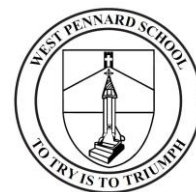




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 9th September 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a lovely buzz of 'newness' at West Pennard this week. The start of a new academic year is always a special time to be in school. We welcomed our new reception children into Fox Class and they are already developing confidence and independence. Both Mrs Free and Mrs Fowler have worked full-time this week to ensure a really smooth transition, which means they have had the mornings to get to know the children and the afternoons to discuss provision and planning. We have also welcomed several children into a range of year groups and they are all settling well into life at West Pennard. We hope that you will all be really happy as you start your journeys with us.

We had 'Enrichment' day for children in Years 1-6 yesterday and our new PE coach Mr Cave commented on how polite our children are here. It is always really pleasing to get feedback like this from an outside company as they have the opportunity to work in a range of schools and we obviously stood out for all the right reasons! A special well done to Hedgehog Class who were described by two enrichment tutors as being 'impressive' – both in terms of attitude for learning and behaviour. Well done Year 6 – you are proving to be really good role models ☺

Alongside this newsletter, we have attached the Traffic Code of Conduct – please do not drive up Church Lane unless absolutely necessary as it is no-through road and turning at the top is tricky. If you can park at the Village Hall then this is preferable.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that's why we call it the present.

Reminder

All extra-curricular clubs start back next week – week beginning 9th September.

'Meet the Teacher' Sessions

These 'meet the teacher' sessions will give parents an opportunity to gain information about what to expect from a new year group - including class expectations and homework etc. It will also give parents an opportunity to discuss anything that they may be feeling anxious about and ask any question to enable each child to have the most successful year possible.

Yr 1 – Monday 9th September at 6pm
Yr 2 – Tuesday 10th September at 2.45pm
Yr 3 – Wednesday 11th September at 2.45pm
Yr 4 – Monday 16th September at 2.45pm
Yr 5 – Monday 9th September at 2.45pm
Yr 6 – Already completed

FWPS AGM

The 'Friends of West Pennard School' (FWPS) is our parent committee. Through their regular events, money is raised and goes towards providing enriched opportunities for all of the children in school.

Please join us and other parents for our **annual general meeting in the school Library on Monday 30th September at 6:30pm**

All welcome – this is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in making a positive contribution to our school.

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Flu Vaccinations – Friday 13th December

We are sending home today a letter regarding the flu vaccinations. This applies to **all children** at school. Please read and complete the consent form and return to the school office by Friday 20th September. **Please note you must complete and return the form whether you give your consent or not. Thank you.**

Shoes

Please can you ensure that your children come to school with the correct footwear - we ask that children wear sensible black school shoes or ankle boots. Trainers are not permitted unless they are completely black. If children do not have the correct footwear then we will ask them to change into plain black daps. Thank you for your support with this.

Music Tuition for 2019/2020

We have peripatetic tutors coming into school every week to teach Yrs 3-6 various musical instruments: At present we have keyboard, guitar, drums, flute, and violin. If your child is interested please email the school office who can forward your contact details onto tutors so they can liaise directly with you.

After-school club assistant

Required for an October 2019 start or as soon thereafter

We have a permanent vacancy for someone reliable to join our team.

2.75 hours per week 15:15 – 18:00 (day to be decided) with the additional possibility for more hours on a supply basis. Term time only

Grade 16 point 2 £9.18 per hour

As an After School Club Assistant you will be responsible for delivering a programme of activities within an after school club setting. You will also be responsible for the wellbeing of the children in your care.

Key Responsibilities

- Plan and deliver engaging and fun activities at After School Club (3:15pm-6pm)
- Provide a safe and secure environment for children at all times.
- Manage and maintain club ratios and registers of all children attending the after school club.
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Do you have what we are looking for?

- Be inspirational, bringing fun and creativeness to the team.
- Have a fun and energetic nature.
- Be reliable and passionate over everything else.
- Be able to relate and engage with children aged between 4 - 11 years.
- Be a people person with fantastic communication skills.
- Have the ability to motivate others to deliver to the highest standard.
- Have an enhanced DBS check.

West Pennard School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and has a culture of vigilance to support this. Any offer of employment will be subject to a disclosure check with the Disclosure and Barring Service and all relevant pre-employment checks.

To apply or express your interest in this position please call West Pennard Primary School 01458 832866, email westpennardprimary@gmail.com or pop into the school office.

Deadline for applications: Monday 16th September 2019

Interview date: Wednesday 25th September 2019

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Key Dates Autumn Term 2019

Week Beginning Monday 9 th September	Meet the teacher afternoons/evenings
Wednesday 11 th September	Values day - Friendship
Friday 13 th September	Homework meeting (all parents welcome) 2:45pm in the library
Monday 16 th Sep – Fri 20 th Sep	Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay
Wednesday 25 th September	IEP surgery
Monday 30 th September	FWPS AGM – 6.30pm Library
Friday 4th October	Harvest Service in school hall 9.15am
Tuesday 8 th October	Individual school photos
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 6 to Bristol Hippodrome (Lion King)
Monday 14 th October	Open Morning
Tuesday 15 th October	NSPCC Assemblies 9:30 – 9:55 (KS1 not Reception) 10:00 -10:30 (KS2)
Wednesday 16 th Oct – Friday 18 th Oct	Year 5 to Residential (Kilve)
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 21 st October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature (Maz Evans)
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 6 th November	Values Day - Thankfulness
Thursday 7 th November	Year 2 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature @ St John's Infants pm (Tracy Corduroy)
Friday 8 th November	Year 6 to Imperial War Museum London
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 26 th November	Bags to School
Thursday 28 th and Friday 29 th November	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)
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
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 18 th and 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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Key Dates: Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 th January	Term starts
Wednesday 8 th January	Values Day – Truthfulness
Monday 20 th January	IEP surgery
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 3 and 4 production (2pm and evening 6:30pm)
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day – TW to lead assembly
Friday 14 th February	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 26 th February	Values Day - Forgiveness
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd March	Bikeability (Year 6)
Thursday 26 th - Friday 27 th March	Easter Prayer Space
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service in Church (Year 5 to Lead) Last Day of term

Key Dates Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 th April	First day of the summer term
Wednesday 22 nd April	Tempest Class photos
Wednesday 29 th April	Values Day - Respect
May 2020	KS1 SATS testing period
Monday 4 th May	IEP surgery
Wednesday 6 th May	VE Day celebrations
Friday 8th May	May Bank Holiday to mark 75th anniversary of VE Day
Monday 11 th May	SATS week
Friday 22 nd May	Year 1 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 3 rd June	Values Day - Compassion
Monday 8 th June	Phonics screening week
Monday 8 th June	Times Table Check (Year 4)
Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th June	Bikeability (Year 6)
Monday 22 nd June Reserve date Friday 10 th July	Sports Day
Friday 26th and Monday 29th June	INSET Days
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day CLP Year 6 Date TBC West Pennard – Move up Morning
Thursday 2 nd - Friday 3 rd July	Moving on Prayer Space
Friday 3 rd July	Year 2 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 10 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 5 / 6 Performance @ St Dunstan's afternoon and evening
Wednesday 15 th July	Leavers' Service at the Church 2pm
Friday 17 th July	School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race
Friday 17 th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 20th July	INSET Day

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