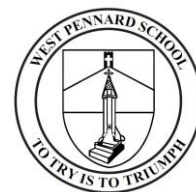




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 24th February 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I reflect on all the rich and exciting learning opportunities that the children have enjoyed over the last 6 weeks. We certainly have had a very busy half term, with various trips out of school, visitors in, enriching activities and interesting and engaging lessons. The next half term looks just as action packed! Please take the opportunity to have a restful half term break and recharge your batteries. I urge you to perhaps consider having a go at our digital detox challenge (see details below). When I ran such a day a few years ago, many that took part found it really beneficial and wholly worthwhile.

As the half term concludes, we say a sad farewell to Miss Flora Tucker, who has been on work experience as part of her college course in Fox Class this year. She has been an amazing help within the class and will be sorely missed by staff and children alike. We wish her well with her continued studies and in her future career. On a happy note, after half term we will welcome Mrs Gemma Harmon to our staff team. Mrs Harmon will be working as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Key Stage 2. I'm sure you will all make her feel suitably welcome and part of the West Pennard family.

Have a great half term. See you back in school on Monday 24th February.

Mr T. Wheat

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me...I'm too busy loving the people who love me. Charlie Brown

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	89.4%
Dormouse:	97.9%
Mole:	94.7%
Hare:	95.8%
Squirrel:	98.8%
Otter:	98.6%
Hedgehog:	96.2%

Congratulations to **Squirrel 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: **Avalon & Maya**
- Year 1: **Henry & Isla**
- Year 2: **Aubin & Kacey-Leigh**
- Year 3: **Joshua & Sofia**
- Year 4: **Rudy & Aldo**
- Year 5: **Toby**

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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DIGITAL DETOX

at West Pennard

Following our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, which focused on online identities, we would like to encourage a school community-wide digital detox, whereby all unnecessary technology is turned off (or not checked) for an entire day. If you wish to participate, please choose a day over the half term holiday to refrain from all things digital.

Although not compulsory, could I please encourage you to try it, as it should prove a very liberating experience.



It was a delight to hear Hedgehog Class speak so passionately about caring for our planet as they led Collective Worship on the theme of 'Truthfulness – being true to yourself.' Among the many thought provoking contributions were these...

*The world is dying
But no one is crying
So we will keep trying to get you to see
That fumes are flying
And flames are rising
And that is because of just you and me.*

*So please just turn off a light
And you could help the world turn right
You don't need: strength, money or power
To help our world, just turn off the shower.*

*So listen to your kids
Because their minds are whirring
With ideas and solutions
To stop our world burning*

*So please save the world
By sharing this story so we can be heard
And remember be truthful to the whole wide world.
Thank you*

Kydon and Fife

Dear Father

*Let our value of truthfulness inspire us to
protect our planet and motivate us to do
more in ensuring we care for each other.
Father God give us the thought and
consideration to be more honest with
ourselves in order to do the right thing.*

Amen

Well done Hedgehog Class!

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Baby Announcement!

We are thrilled to announce that Mr and Mrs Pinsent are now proud parents of Evelyn (Evie) Charlotte Pinsent. We are all delighted for them!



Year 6 Bikeability

We need some volunteers to help with the Year 6 Bikeability on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March. If you are DBS cleared and have your own bike please let the office know if you would be available to help. Thank you.

Congratulations to
NANCY
who is a new big sister!
Welcome to the world
and the
West Pennard family
baby Polly Robin.



Clubs

Reminder all extra-curricular clubs continue straight after half term (week beginning 24th February).

Key Dates Spring Term 2020 (please note any new dates/changes will be marked with an *)

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half term week
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd March	Bikeability (12x Year 6 children)
Tuesday 3 rd March	Cross-Country – Downside School
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place, Bristol
Friday 6 th – Wednesday 11 th March	Book Fair
Monday 9 th March	Dress up day for World Book day – come as a character from a book!
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
Tuesday 31 st March	Year 4 trip to American Museum Year 3 trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre*
Wednesday 1 st 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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