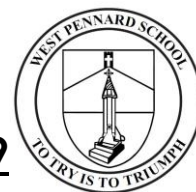




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning **23rd September 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun shone brightly, as did many of our Year 6s this week, as they enjoyed their residential at Osmington Bay, near Weymouth. The children have experienced abseiling, kayaking, archery, fencing, problem solving and THE GIANT SWING – even Miss Harding had a go! The children have had a whale of a time, by all accounts. We look forward to hearing all about it as they return this afternoon. Year 5 will be next to go on a residential, visiting Kilve from 16th – 18th October and having a go at activities such as climbing, grass sledging, den building and environmental art. We very much look forward to this experience and seeing the Year 5 children shine.

In school this week, the classes have also been in 'full swing', with lots of really good learning going on in each class and in all areas of the curriculum. **Fox Class** have been using blackberries to make their own paint... and discovered they don't make black paint! **Dormouse Class** have been designing new chairs for Charlie Cook, linked to their work on 'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book'. **Mole Class** have continued their learning based on moles, completing 'part, part mole' models in Maths and even moving on to 'party, party moles!'. **Hare Class** have been working on using an accurate eye when drawing Harris whilst also providing each other with positive feedback and support to help them improve their drawings over time. **Squirrel Class** have been preparing letters to Mendip District Council opposing the new Glastonbury bypass in an attempt to protect the habitats of their class animal. **Otter Class** have launched into their work on Space, learning how to brush their teeth in space with the help of astronaut Chris Hadfield, author of their class text 'The Darkest Dark'.

With my very best wishes
Tony Wheat

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

A sweet friendship refreshes
our soul – Proverbs 27 v9

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

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| Fox: | 98.7% |
| Dormouse: | 97.7% |
| Mole: | 95.9% |
| Hare: | 99.4% |
| Squirrel: | 97.6% |
| Otter: | 99.6% |
| Hedgehog: | 97.9% |

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 1: **Jacob & Sol**
- Year 2: **Antoine & Jacob D**
- Year 3: **Hugo & Harriet**
- Year 4: **Krystal & Fred**
- Year 5: **Harry & Vienna**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

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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Drop off and pick up

Recently, we have noticed a few of the younger children in the school having difficulty settling when dropped off first thing in the morning. Accompanying your child into class or the playground and having a 'prolonged goodbye' doesn't always help the situation, even though, as parents, we naturally endeavour to ease our child's upset by staying and comforting them. Can we remind you that it is only the very youngest children in Reception Class that need escorting to the classroom. Bus children are escorted safely off the bus and walk themselves into the playground or classes to drop off bags. Children in Year 1 or 2 that do not arrive by bus should be dropped off at the gate and should then make their own way in to drop off bags and coats. By fostering independence in our children we in turn create an 'I can' attitude, which will undoubtedly be positive for school life and life in general.

Can we also remind you that the school day ends at 3:15pm. Due to the busy nature of Church Lane, we have a member of staff on duty in the gate playground until 3:25pm. At this time, teachers often have to get to meetings or prepare work for the following day. If children are not collected by 3:25pm then they will be taken to our after school club provision and a charge will incur.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Visit from St John's Ambulance

Thank you to St John's Ambulance who came to take first aid workshops with some of the children in year 6, 4, 2 and 1. The modules covered included what to do in an emergency situation; carrying out a primary survey, bleeding and bandaging, choking and making 999 calls. Mrs Wade will be continuing to hold first aid lessons with the children. Years three and five will take part in the workshop from St John's Ambulance in the Spring term.



Twitter Challenge for Harvest

This year we are marking each of the Christian festivals with a Twitter Challenge. So, can you sum up what Harvest Thanksgiving means to you in no more than 280 characters, including spaces? The winners will be tweeted and also be found on our website for the world to view! This is open to our children and their parents. Time to get your creative juices flowing! Come on, celebrate with us the wonder of Harvest. Closing date is Wednesday 2nd October at 3.15pm so that we have time to select the winners in time for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 4th October. More information, if needed from Mrs Robinson.



The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question has been **What are the 3 most important qualities to have in a friend?**

It has clearly been tricky to confine ourselves to just three words. Answers this week have included

'Caring, sharing, honest'
'Helpful, kind, forgiving'
'Trust, respect, happiness'
'Kind, loving, honest'

The qualities most often mentioned were **honesty, respect** and **kindness**.

I wonder how you would have answered this question. If you do have any responses to this (and other Big Questions in subsequent weeks) please send them into school, we would love to share the debate with you!

Forthcoming Harvest Services

St Nicholas' Church, West Pennard

- Sunday 22nd September at 11am
- (Harvest Gifts very welcome)

St John The Baptist's Parish Church, Pilton

- Sunday 6th October at 11am

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Growing Christian Value Days – Friendship



We had a great day as a school exploring our Christian value of friendship. We discussed giving compliments, made biscuits to give to our friends, thought about the qualities we want in a friend as well as thinking about how we could be a good friend ourselves.



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Parking

Following our important notice regarding parking in last week's Newsletter, some parents are still parking on New Town Lane between the Village Hall and the bottom of Church Lane. This makes it very dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians and very difficult for other vehicles, particularly the coaches trying to get past them and turn in or out of Church Lane. Please, please do not park in this area.

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

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| Wednesday 25 th September | IEP surgery |
| Monday 30 th September | FWPS AGM – 6.30pm Library |
| Tuesday 1st October | Cross Country – Millfield Prep School* |
| 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 9.30am-11.30am * |
| Tuesday 15 th October | NSPCC Assemblies 9:30 – 9:55 (KS1 not Reception) 10:00 -10:30 (KS2) |
| Wednesday 16th October | Year 6 to Rural Life Museum* |
| 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 |
| Monday 21st October | Year 3 to Sevington Victorian School (leaving school at 8.30am)* |
| Tuesday 22nd October | NSPCC Assemblies* 9:30-10:30 (Yr 5) 10:45-11:45 (Yr 6) |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 5th November | Cross Country – Collet Park, Shepton Mallet* |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 13th November | Year R Vision Screening* |
| Wednesday 20th November | Year 2 to SS Great Britain* Year 4 to Museum of Somerset* |
| Friday 22 nd November | Year 5 Squash and Biscuits |
| Tuesday 26 th November | Bags to School |
| Thursday 28 th & Friday 29 th November | Prayer Space - ADVENT |
| Monday 9th December | Somerset School's Music Concert at Wells Cathedral* |
| 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 & Thursday 19 th December | Class Christmas Parties |
| Friday 20th December | Carol Service @2pm (Year 4 to lead) Break up for Christmas Holidays |

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