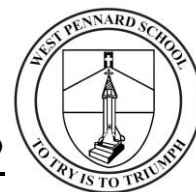




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 25th November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another fab week in school with 2 classes going out on trips to enrich their learning across the curriculum. Mole Class visited the SS Great Britain and came back enthused about all the new information they had found out. Squirrel Class visited the Museum of Somerset to experience hands on learning about the Monmouth Rebellion. In addition to this Hedgehog Class experienced a visit in from Somerset Heritage related to their war topic. This workshop was very hands on and children were able to look closely at artefacts from the time. Trips out and hands-on experiences in school really do mean that learning is more memorable and enjoyable. Thank you to the class teachers for organising these experiences.

Today we had a visiting author (Andrew Powell-Thomas) who led a whole school assembly on the writing process and how he has developed into an author. I was impressed by the children's intelligent answers to his questions and the questions that they wanted to find out from him. He then took workshops in Hare and Squirrel Classes where they tried their hands at becoming authors creating their own colour poems.

Finally, a quick reminder about attendance. At West Pennard, our pupils must arrive by **8:50am** on each school day. Our morning register is taken at **8:50am** and will be kept open until **9:00am**. Our afternoon register is taken at **1:20pm** and will be kept open until **1:30pm**. A pupil who arrives late but before the register has closed will be marked as late (**L**) – which counts as present. A pupil who arrives late **after** the registers close will be marked as absent. If the pupil is late arriving due to a valid reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment, the absence will be authorised. If the pupil is late for no good reason they will be marked with the **unauthorised** absence code 'Late after registers close' (**U**).

Menu Week 1

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16 v34

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	95.5%
Dormouse:	97.6%
Mole:	94.1%
Hare:	100%
Squirrel:	91.8%
Otter:	95.9%
Hedgehog:	99.0%

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

St John's Ambulance

Yesterday all of the Year 3 and Year 5 children achieved their first aid certificate from St John's Ambulance. They completed age appropriate modules covering head injuries, severe bleeding, primary survey, casualty care and communication and the recovery position. Year 5 also completed a module on shock.

Sarah from St John's Ambulance commented on the children's achievements and knowledge and how well they asked and answered questions. A great job everyone!

Miss Wade



Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

FWPS Christmas Fair

Please see below the donations needed for next week. Please bring your items to the office:

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.

Playground Politics

These 5 were absolute stars when they were interviewed by Claire Carter of BBC Radio Somerset as part of playground politics. They confidently expressed their views on pets, watching TV, ambitions and Brexit! I was impressed by their thoughtful and intelligent answers to the questions and topics. Well done!



Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday Mole Class visited the SS Great Britain in Bristol as part of their work on Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They were told about some of his major achievements and had a go at a variety of activities involving the handling and analysing of artefacts and also role playing stoking the furnaces of the ship. They toured the hull and also the new museum adjacent, where they tried their hand at drawing a perfect circle inside rather shaky railway carriages, as Brunel had done. It was a fantastic day and such a brilliant learning experience. Many thanks to the adults that came along to help and also, as always, the FWPS for helping towards the cost of the coach travel. Mr Wheat



Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Collins Big Cat to give primary schools FREE BOOKS. You can collect tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between November 23rd 2019-January 18th 2020. Please bring your tokens to the office.

Christmas Fair – Visit to Santa!

If you would like to book a slot to see Santa at the Christmas Fair please book via the link below. The booking will be open from **Friday 22nd November at 7pm** and will close on Thursday 5th December at 10pm. Please note one booking per family (up to 4 children for 5 minutes), and payment should be made on the night (£2.50 per child).

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

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

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.)

Monday 2nd December – Christmas Tree goes up

Please can the children in the Reception Class bring in a bauble to add to the Christmas tree

Tuesday 3rd December Year 6 to Street Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped

Friday 6th December – Year 5 and 6 to Strode Theatre to see 'Grease' performed by Wells Cathedral School (later return to school)

Friday 6th December 6 – 8pm – FWPS Christmas Fair

This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we welcome your support

Monday 9th December 9:30am – Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school, governors and invited members of the community

Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity – performance to parents 2pm

Please book your tickets online – more details on the Newsletter

Wednesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity – performance to parents 9:30am

Please book your tickets online – more details on the Newsletter

Friday 13th December – Image Musical Theatre 'Robin Hood' (All Year groups)

A huge thank you to the FWPS for funding this – FWPS committee members welcome to attend

Friday 13th 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.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform (No donations)

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December – Class Christmas Parties

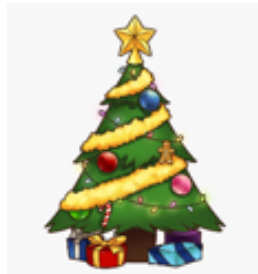
Your child's class teachers will give out more information

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

Friday 20th December 2pm – Carol Service & Last day of term

After the service you are welcome to come to the hall for tea, or coffee and a mince pie

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



Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

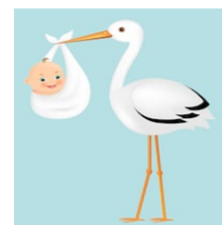
Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Poppies

Thank you to all who donated to the Poppy Appeal, a total of £51.14 was raised at school.



Congratulations to Krystal and Kacey-Leigh who are new big sisters! Welcome to the world and the West Pennard family Baby Kylo!



School Nativity – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December

The nativity will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am. Please book your seat via the link below from **Friday 22nd November at 7pm** and will close on Monday 9th December at 10pm. Please note 3 places per family which can be split over both days.

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

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

Tuesday 26 th November	Bag2School collection WP Girls' Football Match v Ashcott at Strode WP United Football Match v Baltonsborough at Strode
Wednesday 27 th November	Sports for Champions Visit to school
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	Futsal Competition selected Yr 5 & 6 children – Taunton* WP United Football Match v Butleigh at Strode
Friday 6 th December	Years 5 & 6 to Strode Theatre for 'Grease' (performed by Wells Cathedral School students) - collection from school 4.30/4.45pm FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm-8pm
Monday 9 th December	Somerset Schools' Music Concert at Wells Cathedral School (Rehearsal 12pm, Evening Concert arrive 6.30pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (2pm) WP United Football Match v Meare at Strode
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (9.30am)
Friday 13 th December	All Year groups Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-6) Year 3 Victorian Workshop Image Musical Theatre 'Robin Hood' PM 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

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale