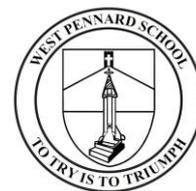




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 7th September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to the time, as the year concludes, that we have to say some sad farewells. After 3 successful years at the helm, we reluctantly say goodbye to Miss Hale. I'm sure you will agree with me when I say that we have been extremely lucky at West Pennard to have been led by such an outstanding practitioner and we have all (staff, governors and pupils alike) grown a great deal personally and professionally due to Miss Hale's leadership. On behalf of the Governing Board, the Staff, Pupils and yourselves I wish Miss Hale the greatest success in her new venture and the utmost thanks for all that she has done to shape and nurture the lives of the children and lead the school so successfully over the last 3 years. She will be sorely missed!

It is with equal sadness that I announce also that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Jones. Mrs Jones has worked in a variety of roles across the school over the last 11 years and is a much loved member of staff. In recent years she has been one of the friendly faces greeting our youngest children first thing in the morning and has also worked in roles supporting children in order to make learning more accessible and fun. We say goodbye to her with much sadness and wish her well in her new role.

After successfully covering Mrs Pinsent's maternity leave over the last two terms we also say goodbye to Mr Venning. Mr Venning has proved himself a very approachable and dedicated member of staff since joining us at Christmas. He leaves to take up a role teaching Year 6 in Taunton. We wish him the best of luck in his future career. He will be greatly missed.

Finally, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. It has been a great pleasure and a privilege to have seen them grow and achieve personal successes over the years that they have spent with us. I remember many of them as they were in Reception Class and can't believe it is time already for them to move on. I wish them all the best in their respective futures and hope that they carry the West Pennard motto with them wherever they go and in whatever they do: To Try is to Triumph!

Now, at this point, having said all these farewells, it would be timely to say that there will be, despite what you may be thinking, a full contingent of us here to welcome you back in September. Not everyone has left! Joking aside, we at West Pennard simply can not wait to see you all again on the 7th September and start the new academic year with a full school community once again. Have a marvellous summer. Make some lasting memories and we will see you with a smile on your return.

Best Wishes

Tony Wheat

Deputy Headteacher

Quote of the week

God has planted greatness in you. Let today be the beginning of a great adventure as you step into the gifts He's given you.

Joyce Meyer

Gentle Reminder

Please can all parents make sure they log into School Money and clear any monies owed.

Thank you.

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'The Big Butterfly Count' Friday 17th July – 9th August



What is the Big Butterfly Count?

The Big Butterfly Count is the world's largest butterfly survey. Butterfly scientists will use the data gained over a three week period to assess where conservation efforts should be targeted in the future. The data is crucial to butterfly specialists wanting to learn more about the population and habits of various butterflies.

How to take part? Print off the handy butterfly ID chart (*attached to this newsletter*) to identify and record the butterflies you spot. Then, between Friday 17th July and Sunday 9th August choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for 15 minutes and record the species you see. Add your counts to the website - www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org

"Butterflies symbolize my dream of freedom, beauty, grace, nobility, movement, colour and generosity. Where ever there are butterflies there is life and hope."

David Gerstein is an Israeli painter and sculptor who has a huge interest in butterflies; indeed, they feature regularly in his work. He enjoys creating new shapes, textures, geometric forms and combinations of colour to give his butterflies a personal touch.



Create your own Symmetrical Butterfly!

Butterflies are symmetrically shaped insects and their wings have symmetrical patterns.

Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Scissors • Poster paint • Paint brush/spoon 	Step 1 – Cut paper butterflies Cut your paper into a symmetrical butterfly shape – (<i>you can find templates in a simple google search.</i>) Fold your butterfly in half.	Step 2 – Add paint Add large blobs of paint to one side of your butterfly paper in a pattern of your choice.
Step 3 – fold paper Fold the other half of the paper over the paint drops to create a paint sandwich. Press, smush and rub with your hands.	Step 4 – Open it up Open the paper to reveal your symmetrical painting! It will be rather soggy so set them on a mat to dry.	Step 5 – Add character! Using a black ink pen, add detail to your paint pattern. You could even add some googly eyes!

I hope you enjoy! Miss Holmes ☺

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Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

West Pennard CE Primary School

Permanent Vacancy

1 x 25 hours per week (Teaching Assistant Role)

Grade 15 point 3-4 (£9.36 – 9.55 per hour)

1 x 5 hours per week (Lunchtime Supervisory Role)

Grade 16 point 2 (£9.18 per hour)

Required from September 2020

The Children, Staff and Governors of this forward-thinking village primary school are seeking to appoint a reliable, conscientious and enthusiastic teaching assistant to join their team. The role comes with an additional lunchtime supervisory contract.

The successful candidate will:

- Have the flexibility to work in either Key stage 1 or Key stage 2 classes supporting the teaching and learning of all children within the class
- Provide nurture and support the well-being of our children by; monitoring play, mediating with disagreements and upholding the school values
- Be willing to contribute to the wider life of the school supporting with other duties when needs arise
- Carry out interventions and booster groups to accelerate learning
- Be a reflective person, who shows initiative to support all of our children to achieve their full potential
- Have relevant and recent experience of working within a Primary school setting
- Firmly believe that every child can be successful in learning
- Have a good level of English and Mathematics (GCSE grade C or equivalent). Other qualifications such as a NVQ level 3 would be an advantage

West Pennard School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and has a culture of vigilance to support this. Any offer of employment will be subject to a disclosure check with the Disclosure and Barring Service and all relevant pre-employment checks.

Please visit our website at www.westpennardschool.co.uk

Deadline for applications: Friday 14th August 2020

Interview date: Friday 21st August 2020

Please note that the interviews will take place virtually using Microsoft Teams

Application forms should be sent to the school office by email and addressed to the School

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Keeping in Touch / Planning Ahead

On our first newsletter of the academic year we will have the key dates for the Autumn Term. We wish to be able to welcome adults on site when it is safe to do so or when we can implement procedures to ensure safety for all. The teachers will be in touch through their class letters to let you know of when they plan to hold their meet the teacher sessions. We feel that it is of great importance to ensure that these take place early on, so that we can discuss with you concerns or worries that your child may have about returning to school and also to let you know about the routines of the classroom and how you can support your child at home. It is a good idea to touch base early on also as we have put Parents Evenings back to be held in the second half of the Autumn Term, which we will endeavour to hold on the 9th and 11th November. Mrs Robinson will hold her meet the teacher session in the Year 1 classroom on Monday 7th September at 6pm. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when attending. Thank you.

Reminders for September

- All children return to school Monday 7th September.
- All extra-curricular clubs start the second week back – week commencing 14th September. Where applicable please bring in cash or cheque payments in the first week of term. All TLE Club payments to be made online.

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