## **West Pennard Church of England Primary School**



# Weekly Newsletter



### Written for the Week Beginning 7th January 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers.

The Christmas lunch was a huge success, with Mandy and Sue cooking and serving 178 Christmas dinners. The children thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the 'home-cooked' food which was delicious. The Year 6 children had the privilege of eating first and were joined by our Chair of Governors Mrs Smith.

We hope that you enjoyed the Carol Service led by our Key Stage 2 children and staff. It was lovely to have our Year 4 children take the helm and enjoy the opportunity to speak in front of a large audience. I have heard that they did a great job and delivered the essence of Christmas perfectly.

On behalf of all the staff at West Pennard, I would like to wish all of our families a healthy Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

With festive wishes

Jo Hale



#### Quote of the week

Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

Neal A. Maxwell

#### **Attendance and Lateness**

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

40 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.

#### **Forthcoming Christmas Services**

#### Saturday 22nd December – 10.30am North Wootton Messy Church

Come and join us for a morning of crafts in North Wootton Village Hall and tree decorating in the church, ending with a lunch for the children. Details from Christine Raphael (01949 890310) or Rev. Chris (01749 899061)

#### Sunday 23rd December - 4.00pm Pilton Parish Church

Pilton Family Christmas Service.

Come and join us at the Parish Church for a Christmas Service for the young and 'young at heart' alike. Dress up as your favourite nativity character or just come along and join us in celebrating Christmas with an informal service including carols, puzzles, camel racing and angel making.

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 3.30pm St Nicholas' Church, West Pennard

Crib Service.

Children are invited to come to the crib service dressed as shepherds, angels, animals or kings.

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#### **Arrangements for Next Term**

All clubs (except Booster club) and music lessons start back week commencing **7<sup>th</sup> January** 

The menu will be for Week 2.

Swimming starts on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January for **Years 3 and 5**.

#### 2019 School Admissions

If you or someone you know will be applying for September 2019 school admission, the application deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> January**.

Please visit

www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions to apply or call 01823 355742 if you have any queries.

#### Raffle Prize Winner!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Marino for winning the raffle prize from the Nativity. They have won a voucher to Tamburinos Restaurant.

#### **KS1 Nativity Pictures**

The CD with pictures from the KS1 Nativity will be distributed the first week back after the Christmas break. A letter will be going home with details.

#### **The Somerset Poppies**

This project was an incredible success. It displayed 7986 poppies, involved over 4500 children making poppies, and raised over £6000. A huge thank you to all involved.

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

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Vicar Workshop in school Year R
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 and 4 production of 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
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 21st March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 Squash & Biscuits
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Celebrations Details to follow
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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