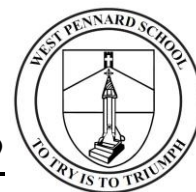




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 18th November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week with an act of remembrance. We had our Collective Worship later on Monday morning in order to take part in a whole school two minute silence. It was very poignant and really well observed. Following the assembly, the children were invited to write prayers on specially cut out poppies which were affixed to the prayer wall outside Year 6.

On Tuesday we were visited by Tracey Bolton from the Boolean Maths Hub. Earlier this year we successfully applied to be one of only a few schools in Somerset to work alongside specialist Maths teachers in order to develop the teaching and understanding in Maths. Miss Morris and I will attend a number of training days over the next three years and disseminate the training we receive to the other teachers in the school, as well as putting it into practise in our respective classrooms. We will let you know of the developments as they occur.

Finally a renewed plea – please ensure that children have a coat in school every day. We do try to get the children outside for fresh air and children without a coat during very cold days or drizzly days will need to remain inside.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Menu Week 3

Mr Tony Wheat

Quote of the week

Gratitude turns what we
have into enough
– Aesop

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	99.4%
Dormouse:	97.2%
Mole:	94.7%
Hare:	99.4%
Squirrel:	97.1%
Otter:	96.9%
Hedgehog:	96.9%

Congratulations to **Fox Class** and **Hare 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: **Ayda & Caleb**
- Year 1: **Sienna-Marie & Otilie D.**
- Year 2: **Jac & Freddie**
- Year 3: **Noah & Oliver**
- Year 4: **Alfie**
- Year 5: **Ethan & William**
- Year 6: **Joshua & Martha**

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

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

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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Cross Country

Last week was another busy week for West Pennard Sports events. On Tuesday we had our second cross country meeting at Collett Park in Shepton. All of the runners performed brilliantly but a special mention goes to – Elsie, who finished 11th out of 99 runners (Elsie was also the highest placed year 3 girl); to Kai, who followed up his 4th place at Millfield in October with another 4th place finish; to Vienna who finished 5th out of 74 runners and to Leyton who finished 15th out of 125 runners.



Football Events

Two of our football teams (Rovers and United) had football matches last Thursday. United put up an excellent battle against a very strong Catcott team, competing right to the final whistle despite the scoreline, and Rovers ran out 5-0 winners against St. Bens.

Futsal

On Friday we competed in our first ever Futsal competition at Strode College in Street. Futsal is an indoor football competition with some slight rule changes to the outside game. Our team of year 5s took part in 3 very closely fought matches, starting with a 2-1 defeat followed by 2 draws. We eventually finished in joint 3rd position.

Wells' Literature Festival

On Monday, a selected group of Year 4 children visited Waterstones in Wells. This opportunity was funded by Wells' Literature Festival and allowed children to spend time in a bookshop, talking to a real bookseller. They were allowed to purchase a selected group of books to take home and enjoy. One child said, 'I am going home to read these all tonight'. What a wonderful opportunity for our children.

With thanks to the Wells' Literature Festival.

Mrs Pinsent



FWPS Christmas Fair

A letter is being sent home today requesting donations for the Christmas Fair. We are requesting a particular item each week as follows:

W/C 18th November -

- Teddies for the tombola
- Present Room gifts, wrapping paper and gift tags
- "Pocket money" toys for games room prizes

W/C 25th November -

- Bottles of all sorts for the tombola
- Sweets and wrapped chocolates for the tombola
- Raffle prizes for hampers

W/C 2nd December - Mince pies and cakes

Many thanks for your support.

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Remembering...



On Monday we shared in a special Armistice Day Collective Worship when we stood to remember those who had died in the war and those who still live with the scars of war. So this week, instead of having our usual Prayer Wall, we have written poppy prayers, saying thank you and praying for peace.



Please drive carefully up and down Church Lane and stick to a maximum of 10mph. Please also find attached our Traffic Code of Conduct for your use and information.

Forest School

Many thanks to Lisa Frost for organising the Bulbs4Kids delivery. The children have had a great time planting them during enrichment time.



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

Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 to SS Great Britain Year 4 to Museum of Somerset Rural Life Workshop with Yr 6
Thursday 21 st November	WP Girls' Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode WP Rovers Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode
Friday 22 nd November	Author Visit - Andrew Powell Thomas – whole school assembly followed by workshops for Yrs 3 and 4 Year 5 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 26 th November	Bag2School collection WP Girls' Football Match v Ashcott at Strode WP United Football Match v Baltonsborough at Strode
Thursday 28 th & Friday 29 th November	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped at Street Baptist Church - 12.30pm-2.50pm* WP Rovers Football Match v Brookside at Strode
Thursday 5 th December	WP United Football Match v Butleigh at Strode

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Friday 6 th December	Years 5 & 6 to Strode Theatre for 'Grease' (performed by Wells Cathedral School students) FWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th December`	Somerset School's Music Concert at Wells Cathedral School (Rehearsal 12pm, Evening Concert arrive 6.30pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm) WP United Football Match v Meare at Strode
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)
Friday 13 th December	Image Musical Theatre 'Robin Hood' PM All Year groups Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-6) Year 3 Victorian Workshop FWPS School Disco
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th & Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead) Break up for Christmas Holidays

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