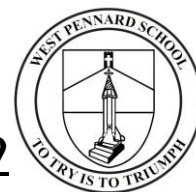




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 30th September 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed the staff from another Somerset Primary School to support them with their upcoming SIAMS inspection. It felt really supportive for Mrs Robinson and I to offer assistance in this way – showing them initiatives we have implemented in terms of RE and Collective Worship and explaining the impact that they have had.

Today, in Celebration Assembly it was super to announce the Year 6 responsibilities. Every member of Year 6 has been given a responsibility so that they have an area to be in charge of. All the responsibilities are important and the children were rightly proud of the badges they received. I am particularly excited to work with our new Head Boy and Head Girl on some of the ideas that they have for making our school even better. We will publish the names of the children and their responsibilities in the next newsletter.

On Wednesday we appointed an additional after school club assistant. Well done to Ryan Webster who will be joining the team. Ryan is keen to provide some sports based activities for the children as that is an area of expertise.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

Many people will walk in and out of your life but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
Eleanor Roosevelt

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	99.7%
Dormouse:	98.3%
Mole:	94.4%
Hare:	96.5%
Squirrel:	96.5%
Otter:	92.9%
Hedgehog:	97.1%

Congratulations to **Fox 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: **Thomas-Alfie & Pixie-Fae**
- Year 2: **Freddie & Luana**
- Year 3: **Orlagh & Megan**
- Year 4: **Jake & Loralie**
- Year 5: **Amelia & Ashleigh**
- Year 6: **Ella & Ari**

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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Harvest Service



On Friday 4th October at 9.15am we are celebrating our Harvest as a school. We usually share this special occasion in church, however due to ongoing maintenance work we are unable to and so on this occasion Harvest will be in the School Hall. It will be led by Hedgehog Class, our Year 6 children. Due to the limitations of space in the Hall we are sadly only able to invite parents of Year 6 children to share this service with us. This year we are asking children to bring in food for 'Connect' a charity in Wells that supports the homeless. We asked the children themselves to propose a charity for Harvest. Connect was suggested by Macy in Year 5. You can see her work promoting this charity attached to the Newsletter. It is well worth a read. Thank you and well done Macy! All donations of dry food (e.g. rice, pasta etc) as well as tinned and 'long life' food will be gratefully received in class on Friday morning. Thank you very much!

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 on 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 R.

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The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question has been

'A friend lets you do as you want.' Do you agree? Why/why not?

This turned out to be a very BIG question indeed, provoking much discussion and brain-ache! Some thoughtful responses included

'No, because they care about you and if it wasn't safe they wouldn't let you do it.'

'Yes, because a friend doesn't control you, but you should still be there for them when they need you.'

'No, because it could be unsafe and friends protect each other no matter what.'

'No, because it might not always be the right thing to do.'

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!

Nut Allergies

We have some children with nut allergies so please ensure there are no nut products in your child's lunchbox or snack. Some chocolate spreads contain nuts so please check ingredients. Thank you.

Forthcoming Harvest Service

St John the Baptist's Parish
Church, Pilton
Sunday 6th October
11am.

Reception Class

On Wednesday I had the privilege of visiting Fox Class with our school Koinonia bowl. Each child chose a pebble to put into our Koinonia bowl to signify their belonging to our school family. It was lovely to spend such a special time with them.



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

Monday 30 th September	FWPS AGM – 6.30pm Library
Tuesday 1 st October	Cross Country – Millfield Prep School*
Thursday 3 rd October	Girls football tournament at Strode – 1-4pm
Friday 4 th 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 16 th 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 21 st October	Year 3 to Sevington Victorian School (leaving school at 8.30am)*
Tuesday 22 nd 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 5 th 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 13 th November	Year R Vision Screening*
Wednesday 20 th 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 9 th 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 20 th December	Carol Service @2pm (Year 4 to lead) Break up for Christmas Holidays

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