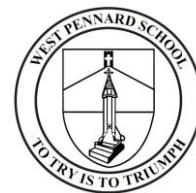




# Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with your families.

Firstly, on behalf of myself and the staff in the office, we would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and well wishes in the lead up to Christmas – we were quite overwhelmed.

On Monday in Collective Worship I read the children 'Words and your Heart' by Kate Jane Neal. Told through the eyes of **Pip** and **Cat**, this book beautifully demonstrates the **importance of what we say** – both positive and negative. I have talked about 'Choosing Kindness' and have set this as a New Year Resolution for the school. During Collective Worship, I was really impressed by the children's thoughtful comments and discussions.

Please can I remind parents that trainers are not part of our school uniform unless they are completely black. I am noticing that a few children are wearing 'fashion' type trainers with white soles and these are not in keeping with the school uniform.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

## Menu Week 3

### 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

### Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

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

6 children recorded as unauthorised (after 9am)

**If a child has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in the last 12 school weeks parents may be subject to a penalty notice.**

**Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.**

### Safeguarding

#### Fire Assemblies

On Monday we were visited by Lee Dredge of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. He worked with children from Year 1 to 5 telling them about the importance of fire safety and also what to do in case of a fire breaking out at home. A great many thanks to Mr Dredge for coming to talk to us about such an important issue.



If you would like book a FREE Home Safety Check please contact Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue:

0800 0502 999

[www.dsfire.gov.uk](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk)

[firekills@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firekills@dsfire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: [westpennardprimary@gmail.com](mailto:westpennardprimary@gmail.com)

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### Christmas Cards Request

If you have any used Christmas cards you no longer want please bring them into the school office. During Enrichment time they will be used as part of the Eco-Education project to be made into decorations for next year's Christmas Fayre.

### 2019 School Admissions

If you or someone you know will be applying for September 2019 school admission, the application deadline is **this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. Please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) to apply or call 01823 355742 if you have any queries.

### After School Club Cancellations

If any cancellations need to be made for After School Club please inform the school office by **10am** on the day. Any cancellations after this time may be charged at the original booking fee.

Recycle your  
unwanted  
Christmas Presents  
for Ashlyn!



Christmas Present Tombola  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Bring your new, but unloved presents to Class 1.  
Tickets £1



### Achievements!

In the Autumn term 50 children had 100% attendance. They received a certificate in assembly today to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

### Parent Volunteers

Please could parent volunteers send back the 'sign and return' sheet that was part of their safeguarding induction packs as soon as possible so that we are able to update our records.

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### **Payments for After School Club, Breakfast Club and School Meals**

From January we are going to be moving to monthly billing for After School Club, Breakfast Club and School meals. These will be put on the School Money website during the first week of the following month. School money will now say January 2019, February 2019 etc. Our preferred method of payment is online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk). We would ask that payments are made promptly to enable us to continue to offer these valuable services.

### **SEND updates – What is happening in the local community**

**Autism Friendly Screenings** <https://www.odeon.co.uk/accessibility/autism-friendly-cinema-screenings/>

**Brean Leisure offer dedicated disabled and learning disability session on a Wednesday.**  
<http://www.breanplay.com/events---activities.html>

#### **Facebook pages and groups to watch:**

SMWS Somerset Mental Wellbeing Service <https://www.facebook.com/smws.org.uk/>

Our Voice Somerset <https://www.facebook.com/OurVoiceSomerset/>

Compass Carers <https://www.facebook.com/CompassCarers123/>

Somerset Parent Care Forum <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetParentCarerForum/>

Autism Somerset [https://www.facebook.com/autismsomerset/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/autismsomerset/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

### **Key Dates for the Spring Term 2019**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Tombola for Ashlyn
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 6 SATs Information Evening for parents
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross Country - venue TBC
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 trip to We the Curious Vicar Workshop in school Year R
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Muffi Day to celebrate Ashlyn's 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 production of Jonah 'A fishy Tale' 2pm and evening 6:30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half term week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Bikeability days
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country – Downside School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week/Book Fair Dress up day for World Book Day 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Vicar Workshop in school Year 5
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 Squash & Biscuits
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country – Tor Leisure
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Road Safety Workshops
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Celebrations - Details to follow FWPS School Disco
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service in St Nicholas' Church - 2pm (led by Year 5 children) Last Day of term

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