheme is viable.

Lost Property/School Uniform

Our lost property box does tend to fill up quickly at this time of the year when sweatshirts are often left on the field. Sadly, so much of this uniform is not named, so can I ask you to ensure that garments are clearly labelled! If any parents are missing uniform you are very welcome to come in and check in the lost property box outside reception class - otherwise we will pass items on to the thrift uniform representative at the end of term.

As the weather has changed a number of variations on our school uniform have been appearing! All girls should be wearing socks and those socks should be plain (white or navy) and not of the trainer variety. Here is a reminder of the details of our school uniform. Thank you.

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts	Grey or navy trousers
School polo shirt	Grey or navy skirts/pinafore dresses
School sweat shirt	School polo shirt
Dark coloured shoes or sandals*	School sweat shirt
Black or grey socks	Navy check summer dress
	White or navy socks (not trainer socks)
	Plain sandals with low heel and support (not crocs)
PE shirt: plain white t-shirt**	PE shirt: plain white t-shirt
PE shorts: white or navy	PE shorts: white or navy
PE footwear: daps or plain trainers	PE footwear: daps or plain trainers

* Trainers, unless entirely black are not acceptable footwear

** Football shirts or shirts with logos are not acceptable for PE lessons (except for football club)

School Meals

The cost of school lunches for this half term is £62.70. If you have more than one child taking school lunches the '1 free meal in 10' discount will apply and you should then deduct 3 meals (£5.70) from sibling costs. Please complete and return the attached slip with your payment. If your child does not have meals every day please contact Rachel for clarification of costs. Please make cheques payable to 'West Pennard School Meals Trust'. Thank you.

Sun hats / Cream / Water bottles

As we anticipate glorious weather this half term(!), please encourage the children to bring and wear sun hats and ensure that water bottles come to school on a daily basis.

Please also apply sun cream liberally before the children come to school in the morning and if your child brings cream into school, particularly for the smaller children, please also make sure they are able to undo tubes, bottles etc and apply themselves. Our midday supervisors do remind children about sun cream and hats after lunch before they go out into the playground.

INSET Days

The final two INSET days of the year have been wrapped around the Glastonbury Festival on Friday 25th June and Monday 28th June.

Attached to the first letter of this term was a copy of the term dates for the next academic year. If you have mislaid this or need a further copy please either request one from the office or alternatively, this can be accessed on the County website www.six.somerset.gov.uk under 'most popular documents'. The INSET days for the next year will be Wednesday 1st September, Monday 1st November, Friday 18th February, Friday 24th June and Monday 27th June.

Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mufti Day on the final Friday of last half term in aid of the Children's Hospice South West. The School Council report that they raised £225. A representative of the Children's Hospice will be attending an assembly in the near future to say thank you and collect the cheque. Everyone enjoyed the day and some of the 'whacky' hair and costumes were quite jaw-dropping!

School Days Films

Unfortunately, School Days films had to cancel the filming planned for Monday 24th May due to illness. The only other date this term that was available was not suitable as we had children out on trips. Therefore, we will reschedule filming for a similar time next year. It was such a shame as the weather was glorious and the film would have been quite wonderful.

H. Burchell

Helen Burchell

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Returned photos reply slip

I do not wish to keep the class photo of my child / ren named below and am therefore returning it to school.

Name of child / ren Year /s

Summer Holiday Play Scheme

Name of child / ren

Dates	Each day (please tick)	Specific days (please give details)
Monday 26 th July - Friday 30 th July		
Monday 2 nd August - Friday 6 th August		
Monday 9 th August - Friday 13 th August		
Monday 16 th August - Friday 20 th August		
One week – don't mind when		
Two weeks – don't mind when		
Three weeks – don't mind when		

Any further information

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Signed.....

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School Meals Payment Slip

I wish to pay for school meals for my child / ren for this half term

Name(s)	Yr	£ 62.70
	Total for 1 child	£ 64.80
2 nd sibling	Yr	£ 57.00
	Total for 2 children	£119.70
3 rd sibling	Yr	£ 57.00
	Total for 3 children	£176.70

My child / ren in Yr/s only has meals on particular days, please let me know the costs for next half / full term

Please make cheques payable to 'West Pennard School Meals Trust'. Thank you.

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Reply Slip for 'Festival' collection arrangements on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th June

My child /ren Yr

..... Yr

..... Yr will be collected after 1:15pm

on **Wednesday 23rd June** by

- myself
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(name of alternate person) with my permission

on **Thursday 24th June** by

- myself
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(name of alternate person) with my permission

Signed (Parent / Guardian)