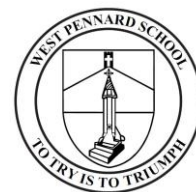




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 3rd February 2020



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.87% which is well below our target of 97% and below the national average. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as they possibly can. Thank you for your support with this.

We have an employment opportunity at West Pennard and are looking for a part-time teaching assistant/lunchtime supervisor to join our team. If you know anyone who might be interested then please point them in our direction or click on the link for more details <https://www.westpennardschool.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>. The successful applicant will be working across Years 4 and 5 to support their learning.

Best wishes
Jo Hale

Menu Week 3

Quote of the week

It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit
– Noel Coward

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	88.7%
Dormouse:	95.2%
Mole:	93.4%
Hare:	96.8%
Squirrel:	97.3%
Otter:	99.3%
Hedgehog:	96.2%

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: **Lily R & Elizabeth**
- Year 1: **Elijah & Otfie S**
- Year 2: **Hayden & Ida**
- Year 3: **Kelcie & Phoebe**
- Year 4: **Albert & Liam**
- Year 5: **Carmen & Macy**
- Year 6: **Sidney & Oliver**

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

In the same way that we do not allow mobile phones in school, we cannot allow children to wear or bring in Smart Watches. Smart Watches may have the ability to take photographs, send text messages or receive phone calls, so in order to safeguard all children in school we cannot permit them. We are aware that some children wear Fitness Trackers. Although these are allowed, please note their substantial value; the school cannot accept any responsibility if they are lost or damaged.

World Book Day

As a school we have decided to celebrate World Book day on **Monday 9th March**. (Please note that this is a different date to the official date of Thursday 5th March.)

On Monday 9th March, children can come dressed as a character from a book and creativity is actively encouraged. You do not need to go out and spend lots of money on a costume as some of the best costumes are put together using items already owned.

Throughout this day, the children will take part in 4 separate activities linked to Traditional Tales that challenge stereotypes. Years 1 – 6 will be working in mixed age groups (as they do on Value Days) and experience creative activities planned and delivered by 4 different teachers. Children in Fox Class will stay in their own class and experience a range of creative activities linked to a chosen book.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Hale

Forest School - Years 4 & 5

Forest School is extremely muddy at the moment. Please could all children have wellies/walking boots and waterproof trousers (or at least a change of clothes you don't mind getting wet/dirty) with them every Thursday. Thank you.

Attendance – Requests for holidays in term time

As a school we are receiving a lot of requests for term time holidays. Holidays in term-time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the Headteacher's discretion.

Cross country results - Tuesday 28th January – Millfield School

Lower school girls (87 runners)

Elsie – 33rd
Loralie – 44th
Kelcie – 75th
Brooke – 76th

Lower school boys (130 runners)

Kai – 19th
Kobe – 23rd
Benjamin – 67th
Ned – 78th
Noah – 81st

Upper school girls (55 runners)

Ashleigh – 40th

Upper school boys (91 runners)

Leyton – 3rd
Toby – 82nd

Overall league standings

POS	SCHOOL	TOTAL SCORES	SMALL	LARGE
1	Millfield Prep	10 (6, 2, 1, 1)		1
2	St Pauls	17 (12, 1, 2, 2)		2
3	St Vigor & St John	24 (1, 7, 5, 11)	1	
4	Wells Cathedral	26 (2, 11, 6, 7)		3
5	All Hallows	28 (8, 8, 3, 9)		4
6	Upton Noble	30 (3, 5, 14, 8)		5
7	St Josephs	38 (11, 12, 11, 4)	2	
8	West Pennard	38 (10, 3, 8, 17)		6
9	Kilmersdon	39 (5, 10, 19, 5)	3	
10	Springmead Prep	40 (14, 13, 7, 6)	4	
11	Elmhurst	43 (9, 6, 12, 16)		7
12	St Aldhelms	59 (22, 4, 10, 23)		8
13	Chewton Mendip	61 (21, 15, 15, 10)	5	
14	Ashcott	65 (16, 14, 17, 18)	6	
15	Bruton	65 (15, 17, 13, 20)		9
16	Keinton Manderville	67 (18, 16, 20, 13)	7	
17	Brookside	69 (17, 9, 21, 22)		10

Individual league positions are available upon request. ☺

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VACANCY - Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Permanent Vacancy (3 days a week – one of which must be a Friday. The other 2 days to be agreed on appointment)

1 x 15 hours per week (Teaching Assistant Role)

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

1 x 3 hours per week (Lunchtime Supervisory Role)

Grade 16 point 2 (£9.18 per hour)

Required to start as soon as possible

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 across Key stage 2 classes supporting the teaching and learning of all children including those with special educational needs
- Work effectively as part of a team
- 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 Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Please ring 01458 832866 to arrange a suitable time.

Deadline for applications: Monday 3rd February 2020 12 noon

Interview date: Monday 10th February 2020

Application forms should be sent to the school office by post or email the School Administration Officer
nsweet@educ.somerset.gov.uk

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Year 3 & 4 Production of 'Dragon Days'

The Year 3 & 4 production will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 2pm and 6.30pm. Please book your seat via the link below. The booking system will close on **Sunday 2nd February at 10pm**. Please note 3 places per family which can be split over both performances.

<https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

We are planning to have the production professionally filmed. A letter will be sent out with details of how you can order.

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

Wednesday 5 th February	Year R & 6 – Heights and Weights Year 3 and 4 production (2pm and 6:30pm)
Friday 7 th February	Year 4 Quicksticks Hockey Festival, Wells Cathedral School
Monday 10 th February	SATs information evening for Year 6 parents – 5.30pm in Year 6 class FWPS May Fayre Planning Meeting – 6.30pm in Library
Thursday 13th February	Year 5 taster day at Whitstone School*
Friday 14 th February	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits Sports Hall Athletics, Wellington – selected KS2 children*
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half term week
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd March	Bikeability (12x Year 6 children)
Tuesday 3 rd March	Cross-Country – Downside School
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place, Bristol
Friday 6 th – Wednesday 11 th March	Book Fair
Monday 9th March	Dress up day for World Book day – come as a character from a book!*
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
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th March	Easter Prayer Space
Friday 27 th March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 31st March	Year 4 trip to American Museum*
Wednesday 1 st April	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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