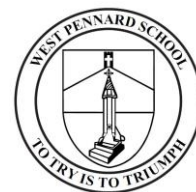




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 7th October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week started with a visit from one of our external partners who was impressed by the progress that we are making as a school. We visited classrooms and spoke to the greeters in each class and also our Head Boy (Oliver R) and our Head Girl (Alexandra). The children were able to explain their learning clearly (and with enthusiasm) and also talk about what they found tricky. Well done to all of our greeters ☺

Thank you to Mrs Robinson and our Year 6 children for organising and leading our Harvest Service in the school hall so beautifully this morning. We really do have a lot to be thankful for.

There is certainly a change in the weather this week. With this in mind, please can you ensure that children come to school with a suitable coat.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 3

Quote of the week

Friends are the sunshine of life
– John Hay

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!

Parents' Evening

We are looking ahead to our forthcoming parents' evenings, which will be held on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October. Booking will be through our online parents' evening appointment booking system. The booking website is self-explanatory, although we would advise that you select the on screen 'manual' option for bookings once logged in. The system uses the contact details of each pupil's priority 1 parent/carer. Bookings are on a first come first served basis so please be aware that this **system will be open from 7pm on Tuesday 15th October** and will close at midnight on Sunday 20th October.

<https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>

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Cyder Barn Visit

Children from Year 6 had their visit to the Cyder Barn this week. They played Snakes and Ladders and Frustration with some of the residents. We have been visiting the Cyder Barn, our local care home, for over a year and we will be extending the opportunity over this year so that a greater number of children can go on a rota basis. Many thanks to the staff and residents at the Cyder Barn for making us so welcome.

Mr Wheat



Reading challenge

Mrs Pinsent was so proud to give out over thirty certificates for this year's reading challenge. What superstars!



Osmington Bay Assembly

Parents of Year 6 children are warmly welcomed to attend our Osmington Bay assembly on Friday 11th October @ 2:45pm.

You will be able to view your child's work about Hedgehogs after the assembly which will include a non-chronological report and a tote bag.

We hope you can make it.

FWPS School Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 13th December. More details to follow nearer the time.

FWPS Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December

Our first Christmas Fair planning meeting will take place on Monday 21st October at 6:30pm in the school library. Please do come along - it's one of the biggest events of our year and we're always happy to hear new ideas. It would be great to see some new faces.

This is open to ALL parents and friends of the school (no need to be on the committee, be a class rep etc - everyone is welcome!) and we do need volunteers who can offer any help at all in the run up and on the night itself. Come along - no commitment, and as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work."

We look forward to seeing you!

School Photographs – Tuesday 8th October

Bring your best smile and your smartest uniform!

During the school day, all pupils will have an individual photograph taken and all siblings will have a photograph taken together. There is however no pressure to buy these photographs from Tempest.

If you would like a **family** photograph taken (ie: with pre-school siblings and/or mum and dad) please arrive between 8.15am-8.45am. 'Early bird' arrivals from 8.15am please buzz the 'wrap around care' button and you'll be guided to the photographer.

Girls' Football Match

Well done to the girls' football team who took part in their first tournament yesterday. We are very proud of all of them.



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Today we had our Harvest Thanksgiving. Our theme was seeds. We want to sow seeds of love in our lives, celebrating that God has been so generous to us. We have given to every member of our school community, as well as the village, a few dwarf sunflower seeds. We hope everyone will enjoy planting these seeds and watching them grow. Maybe you could take photos of them to share in school?

Many thanks to all our 'delivery angels' and their families who will be kindly distributing the seeds locally.

Harvest

A huge thank you to Macy in Year 5 for her idea of giving to 'Connect' a charity in Wells that provides warming meals for our homeless community. We were all bowled over by the generosity of our families.

Thank you



Wanted!

If you have any old wellies you no longer need (sizes 1-4) please can you bring to the office?

Also, the children love 'A Diary of a Wimpy Kid' so any donations of these books would be gratefully received for Accelerated Reader.

Thank you!

Cake Sale!

On Thursday 10th October, Hare Class will be holding a hare and rabbit themed bake sale after school to raise funds for Ashlyn, our sponsor child in the Philippines. Please bring in your pennies that day and stop by the link from 3:10pm to purchase your tasty treats!

The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question has been

How would you finish this sentence, 'Harvest is important because...'?

Some of the thoughtful answers this week have included

'...because it makes us grateful for what we have.'

'Harvest is important because we thank God for all He has done.'

'...because it reminds me of all of His hard work in making the world.'

'...because I like helping people who aren't as fortunate as us.'

'...because it shows how grateful we should be for the amazing ripe apples and juicy pears that grow on trees and to help the needy.'

'To show we are thankful for the food God gave us and not to waste it.'

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!

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Yr 5 and Yr 6 Forest School

As the weather is getting more unpredictable could all children please have wellies/walking boots and waterproof trousers (or at least a change of clothes you don't mind getting wet/dirty) with them every Thursday. Thank you

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

Tuesday 8 th October	Individual school photos
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 6 to Bristol Hippodrome (Lion King)
Thursday 10 th October	Cake Sale for Ashlyn - 3.10pm*
Friday 11 th October	Osmington Bay Assembly – 2.45pm*
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) WP Rovers Football Match v Walton at Strode*
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 6 to Rural Life Museum
Wednesday 16 th Oct – Friday 18 th Oct	Year 5 to Residential (Kilve)
Thursday 17 th October	WP Girls Football Match v St Bens at Strode* WP United Football Match v Wookey at Strode*
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 21 st October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting – 6.30pm in library*
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) WP United Football Match v Ashcott at Strode*
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature (Maz Evans)
Friday 25 th October	FWPS Family Quiz Night*
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Tuesday 5 th November	Cross Country – Collett 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 Corderoy) WP Rovers Football Match v St Bens at Strode* WP United Football Match v Wookey at Strode*
Friday 8 th November	Year 6 to Imperial War Museum London
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting – 6.30pm in the library*
Wednesday 13 th November	Year R Vision Screening
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 to SS Great Britain Year 4 to Museum of Somerset
Thursday 21 st November	WP Girls Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode* WP Rovers Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode*
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 26 th November	Bags to School WP Girls Football Match v Ashcott at Strode* WP United Football Match v Baltonsborough at Strode*
Thursday 28 th & Friday 29 th November	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 3 rd December	WP Rovers Football Match v Brookside at Strode*
Thursday 5 th December	WP United Football Match v Butleigh at Strode*

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Friday 6 th December	FWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th December	Somerset School's Music Concert at Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm) WP United Football Match v Meare at Strode*
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) FWPS School Disco*
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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