West Pennard Church of England Primary School



Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 20th January 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by ... with classes progressing well with their learning. I have been particularly impressed with Squirrel Class over the last two weeks as they have adapted to having Mrs McKaig. Chatting to some of the children at lunch times they have enjoyed their English work – writing instructions for stopping seasickness! A huge thank you to Mrs McKaig for stepping into Mr Bisgrove's shoes – we always enjoy having you back as part of the team.

As we seem to be experiencing particularly dull, dreary and cold weather, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing – including a coat.

Please can I also remind parents that the school day starts at 8:50am – children who arrive after this time are missing out on their learning.

Thank you for your support

Best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

Dear children let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3v18

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox: 97.7%
Dormouse: 99.3%
Mole: 93.4%
Hare: 95.8%
Squirrel: 95.9%
Otter: 100%
Hedgehog: 99.7%

Congratulations to **Otter 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: Rowan & Jack

Year 1: Isabelle E & Isabelle L

• Year 2: Nyree & Bella

Year 3: Olivia & Mack

Year 4: Adam & Matthew

• Year 5: Kizzy & Saffron

Year 6: Ollie & Abel

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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Year 6 SATS Information Evening

Miss Hale and Mr Venning will be holding an information evening for parents of children in Year 6.

Date: Monday 10th February 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Year 6 classroom

This is not suitable for children to attend.

Birthday Cakes & Treats

We have many children at school with allergies so please do not bring cakes and sweets into school for your child's birthday. We also like to promote healthy eating so please save these treats for celebrations at home or parties. Thank you.

Empties Please Congratulations to ...



For raising <u>£7.50</u> and <u>8</u> green points From their printer cartridge collecting 'to date'

The Empties Please Team

Nina Cruxton-Recycling Co-ordinator

Date 15th January 2020

Safeguarding:

Parental controls on new devices

It is possible that some families will have had iPads, mobile phones or computers over the Christmas holidays. Please remember to talk to your children about what they are doing online. Remind them about your family's rules and boundaries for online activities and encourage the devices to be used in an open room. Advice and support is available online at https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Stand up to Cancer Bake Sale

From Maggie and Gabrielle

'As you may know, we did a Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas Jumper Day for 'Stand up to Cancer'. They are a charity who use the money they get to buy ingredients for medicine. We wanted to do that Charity because we both know someone who has had it. Thank you to everyone.'

Very well done to Maggie and Gabrielle, together we raised a magnificent total of £264! Thank you!



Pilton Bus - New Procedure

Thank you to the Pilton parents for their support with the new bus procedure. It is certainly much safer for the bus to have left the school lane in advance of the majority of children leaving school at the end of the day.

This has highlighted the fact that the county times are inaccurate and allocate too much time between stops. We will be talking to the transport department next week to ask them to update the timings.

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Monday 20 th January	IEP Surgery
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 5 'Saxon Somerset' Day, Taunton
Tuesday 28 th January	Cross-Country – TBC
Wednesday 5 th February	Year R & 6 – Heights and Weights
	Year 3 and 4 production (2pm and 6:30pm)
Monday 10th February	SATs information evening for Year 6 parents – 5.30pm in Year 6
	classroom*
	FWPS May Fayre Planning Meeting – 6.30pm in Library
Friday 14th February	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half term week
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd March	Bikeability (Year 6)
Tuesday 3 rd March	Cross-Country – Downside School
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place, Bristol
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
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
Wednesday 1st 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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