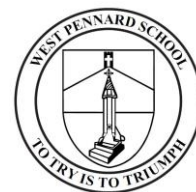




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 9th December 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas certainly is a special time of year in school. Our Key Stage 1 nativity 'Baubles' is starting to take shape. I was lucky enough to have a sneak preview yesterday and I am looking forward to seeing the finished production. The Christmas post box is up by Fox Class entrance as is the Christmas tree.

We have our Christmas Fair tonight, which I am sure will be a huge success and is always one of our biggest fundraisers. I must say a special thank you to all parents who have supported with this. Our FWPS is run by a small but committed selection of parents and without the funds that they raise our school would look and be a very different place – these are just a few of the things funded by our FWPS: Interactive screens for each class; a selection of reading books; Chrome Books; maths resources and enrichment tutors (music and Forest School). Please come along tonight and support the school. Parking is limited around the school, so please park at the village hall and walk up – I would advise bringing a torch as there is limited lighting.

Looking forward to next week, our FWPS have funded for the children to be treated with a theatre production of Robin Hood. We also have the Christmas Disco to look forward to with DJ Bernie – this is not to be missed!

Menu Week 3

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.



Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year R: **Lily H & Percy**
- Year 1: **Franklin & Sophia**
- Year 2: **Jemima & Mika**
- Year 3: **Joshua & Kailyn**
- Year 4: **Kai & Kobe**
- Year 5: **Zara & Archie**
- Year 6: **Fife & Orlando**

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.

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	93.2%
Dormouse:	96.9%
Mole:	90.0%
Hare:	95.5%
Squirrel:	94.4%
Otter:	95.5%
Hedgehog:	99.0%

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

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Clubs Forms

This week you will all have received the clubs information for the Spring Term. Please complete and return (with payments if necessary) **by Wednesday 11th December**. Places will be confirmed on Wednesday 18th December. The After School Club booking form was also attached so please return this too if required.

Blue Peter Music Badge – a message from Somerset Music

Your child can now get their hands on the incredible looking **Blue Peter music badge**, designed by the one and only music-sensation Ed Sheeran.

A number of children will be involved in different musical activities, many being delivered by Somerset Music. Due to their musical involvement there is an opportunity for the children to earn a new Blue Peter music badge.

How can you earn a Music Badge?

To earn the badge, fans will need to tell Blue Peter how they enjoy making music. You could...

- Try a new musical instrument.
- Be part of a musical performance.
- Tell Blue Peter about your favourite instrument, and why you love playing it.
- Ask a relative or teacher about their musical memories, favourite songs, and how music inspired them.
- And tell Blue Peter your top three songs, and why you love them.

Further information is available at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge>

Applications have to be made by individual children and not via Somerset Music or the school.

FWPS School Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 13th December. 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

Peer Mentors

The peer mentors had a great morning at Glastonbury town hall last Thursday, completing some training with children from other primary schools in the area. The sessions were run by secondary pupils from Crispin and St Dunstan's, with the Peer Mentors taking part in workshops all about teamwork, conflict resolution and a variety of other things.

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Our Advent Prayer Space
gave us the opportunity
to pause and spend time
reflecting on the season.
There were 7 activities
which were enjoyed by
the whole school.



Thankfulness play-doh
We spent some time using the
play-doh to make things we
are grateful for.

The Empty Chair
We wrote on the name of someone
we won't be able to spend
Christmas with this year on a tag.
Then we ate a marshmallow heart
while we thought about that person.



The gifts
We opened the gifts to
remind ourselves that our
lives are gifts and we
have much for which to
be thankful.



Pompom People
We made pompom people
with messages for love and
encouragement to help
people to feel valued.



Angels
Angels come with messages not to
be afraid. We wondered what we
were fearful of and popped some
bubble wrap. Some of us chose to
talk to God about our fears.

The star
God sent a star to guide the wise men to
Jesus. We thought about where we would
like guidance and wrote it down on a star.



Christmas Cards for Baby Jesus
We wrote Christmas cards to Jesus
and put them in the manger.



SEND Update - Support in the local area

SEND Space - There's a new drop-in group for parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. SEND Space takes place from 11th December and will run on a monthly basis at the **Wellington Youth Centre**. It's for all parents/carers of SEND children diagnosed or undiagnosed – all will be welcomed (including children), and it will be a safe and informal space to share experiences, strategies, knowledge, resources and an opportunity to be in an understanding environment. The group is being run alongside the pre-school session at the centre. It runs from 1pm-2.30pm and there are activities for children and refreshments for all.

The cost £2 per adult to cover operational costs.

Recycling!

Otter Class had great fun last Friday afternoon, sorting all of the crisp packets we as a school have collected over the last half term. Each packet had to be emptied and flattened ready to be sent off to be recycled. Recycling crisp packets raises money for the school as well as helping the environment, win win! Miss Morris



Mistletoe!

Anna Creed will be selling mistletoe for £2 a bunch after school on Tuesday 10th December. All proceeds will go to the school.

Robert Mitchell from Sports for Champions UK

Last week we were very fortunate to have a visit from Robert Mitchell, a professional high jump athlete through the Sports for Champions UK organisation. Robert spent time with each class doing fitness circuit activities which included star jumps, planks and spotty dogs among other testing activities. During the assembly Robert told us all about his career – from starting out at his school's sports days to travelling all around the world to different countries competing for his country.

From the sponsorship forms sent out we had an amazing return – Robert said he had never had his photo taken with so many children at one event or had to bring so many signed photo-cards and posters. Our school benefited from a large percentage of the funds you all raised **which totalled a fantastic £715.50**. Well done everyone.



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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 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

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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

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



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

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

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