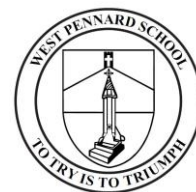




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 6th May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge well done to the Year 6 children who took part in the Children's Parliament at County Hall in Taunton last Friday. I heard from a very proud Mrs Pinsent that the children spoke clearly and professionally about the issue of plastics and the damage they are doing to the environment. All Somerset schools were invited to take part in this, however we were 1 of only 15 schools to take part and I am very pleased that we are able to offer these enriched opportunities to children.

Moving onto this week, we started Monday with a very heartfelt assembly as part of our contribution to 52 Lives – school kindness project. The staff were so moved by the children's focus on making a difference to Mary (for more detail see below) and it just showed how kind the children at West Pennard are. A huge thank you to Mr Wheat for organising the day and we look forward to welcoming the charity '52 Lives' back into school to show how we have continued the work. I shall leave you with one of the quotes that Grieg used with the children, 'Be the change you want to see in the world' (Ghandi).

Wishing you a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7th May.

Jo Hale

Menu Week 3

Quote of the week

Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you it could mean everything to them.
Anon



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

- Year R: **Kaidence & Sol**
- Year 1: **Aurora & Nyree**
- Year 2: **Noah & Hugo**
- Year 3: **Stanley & Honey**
- Year 4: **Leyton & Sydney**
- Year 5: **Ollie D & Meghan**
- Year 6: **Daniel B & Sophia**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

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.

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Year R:	100%
Year 1:	97.1%
Year 2:	100%
Year 3:	94.2%
Year 4:	100%
Year 5:	93.8%
Year 6:	98.4%

Congratulations to **Year R, Year 2** and **Year 4** for having 100% attendance last week!

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County Hall Visit

On Friday, a Year 6 team of pupils went to County Hall in Taunton as part of the Somerset Youth Parliament. We were one of only 15 schools to take part in this event comprising of two sessions – the morning session being led by Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP for Bridgwater and West Somerset. The children had the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions by making a speech with the title, 'It is our voice'. Our Year 6 team spoke about the impact of plastic on our world and what we could do about it. They did a great job!



FWPS May Fayre – update from Rowen Campbell, FWPS Secretary

We have had feedback from several groups that for various reasons the original date of Saturday 11th May was going to be difficult and so we have taken the decision to postpone the event.

The FWPS Summer Fair will now take place on Saturday 6th July, 12:00 - 3pm. We are excited to have more time to plan so we can bring you an even better event and we hope that more of you will be able to attend. After the excitement of the Glastonbury Festival, we're sure it will be the perfect way to mark a relaxing 'back to reality' weekend, and SATs will be out of the way for pupils and staff!

This is a key fundraiser for the school and as always the FWPS needs your help to make it happen, before the event and especially on the day. Please consider if you could donate half an hour of your time to help on a stall on 6th July. Details of how to sign up will be shared soon, or you can let a member of the FWPS committee know. Thank you.

SEND update

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019 - ANXIETY WORKSHOP

This workshop will introduce you to what anxiety is and arm you with effective tools for managing anxiety for yourself and/or supporting those around you who may experience anxiety.

Time: 10am til 12pm

Place: Southwell House and Gardens, off Church Street, Highbridge TA9 3HR

Booking: You can book your place for free by messaging us via our Facebook Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/autismsomerset/>

These events are free and funded by Somerset Skills & Learning.

Tri-Golf Event

Last Thursday, we took two year 3/4 teams to compete in a Tri Golf festival. For the majority of the children, this was their first experience of the sport and they all thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. Despite being a festival there were still points to be scored and at the end of the event one of our teams were crowned champions!

Watch this space...we may have the next Tiger Woods in our ranks!

Mr Bisgrove



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Official opening of the new Early Years Foundation Stage area

On Wednesday we had our official opening of our new EYFS outdoor area. We were joined by leaders of local pre-schools who were really impressed by the improvements we've made to the provision. Emily and Michael Eavis also joined us to officially cut the ribbon. We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Glastonbury Festival for supporting us by part-funding the project. The local press team were also in attendance so do look out for the article in the local papers.



Mobile phones

Please can I ask parents to remind their children that they should not be bringing mobile phones into school. We are being made aware that some children in older classes sometimes have their phone in their school bag and this is proving too much of a temptation. If for any reason your child needs to bring their phone to school, they must either hand it in to the class teacher so that it can be locked away or hand it in to the school office at the start of the school day. If we see children with their phones out on the school premises then they will be confiscated and parents contacted.

The children have been made aware.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dogs

If you bring your dog to school when collecting your child, please can you wait in the pathway between the pedestrian gate and the field gate, not the main pedestrian pathway. The pathway is quite narrow and some of our children may be wary of dogs so we would appreciate the main walkway to be kept clear.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class 1's visit to Noah's Ark Farm Zoo

On Wednesday Class 1 has a wonderful time at Noah's Ark Farm Zoo. We really enjoyed our workshop, where we learnt some amazing facts about animals, getting up close and personal to a cockroach, Giant African Land Snail, a Corn Snake and a Leopard Tortoise! We also saw much larger creatures like elephants, lions and giraffes. One of our highlights was hearing the gibbons call to each other...amazing!

Mrs Robinson



Class Names

We would like to give our classes names so that each one has an identity and we wondered if you could help. We would like the class names to be on a theme avoiding the popular themes of trees and birds as so many other schools use these. We have 7 classes and would like a theme that is meaningful to the children whilst at the same time reflecting something in our local area. Please do discuss this with your children as they often think far more 'outside the box' than adults ...

If you have a lightbulb moment then please do complete the survey monkey – click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZFRMFG>

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Parking

Please do not park school-side of the disabled spaces. All non-school large and small traffic needs space to be able to turn at the top of the lane. Thank you

Bag2School Collection

Bank Holiday weekends are good to do some sorting! Please bring your bags to school by 9am on Wednesday 8th May.

Visit from Charity 52 Lives

On Monday we were visited by Greig from 52 Lives - a charity that aims to improve the lives of a person worldwide each week of the year. Each week, they visit a different school to run kindness workshops with the aim of empowering the children to realise that the little choices that they make every day can make a big difference to the world and to someone's life.

We had a special assembly where we were told of one of the people who had been nominated to the charity, whom we would be supporting through our kind actions this week. Mary, 5, lives in Cheshire and has a very rare condition. So rare in fact, that only 60 other people worldwide share it with her, and, unfortunately, it is life-limiting.

Following the assembly, the children all went off to their respective classes where they were charged with making things and sending messages of support for Mary and her family. The children were incredibly thoughtful in the things that they made and in what they said. The items were taken by Greig and given to Mary and her family this week, who were overwhelmed.

However, the children and staff didn't want to leave things there. They were very touched by her story and really wanted to help. They thought that providing an experience for Mary and her family will really give some respite to them and also create some lasting memories. We came up with the idea of providing a family ticket for a day out at Chester Zoo, which is local to her and her family. We contacted the zoo and asked if they could provide this, but they unfortunately do not gift tickets on an individual basis. Having met with the School Council, we have decided that we still want to facilitate this and therefore appeal for your help in supporting us through a mufti day on **Friday 10th May**. Mary likes the Octonauts, so we would like the mufti to have a sea theme. The children need to come in to school wearing blue, but could make any marine adaptations they like, if they so wish. School Council thought to charge £1 rather than 50p as they would like to be able to pay for lunch / toys / ice cream as well.

We do hope that you can help support us in making this happen.

Mr Wheat



Dates for next week

Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8th May	Bag2School Collection 9am Class Photos Christian Aid Assembly 9am

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