



Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 26th November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we welcomed Toby into Year 4 and we are very pleased that you joined our school. When I showed another prospective family around on Wednesday, you looked so at home in your new class and I know you have made lots of friends already.

Well, the cold-snap has certainly arrived! Please can you make sure that children come to school with a coat. Some of the older children (particularly those in years 5 and 6) regularly come to school without a coat.

At the beginning of the week, Mrs Pinsent and I visited some classrooms to monitor the quality of writing in the school. This year, as a staff team, we are focussing on providing creative, purposeful opportunities for children to write about. The majority of the children's writing is now linked to their topic. It was super to see some of our younger members of the school so engaged with their writing. The Year 1 children were writing instructions to find pirate treasure and were very excited about their planned 'Pirate Party' and the Year 2 children were writing excuses based on a poem by Michael Rosen called 'Chocolate Cake'. Following the revealing of a real chocolate cake, the children couldn't wait to put pencil to paper! I was also impressed by the use of 'hot-seating' in year 6. Daniel B took on the role of the little girl in the story 'A Child's Garden' by Michael Foreman and the rest of the class asked him questions, which he answered in role. I was so impressed by the thoughtful approach and the development of inference and deduction skills – well done Year 6!

With kindness

Jo Hale

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

Faith is like WiFi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.



Stars

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

- Year 1: **George M & Jac**
- Year 2: **Phoebe & Megan C**
- Year 3: **Sebastian & Ava**
- Year 4: **Jaxon & Ethan**
- Year 5: **Joshua & Oliver**
- Year 6: **Lily & Toby B**

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.

Writer of the Week: Willow Huggins

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.

Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

26 children recorded as late (between 8.50am-9am)

6 children recorded as unauthorised (after 9am)

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

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Christmas Fair – Visit to Santa!

If you would like to book a slot to see Santa at the Christmas Fayre please click on the link:

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

Please note one booking per family, and payment should be made on the night.

Permission Slips

We currently have trips organised for Sevington Victorian School for Year 3, The Imperial War Museum and Christmas Unwrapped for Year 6, and the Carol Service for the choir children. Please ensure you return your EV5 forms by the deadline. Thank you

Litter

I have been informed by a local resident that there appears to be an increase in litter. Please can you take extra care that no litter is dropped on Church Lane or the public footpath. Many thanks

Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas postbox will be outside the Reception Class from Monday 10th December for 1 week. Could all cards be marked clearly with the intended child's name and also their class.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated, a total of £168 was raised.

Festive Fun!

West Pennard Village Hall warmly invites the children of West Pennard School to an afternoon of festive fun at our village hall. The FREE event takes place on Saturday 8th December from 3-5pm. Each child will have the opportunity to make a Christmas tree decoration (to take home), meet Father Christmas & receive a small gift and overall enjoy Christmas fun! Adults are invited to stay for the session. Refreshments will be provided for all. Although the session is FREE we need to know numbers - please book your child's space by confirming their name, age, gender & dietary requirements by Saturday 1st December to Holly at wpvhevents@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master their times tables. The children play times tables games as a rock star on various stages, collect coins for doing so and can spend those 'coins' to upgrade their rock star status. They can challenge themselves this way in order to improve their tables knowledge, but they can also compete with others using the site. We have purchased the subscription for all children in the school to enjoy!

Children from Year 1* upwards will each be given a log-on in the coming weeks. (*Year 1 will be issued a log-on later in the year when multiplication has been explored in more depth). The class teachers can assign tables and tailor them to each child – let them know if you wish the level of challenge to be adjusted.

Details of how the game modes work can be viewed at <https://www.westpennardschool.co.uk/images/TTRock.pdf>

There will be a board going up in school showcasing some of the children's Rockstar successes. Watch this space for news and further details of how you can support your child further with times tables.



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FWPS Christmas Fayre

We need volunteers to help at the Christmas Fayre! If you would like to help please contact the office.

This week please bring your donations of...

- mince pies and cakes
- teddies for the Tombola
- bottles for the Tombola:- sauces, pates, dressings, jars (jams/chutneys etc), plastic bottles/jars (drinks/squash/cordials etc)

Also don't forget to send in your raffle tickets asap!

Please see information about raffle prizes attached to the Newsletter email.

Dates for the week ahead

Tuesday 27 th November	Cyclo-Cross at Elmhurst School
Wednesday 28 th November	Year 3 Trip to Sevington Victorian School Vicar Workshop in Year 1
Friday 30 th November	FWPS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm

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