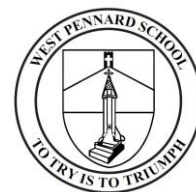




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 13th July 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the very last week of the academic year, it is of course disappointing not to be able to mark this with our usual leavers' events and end of term celebrations. My thoughts are very much with our Year 6 children and their families and I want to personally wish them every success and happiness as they move onto their next step. I am sorry that I am unable to be in school to say goodbye to you and I want you to know that you are very much in my thoughts. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising a wonderful Pilgrim day for the children and also to Mr Wheat for keeping the long-held tradition of the leavers' race going!

I also want to mark this imminent end of the academic year to say a huge thank you to all the people who make West Pennard the really wonderful place that it is. It has been a very challenging time for school staff – managing personal concerns and emotions whilst at the same time adapting to a whole new way of working. All staff have had to adapt in so many ways – not just the teachers and support staff, but also the cleaners, office and kitchen staff. Thank you to you all ☺

And so onto September. The Senior Leadership Team and Governors have been busy planning what September will look like. As you will have heard, the government have written guidance to enable all children to return to school, with year groups used as bubbles. There will still, however, be some adaptations to school to enable this to work effectively and safely. Mr Wheat will be in touch next week to inform you of the changes/adaptions that you need to know about to support you with returning your child to school. Please do bear with us whilst these plans are sorted and save questions for after you have received the information.

Best wishes

Jo Hale
Headteacher

Quote of the week

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 22-23

Gentle Reminder

Please can all Year 6 parents make sure they log into School Money and clear any monies owed by the end of term. Thank you.

Random Acts of Kindness

We received a lovely message from one of our parents this week:

"I have just answered the door to Wez who has been down to the shop and spent his pocket money on a box of celebrations for both William and Reuben for being his best friends. What a lovely, kind, thoughtful act."

Well done to Wezley in Year 5 and thank you to Julie Cornish for sharing.

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Mrs Pinsent's Top Ten Tips for Summer Reading...

1.) Borrow some books – please ensure you wipe it down or quarantine it for 48 hrs to ensure cleanliness. Books are always 'more special' if they are borrowed and you only have them for a length of time, they come from a particular place or person and ultimately, they have to go back.

2.) Read to or with your child.

Books, chapters, pages of books are always more inviting when you share them with your child or when a grandparent or older sibling reads with them.

3.) Be inventive with where you read.

The beauty of reading is that it can be done anywhere! Pop a book in a backpack when you are going on a bike ride and pause for a drink, snack and reading rest in amongst the grass and wild flowers. Pop a book in your picnic basket or a comic!

4.) Celebrate when you complete a book.

Maybe borrow, buy or rent a video of the book that you have read and pop some popcorn. Other times it could be a virtual trip to a museum or site related to the book's content.



5.) Start a summer diary.

This could be something that the child dictates and you write down or type and that you can add to. Doodle some pictures or use the computer to add images. This will become a favourite book that the child will want to pick up, re-read and add to throughout the summer weeks.

6.) Schedule a daily reading time.

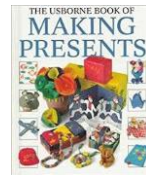
Even if it is only for a short time each day. Maybe 15 minutes after lunch or just before bed? Make it cosy. Put the books in a 'special' bag or box that is only used for that time. Have a 'special' reading chair, blanket or cushion that is only used for that reading time. Your child will soon cherish that time.

7.) Subscribe to a magazine.

If you can afford the expense, a child's newspaper, magazine or comic is a great way to encourage reading. As a child, I remember fighting to get to the letterbox before my brother when our Beano comic was delivered!

8.) Use and read 'To Do' books.

Children love to get their hands dirty. Doing 'stuff' is fun. Use reading as a jumping-off-point for arts and crafts activities, sports, cooking and science experiments. There are so many books out there that encourage reading as a starting point to then make, do or create something. A recipe book for example! Don't forget online books too!



9.) FAMILY READING

Probably my ultimate tip!

Parents can get in on this reading thing, too. Maybe one night a week, try turning off all the screens, and everyone pick up a good book or magazine; 15-30 minutes. Not only does that create some good reading practice time for your children, but it shows them that you're into reading too, which absolutely encourages reading. Modelling will always be more powerful than telling. If you get into reading, they will, too! Enjoy!



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PE at the Park

Please see below some information on PE sessions being run in the summer holidays by Vicki Vowles, a secondary PE teacher at Crispin School.



PE @ THE PARK COLLETT PARK SHEPTON MALLET

9:30 - 10:30 TUESDAY,
THURSDAY & FRIDAY FOR AGES
8 - 11 YRS

11:00 - 12:00 TUESDAY,
THURSDAY & FRIDAY FOR AGES
12 - 15 YRS

Book now
£5 a session or
book six sessions
for £25

TO BOOK: MESSAGE VIA FACEBOOK
(MAX 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Starts: 14th July 2020

Finishes: 21st August 2020

Toilet facilities, handstand/ pavilion will be available during these hours and delicious drinks and snacks available from 10:30 at the Collett Park Cafe.

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Y6 Pilgrim Day

On Tuesday 7th July, Year 6 took part in their annual leavers Pilgrim Day. Albeit this year was slightly different with so many changes in place, the values and importance of the day was still the same. The children, of course, should have been going to Wells Cathedral and celebrating their time at primary school with many others around the county.

The day was broken down into several parts which focused on the importance of moving on to secondary school and preparing themselves for the next big journey in their life. Children paid remembrance to their favourite memories at West Pennard and thought carefully about how they will embrace the new challenges of their next school. Appearing by video link, the priest of Wells Cathedral gave encouragement to the children and provided great inspiration for children to go on and succeed. The day was concluded by the making of their journey sticks – children were able to decorate their item in a way that would assist them on their journey. Well done Year 6 for adapting so well and making the day a huge success.



Health & Wellbeing

Please find attached to the newsletter some information on health & wellbeing for young people and their families.

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