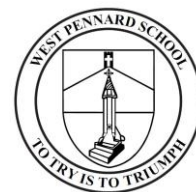




# Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to teach during our Value Day on forgiveness. I was really impressed with the children's deeper thinking about the importance of being able to forgive. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising another important Value Day.

Today in Celebration Assembly I gave out some reading certificates for children who on average engage with reading the most in each of the classes. Accelerated Reader enables me to analyse such data really easily. Despite many individual improvements, we still have several children who are not reading enough at home. Please can you encourage your children to read at least 4 times a week at home and ideally every day. I asked our most prolific readers if they had any top tips to advise children who are more reluctant readers. Some ideas were:

'You need to read at least a couple of chapters to know if you are really going to enjoy a book ...'

'Sometimes I have to read three quarters of a book before I get that tingly feeling ...'

'Find somewhere quiet to read with no distractions ...'

'Reading a book is like entering another world ...'

Best wishes

**Jo Hale**

**Menu Week 3**

## Quote of the week

Forgiveness says you are given  
another chance to make a new  
beginning.  
Desmond Tutu

## Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for the week before half term:

<b>Fox:</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
Dormouse:	93.4%
Mole:	94.4%
Hare:	92.9%
Squirrel:	95.8%
Otter:	89.3%
Hedgehog:	96.9%

Congratulations to **Fox Class** for having the highest attendance last week.

## SEND update

Each term the SENCo runs a coffee/drop in session for parents (mainly for parents of children with SEND, but anyone is warmly welcome). Up until now there has been an agenda of what is to be discussed. Past themes have included: literacy difficulties, phonics, reviewing the school SEND Information Report. For this term, I would like parents to let me know what they would like information on. For the Summer Term, the theme is going to be using equipment to support mathematical concepts and different calculation strategies.

If you are interested in finding out more information in an hour information session with the SENCo, then please let the office know your name and ideas by the **end** of next week.

Thank you  
Mrs Clarke

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### **Invitation to join the West Pennard Primary School RSHE Parent Working Group**

From September all schools in England will need to have converted their old PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) curriculums to a new RSHE (Relationship, Sex, Health Education) in line with new statutory guidance. Many aspects of what we teach will be the same, but there will also be some changes.

Best practice is for all members of the school community to be involved in the creation of this new curriculum to ensure that it is tailored to best support our children here at West Pennard whilst ensuring that all statutory content is sensitively yet comprehensively covered. With this in mind, I would like to create a small working party of parents who would be able to donate a few hours of their time to helping in this process.

Examples of what the working group might do:

- Look at evidence from pupil surveys and use this to help construct the school's curriculum for teaching RSHE.
- Consult on the school policy for RSHE.
- Have input into the information that is shared with parents about RSHE.
- Help design and evaluate the results of a parent survey on RSHE.

I am intending that the working group would meet initially for 1 hour at 2:00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

I think there may need to be three meetings in total, but the dates and timings of these can be agreed by the group. By being a part of this group you will be able to have a meaningful impact on the future curriculum for the whole school.

Mrs Sarah Middleton (Co-opted Governor) will also form a part of this working group so that another member of our school community has a voice in this process.

If you think that you might be interested in joining the RSHE working group then please let Miss Hale know or leave a message for her at the school office.

Many thanks for your time and attention.

### **Reading Achievements**

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

- Mole Class: Joshua & Oliver
- Hare Class: Megan & Zachariah
- Squirrel Class: Benjamin & Loralie
- Otter Class: Ethan & Toby
- Hedgehog Class: Maggie & Orlando

### **West Pennard Village Hall – Car Park Update**

Following the Village Hall's Health & Safety review, barriers will shortly be erected between the main entrance & wall/road to form a pedestrian area. The one-way system of the car park remains in place. Please be assured parents are still very welcome to park in the village hall car park noting the barriers and the one-way system.

Thank you.

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Forgiveness is having the courage to start over again with the person who hurt you.  
Zander Year 6



Forgiveness is saying 'It's OK'  
Maya Year R



Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son reminded us of the forgiveness of the Father in welcoming his son back home.



On Wednesday we had one of our half termly 'Growing Christian Value Days' on the theme of 'Forgiveness'. The children were vertically grouped, enjoying the company of friends throughout the school, as we explored together the importance of forgiveness.



The Old Testament story about Joseph reminded us how Joseph forgave his brothers even though they sold him! We made multi-coloured coats and thought about what this teaches us about forgiveness.



Jesus forgave Zacchaeus because he knew he could be a better person.  
Martha Year 3

We thought about when Jesus met Zacchaeus. We wondered why Jesus loved and forgave him when everyone else hated him. We thought about the things for which we need forgiveness ourselves.



Forgiveness sets you free.  
Harry Year 1

People can find it hard to forgive but God doesn't.  
Vienna Year 5



Forgiveness takes a lot of courage sometimes.  
Nyree Year 2

### **FWPS School Disco**

The school disco will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. More details to follow in next week's Newsletter.

### **FWPS Fish and Chip Bingo**

A letter is going home today about the Fish and Chip Bingo on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please note all orders need to be in by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.



**British Science week** takes place between the **6 -15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**. In preparation for this celebration of science, we invite all the children at West Pennard to get their creative juices flowing and participate in a poster competition. The top five posters will receive an exciting science themed prize and certificate during a celebration assembly. In addition, the winning posters will be sent off to The British Science Association where they will be judged against other participating schools.

Please read through the information sheet attached to the Newsletter for further details on the chosen theme, rules and tips. I look forward to seeing the creative and artistic outcomes of this project. Please note the deadline for entries is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

Miss Holmes

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

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bikeability (12x Year 6 children)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cross-Country – Downside School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place, Bristol
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress up day for World Book day – come as a character from a book!
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FWPS School Disco – KS1 6.30pm, KS2 7.30pm*</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day Tea in the Hall @ 2pm. Year 6 to serve tea and cake</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 to Easter Unscrambled, Street
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross-Country – Tor Leisure
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Prayer Space</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits <b>FWPS Fish &amp; Chip Bingo – 5.45-8.30pm*</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre Year 4 trip to American Museum
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter Lunch – more details to follow nearer the time*</b> Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Service in Church - 2pm (Year 5 to Lead)</b> <b>Last Day of term</b>

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