West Pennard Church of England Primary School



Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 9th March 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We started off March this week with many children across the classes working hard and epitomising the 'to try is to triumph' attitude that we try to foster as a school. We heard in our celebration assembly about these personal achievements and the progress children have made in Maths, with reading, orating and also in terms of creativity in other subjects like RE. Well done to all of those children.

Children in Hedgehog Class had the opportunity to develop their skills and abilities, as well as their awareness of road safety, in Bikeability training (see pictures below) on Monday and Tuesday this week. They listened and participated extremely well, despite the weather, and managed to aquire skills that will stand them in good stead for years to come. A great many thanks to the Bikability instructors who came to teach us how to cycle safely.

Mole Class also 'got on their bikes' this week...well, metophorically. They visited the Wild Place near Cribbs Causeway in order to learn about animals and their habitats. They had a fabulous time and learnt a great deal. See the section below to find out more.

On Monday we are having our World Book Day celebrations. The children can come to school dressed as a book character and will be undertaking a variety of interesting and creative activities following the stimulus of books that challenge stereotypes.

Best wishes and have a great weekend

Tony Wheat

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

When you forgive you in no way change the past but you sure do change your future.

Bernard Meltzer

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox: 99.0%
Dormouse: 93.4%
Mole: 91.9%
Hare: 96.1%
Squirrel: 98.5%
Otter: 96.2%
Hedgehog: 100%

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



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

- Year R: Joe & George
- Year 1: Kaidence & Sophia
- Year 2: Bailey & Lacey
- Year 3: Zachariah & Elsie
- Year 4: Ava & Luca
- Year 5: Daisy, Howie & Jaxon
- Year 6: Maggie, Felicity, Isaac & Meghan

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

Please can children return their badges to the school office the following Friday and give them to a member of staff so we know who has returned them.

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.

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Safeguarding

At West Pennard Church of England Primary School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, Governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

The designated members of staff for safeguarding are:







Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss Jo Hale, Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Clarke, SENCo Mr Tony Wheat, Deputy Headteacher

If you have any concerns about a child's safety then please do not hesitate to speak to one of the safeguarding leads.

Do not think what if I'm wrong; think what if I'm right.

Year 6 Bikeability

This week some Year 6 children took part in Bikeability. Well done to all invovled.





Road Safety

Please can parents and carers ensure that children are under close control when walking up and down Church Lane and around the area immediately outside of the school. We have had reports of children running off ahead of parents and the safety of this concerns us.

Thank you.

<u>West Pennard Village Hall –</u> <u>Car Park Update</u>

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.

FWPS Fish and Chip Bingo

A letter went home last week about the Fish and Chip Bingo on Friday 27th March. Please note all orders need to be in by **Friday 20th March**.

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Year 2 Trip

Mole Class visited the Wild Place Project near Cribbs Causeway on Wednesday as we are learning about animals and their habitats. We had an absolutely 'splashing time' seeing the animals and learning about aspects of their being, including how they have adapted to their environments and how they are being protected as their habitats diminish. We saw cheetahs, wolves, geladas, lemurs, giraffes, and even a lynx and a wolverine. We had a fabulous time learning how wolves find their pack, based on scent, and had a go at finding our own 'pack' by sniffing pieces of card that we had been given and searching out others that had the same smell. A great many thanks to the Wild Place for hosting us and also to all the adults that came to support with such a memorable experience.

Mr Wheat



FWPS School Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 13th March. Please see details below:

Years R, 1 & 2: 6.30pm-7.25pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 7.30pm-8.45pm

Entrance - £2 Drinks – 50p Snacks – 50p

Once parents have signed their children in, they are requested to leave the site. Children will be supervised by the FWPS and School staff.

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

| Friday 6 th – Wednesday 11 th March | Book Fair |
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| Monday 9 th March | Dress up day for World Book day – come as a character from a book! |
| Friday 13 th March | FWPS School Disco – KS1 6.30pm, KS2 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 17 th March | Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival – details to follow* |
| Friday 20 th March | Mothers' Day Tea in the Hall @ 2pm. Year 6 to serve tea and cake |
| Monday 23 rd March | Year 6 to Easter Unscrambled, Street |
| Tuesday 24 th March | Cross-Country – Tor Leisure |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Year 6 visit to Glastonbury Tor – details to follow* |
| Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th March | Easter Prayer Space |
| Friday 27 th March | Year 3 Squash and Biscuits |
| | FWPS Fish & Chip Bingo – 5.45-8.30pm |
| Tuesday 31st March | Year 3 trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre |
| | Year 4 trip to American Museum |
| Wednesday 1st April | Easter Lunch – more details to follow nearer the time |
| | Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 |
| Thursday 2 nd April | Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 |
| Friday 3 rd April | Easter Service in Church - 2pm (Year 5 to Lead) |
| | Last Day of term |

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