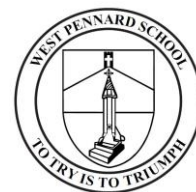




## Weekly Newsletter

**Written for the Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at West Pennard. I trust that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents on behalf of the office staff for the generous gifts and sweet treats that were sent in during the final couple of weeks of term – we really appreciated them ☺

We received some lovely news at the beginning of the week – Mr Bisgrove is now a proud father to Louie Joseph. Mr Bisgrove has started his paternity leave and Mrs McKaig is covering Squirrel class until his return.

Following on with the 'baby' theme, Mrs Pinsent started her maternity leave this week and we look forward to hearing about the birth of her baby. Mr Venning is now working full time in Hedgehog Class and I have been impressed with the excellent example the class continue to set.

Finally, please can I request that as many parents as possible park at the village hall and walk up Church Lane to bring or collect their children to school. Sadly we have had complaints from residents this week regarding parking and turning in driveways. Please adhere to our Traffic Code of Conduct (on our website) and the highway code, remembering to show common courtesy and consideration towards residents and all users of Church and Newtown lanes.

I look forward to another successful term working with you.

Best wishes

Jo Hale

**Menu Week 3**

### Quote of the week

Yesterday is history,  
tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is a gift, that's why  
they call it the present.

### Snacks for morning break

Children in Years R – 2 are provided with a fruit or veggie snack but can bring in an additional fruit or veggie snack

Children in Years 3 – 6 are not provided with a healthy snack so need to bring their own.

Snacks should be:

- Healthy – fruit or vegetables please
- Packed in a separate place to their lunchbox as children do not have access to their lunchboxes at breaktime
- On Fridays children can bring in a bag of crisps – please ensure these are small bags and not the large sharing bags

### Pilton Bus

Starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we are introducing a new procedure for the children getting on the Pilton bus at the end of the day. To ensure the bus leaves on time, Pilton bus children will be dismissed from their class a few minutes early, assemble and be registered in the link and then walk as one long line to the bus.

To help this run as smoothly as possible please can:

- Bus children parents let us know by 2pm by email or phone, if there is a change to your child's normal travelling arrangements so that we can finalise the bus register
- Parents waiting to pick up, clear the footpath as soon as the school gate is opened
- Parents waiting to pick up from school, please leave the painted footprints clear so that children have a direct route to the bus
- Pilton parents please ensure you are waiting at the bus stop to collect your child at the following times 15:24 Apple Tree Inn, 15:38 Crown Inn, 15:40 Methodist Chapel, 15:43 Top Street. These are the most up-to-date times from school transport.

**Thank you for your cooperation with this**

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If you don't lie people will believe you all the time and you will be trusted. Joshua

The truth frees us from the mistakes we've made. Martha

Truth is God's word. Amelia

Always tell the truth and you'll get the truth back. Zara

**Truthfulness Day**  
On Wednesday we had a Whole School Value Day on Truthfulness, which is our Christian value for this half term. As you can see we explored this in creative ways. Why not ask us about our fantastic day?

Isn't life a battle? So God's armour can help to protect you every day with life's challenges. Vienna

When you tell a lie over and over again it's like turning over a new page, but the lie is still there. Lola

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collecting for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance at the end of the Carol Service. Together we raised £127.60! Thank you too to Isaac who brought the work of this brilliant charity to our attention and suggested the collection.

### **FWPS May Fayre Planning Meeting**

Please come along to the FWPS May Fayre planning meeting on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm in the school library**. The May Fayre is a key fundraiser for the school and as always the FWPS needs your help to make it happen. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Reading Achievements**

Well done to the below children who have achieved the highest number of minutes engaged in reading each day.

- Mole Class: Mika & Spike
- Hare Class: Kailyn & Zachariah
- Squirrel Class: Matthew & Benjamin
- Otter Class: Toby & Ethan
- Hedgehog Class: Elias & Maggie

### **Key Dates Spring Term 2020** (please note any new dates/changes will be marked with an \*)

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	IEP Surgery
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 'Saxon Somerset' Day, Taunton
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross-Country – TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year R & 6 – Heights and Weights Year 3 and 4 production (2pm and 6:30pm)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	FWPS May Fayre Planning Meeting – 6.30pm in Library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bikeability (Year 6)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cross-Country – Downside School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place, Bristol
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Tea in the Hall @ 2pm Year 6 to serve tea and cake
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross-Country – Tor Leisure
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Prayer Space
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service in Church - 2pm (Year 5 to Lead) Last Day of term

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