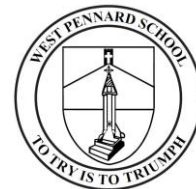




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 25th February 2019



twitter 

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, just like that the first half term is over and we are half way through the academic year!

During the half term break we are having work started to completely redo our Early Years outdoor area. The area is going to be levelled and a new surface of wet pour laid to make it a really safe play surface for the children. A new timber framed shelter will be erected and the whole area will be much more open to enable better free flow for the children to learn in. The work is likely to take 2 - 3 weeks to complete so the area will be out of bounds on our return. However, the wait will be worth it and I am sure the children will really enjoy playing in a safer and better designed area.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a lovely break ... fingers crossed we get some more of this 'dare I say it' spring-like weather.

Best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1Thessolonoians 5 v16-18

Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

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

1 children recorded as unauthorised late
(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 visit:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Miss%20School%20%3D%20Miss%20Out%20ENGLISH.pdf>



Stars

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

- Year 1: **Jemima & Isabella**
- Year 2: **Pembe**
- Year 3: **Lily & Matthew**
- Year 4: **Carmen & Daisy**
- Year 5: **Elias & Kayla-May**
- Year 6: **Katharine & 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.

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.

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Frequently asked questions

Who do I speak to if I have a concern about something that happened in school?

For the vast majority of situations, your child's class teacher is your first port of call. We usually find that an informal chat is the best way to resolve issues. Please note that the end of the day is always better than the start. At the start of the day, the teachers are getting prepared for the day of learning ahead.

If you are unable to come into school, then a short email to westpennardprimary@gmail.com outlining the concern and an idea of an appropriate time to call back would be useful. Some teachers use Class Dojo and this can be used to express a concern or request a telephone call to discuss in more detail.

The SENCo (Mrs Clarke) can be contacted for more complex special educational needs matters.

The headteacher or deputy headteacher should only be contacted once other avenues have been explored.

Fish & Chip Bingo

Please return your order form and payment to the school office by **Friday 8th March.**

Materials Required!

Please can you bring in any clean plastic bottle tops for our Eco project. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

Thank you!

Together we raised £135.40 for Ashlyn as we celebrated her birthday last week with a muffin day!

KS2 Spelling Bee

Last Friday, Key Stage 2 took part in their first Spelling Bee. We will be having regular Spelling Bees to raise the profile of spelling. Well done to all the children who were involved!



Thrift

If you would like to see what thrift items we have, Audrey will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9am to go through it with you. Please go to Reception first to sign in.

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Quicksticks

Last Friday, year 4 were invited to attend a 'Quicksticks' hockey festival at Wells Cathedral School. In what was a new sport for a lot of the children, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the horrible weather; courtesy of storm Eric!



Cyclo-Cross

On Wednesday our Year 5/6 Cyclo-cross team visited Brymore School to compete in the county finals having successfully qualified from the local school competition before Christmas. After completing a time-trial, each child then took part in their own individual race and all did themselves and the school extremely proud. We ended up finishing 7th, meaning we are the 7th best Cyclo-cross school team in Somerset! Quite an achievement. Super well done to: Lily, Katharine, Alexandra, Noah, Owen, Ruby, Ollie D and Sam

Further congratulations from Mel Potter, who attended the event with me, who said: "My word, your Cyclo-cross team did you proud yet again! Apart from being beautifully behaved, they worked their socks off! It was a really tough course and a very highly competitive event, but they kept pedalling until the very end (despite falling off in some cases!) They were awesome!"



Safeguarding

The school gate opens at 8:30am, if you need to drop children off before this time, then please use our breakfast club - there is no need to book.

Children should not be left unsupervised outside the gate before 8.30am.

Bus safety

I have been made aware that several children walk home from the Pilton bus stop unaccompanied. Please can I request that if you are happy with this arrangement, then you should send a signed letter into the school stating that you give permission for your child to walk home alone. Please note that as a school we would advise that walking home unattended is only recommended for children in years 5 and 6.

Dates for the week ahead

Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	HALF TERM
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 26 th February	Years 1 and 3 Carymoor Recycling Workshops
Tuesday 26 th & Wednesday 27 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 27 th February	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place Project

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale