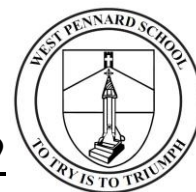




# Weekly Newsletter



**Written for the Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we really got into the flow of Christmas. Our Key stage 1 and Reception classes treated us to a fabulous performance of 'Baubles'. I was really impressed with the singing and acting. A special thank you to all the staff who worked really hard to put on a great performance. It was great to see so many children shine outside of the traditional classroom setting.

Today, as a treat from the FWPS, the whole school enjoyed a production by the Image Theatre Company of 'Robin Hood'. Thank you to the FWPS for funding this.

As we look forward to our final week before the Christmas break, we have 2 days where the children can wear Christmas jumpers. On Monday children can come into school wearing school uniform with the addition of a festive jumper for a donation to Stand up to Cancer. Tuesday is Christmas Dinner Day and they can wear muffin as a treat.

Our winning house team this half term is Tintagel and they can come to school on Thursday in muffin (sensible, warm clothing and flat shoes only please). Well done to everyone in Tintagel.

Tonight is the disco – see details below for more information. Parking at the top of the lane is not advised – please park at the village hall and bring a torch as light is limited.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

**Menu Week 1**

## Quote of the week

God is good all the  
time...all the time, God is  
good.

## Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	89.5%
Dormouse:	89.3%
Mole:	93.1%
Hare:	94.2%
Squirrel:	92.6%
<b>Offer:</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
Hedgehog:	95.2%

Congratulations to **Offer 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: **Bella**
- Year 1: **Reuben C & Faelen**
- Year 2: **Joshua & Spike**
- Year 3: **Amelia & Elsie**
- Year 4: **Grace**
- Year 5: **Evie G**
- Year 6: **Maiya & Kayla-May**

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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### **FWPS Christmas Fair**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. We raised a total of **£2014.46**. Thanks and well done to all involved!

### **FWPS School Disco**

The school disco will take place **TONIGHT!**  
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.

### **Forthcoming Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church**

Please see below the services at St Nicholas' Church. All welcome to attend.

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm –  
Carol service

Tuesday 24th Dec 3.30pm –  
Crib Service

Wednesday 25th Dec 10.00am –  
Christmas day communion

### **Raffle Tickets**

If you have any unused raffle tickets please return them to the school office. Many thanks.

### **The Big Question Board**

Our final Big Question of the year has been

**'What would be the best present Santa could give the world?'**

Some thoughtful responses included

'Love and friendship.'

'Compassion.'

'Homes for homeless people.'

'Lots of nice plants to replace the ones that have been killed.'

'Love for wildlife and each other.'

I wonder, what would have been your response?

### **House Points**

Members of the school council have been very busy counting up the tokens and I am pleased to announce that **Tintagel** team are victorious this half term. As a reward all children in Tintagel House are able to wear mufti on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The results for all the houses are as follows:

<b>Tintagel</b>	<b>589</b>
<b>Camelot</b>	<b>502</b>
<b>Avalon</b>	<b>433</b>
<b>Lyonesse</b>	<b>419</b>

### **Fizz Pop Science**

Last Monday afternoon, children across the school were treated to an exciting, hands-on science show. Children were captivated by the very entertaining Fizz Pop scientist who shared a wonderful array of science tricks and experiments that challenged their knowledge and understanding of forces. The company is running an after-school club (now full) in the first half of the Spring term which will provide your children with further opportunities to explore the experiments seen within the show, alongside many other exciting hands-on science experiments and tasks.

Miss Holmes



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### Christmas Charity Fundraising

As you are aware, we have taken the decision as school to have our charitable fundraising promoted by the children themselves. We are thrilled that, unsurprisingly, our fantastic pupils have 'stepped up' to ask for our support for two amazing charities this Christmas.

We therefore ask for your support on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** when we will have a Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Donation please) and a Bake Sale for **Stand Up To Cancer**. Thank you to Maggie and Gabrielle who nominated this charity. Please note this is not a mufiti day, school uniform needs to be worn with your festive knitwear. Also Isaac has nominated the **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance** as at the recipients of the money raised at a retiring collection on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at **the Carol Service**. Thank you Isaac! Please do all you can to support these charities this Christmas. Thank you! Mrs R

### The Choir at Wells Cathedral

It was a privilege to take the School Choir to sing in a concert in Wells Cathedral on Monday organised by Somerset Music. The event featured children from KS2-4 performing festive music accompanied by the Somerset Youth Concert Band. As always the children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Thank you to everyone who made our participation in this event possible. Mrs Robinson.



## Christmas Information

We have provided an overview of the important days in December as we appreciate the diary gets busy!  
Christmas Card Post Box: If children want to send cards, they can put them in our special Christmas post box which will be in the corridor by the Reception Class. The cards will be delivered to classes by our Year 6 children. (Please make sure they write the name of the child and their year group clearly on the envelope.)

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – School Disco (in school hall)

6:30 – 7:25pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

7:30 – 8:45pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children are supervised by school staff and DBS cleared volunteers. Once children have been signed in parents should leave the site.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Charity Fundraising

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform for a £1 donation to Stand up to Cancer

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Children can wear mufiti (no donations required)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Class Christmas Parties

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 & Year R Class Christmas Parties

Your child's class teachers have given out more information

Children can wear sensible mufiti – no high heels please! Also ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Carol Service & Last day of term

*All of the staff at West Pennard CE Primary School wish our families a wonderful Christmas.*

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**Key Dates Autumn Term 2019** (please note any new dates/changes will be marked with an \*)

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and cake sale for Stand up to Cancer*
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Muffi Day (no donations) Rearranged football match (WP United v Meare at Strode)*
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Year R Class Christmas Parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead) Break up for Christmas Holidays

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