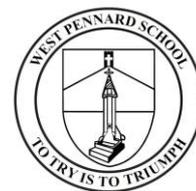




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 21st October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have had the pleasure of visiting classes to monitor the teaching and learning in English. Writing is one of our school priorities and it has been good to see children engaged and focused in their writing lessons. Fox class were particularly 'enthused' and 'excited' to find clues in their classroom. A chest containing keys, a lamp and a compass was found inside. Whilst outside was a pirate flag. They soon set about writing posters to try and find the owner of the missing items ... could a pirate have visited the classroom over night?

We have also had lots of sporting events this week – thank you to Mr Bisgrove for accompanying the children and to parents for helping with the travel and supporting – it's been a busy week of sport.

I would also like to remind you that school starts at 8:50am, children arriving after this time on a regular basis do miss out with their learning. In many classes this is the time when misconceptions from the previous day are taught. We appreciate that there may be occasions when lateness is unavoidable but many of our children arriving late are regularly late.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our Year 5s back from Kilve – I have really enjoyed keeping up with the updates on Twitter. It looks like they have had a super time. Thank you to Mr Wheat, Miss Morris and Mrs Chapelle for accompanying the children.

With best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

A friend loves at all times –
Proverbs 17 v17a

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	95.5%
Dormouse:	98.3%
Mole:	96.6%
Hare:	99.4%
Squirrel:	91.5%
Otter:	93.9%
Hedgehog:	97.5%

Congratulations to **Hare Class** for having the highest attendance for the second week running!



Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year 1: **Rudy R. & Aubrey**
- Year 2: **Arthur & Noah**
- Year 3: **Zachary & Reu**
- Year 4: **Sebastian & Brooke**
- Year 6: **Olivia C. & Jack**

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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Peer Mentors

This year's Peer Mentors are in full swing and relishing their new responsibility. Each lunchtime they are working in pairs to help support the younger children in the playground, setting up games and activities to help everyone play together.



Mollie the Dog

Mollie is back in school after the summer break. She has been reading with Year 6 and enjoying Miss Hale's comfortable office, particularly when it is in the sun.



Rural Life Museum - Echoes of War

Year 6 had a fantastic day at the Rural Life Museum on Wednesday. We took part in a workshop called Echoes of War which focused on what life was like in WW1 in Somerset. Children had opportunities to learn about egg decoration by local school children, how crops were grown and even made their own scarecrow. What a great learning experience!



After School Changes

All the bus registers, clubs and after school club registers are finalised at 2:30pm so they can be printed and sent to classes. If parents require any changes after that, they must **phone in to school** as emails may not be checked at that busy time of day. Thank you.

Football Festival

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 and 4 classes took part in a football festival being run by SASP at Strode College in Street. We were blessed with the sunshine, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves including those who had never played the sport before. A huge well done to all who participated.



Football Tournament

On Tuesday our West Pennard Rovers team competed in their first league match of the season against Walton. The boys put in a fantastic performance and dominated their opponents from start to finish, eventually winning 6-2. Our goals were scored by Fife, Oli D and 4 from Jaxon!

West Pennard player of the match: Jaxon

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The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question has been
'How do you know God is good?'

This turned out to be the most answered of all our Big Questions to date with some thoughtful responses included...

'God is good because he made US a wonderful world and he forgives us for the bad things we have done.'

'Look around, there's your answer!'

'...because he looks after us and helps us.'

'God is good because he is always there for us.'

'God is good because he helps us and has made the world a better place.'

'He always keeps his promises.'

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!

Bake Sale

Last Thursday, Hare Class held a themed bake sale after school to raise money for Ashlyn. A huge thank you to our 'class family bakers' who showed incredible creativity with their edible hare masterpieces. We managed to raise a total of £85.10 Thanks again for your support.

Miss Holmes.



House Points

Members of the school council have been very busy counting up the tokens and I am pleased to announce that Avalon team are victorious this half term. As a reward all children in Avalon House are able to wear mufi on Friday 25th October.

The results for all the houses are as follows:

Avalon 674

Camelot 536

Tintagel 497

Lyonesse 459

Please note that our Reception children are currently not allocated to a house team.

Parents' Evening

We have our parents' evenings next week on Monday and Wednesday, please ensure that you have booked a slot using our online system. If you need to bring your children with you, then there will be a small colouring table supervised by some of our Year 6 children. Children should not be playing unsupervised outside.

On the evening you should arrive 10 minutes before your appointment to enable you time to look at your children's work. The Year 6 classroom will be the base for work from years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Reception Learning Journeys will be in the Fox Class, Year 1 work will be in the Dormouse Class and Year 2 work will be in the Mole class. If you need help finding your way to a classroom then head to the hall where a Year 6 child will guide you.

Books for Maths and English will be in trays for you to look through as per usual. This year, we have started using 'Showcase' books for topic, science and RE - these are folders that have a selection of children's work in to capture the learning from each lesson. You may like to look through these too. Just to note - these folders are a 'snapshot' and do not contain all work from all children.

A few minutes before your appointment, you should make your way to the hall, sit on a chair near your child's class teacher and wait to be called forward.

We look forward to welcoming you all next week 😊

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

Monday 21 st October	Year 3 to Sevington Victorian School (leaving school at 8.30am) Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting – 6.30pm in library
Tuesday 22 nd October	NSPCC Workshops - 9:30-10:30 (Yr 5) 10:45-11:45 (Yr 6) WP United Football Match v Ashcott at Strode
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature (Maz Evans) Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	Sports Hall Athletics at Wells Cathedral School – 12.15pm-4pm (selected Yr 5 and 6 children)*
Friday 25 th October	Avalon House Mufti Day* 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	Author Visit - Andrew Powell Thomas – whole school assembly and workshops for Yrs 5 and 6* 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
Friday 6 th December	Years 5 & 6 to Strode Theatre for 'Grease' (performed by Wells Cathedral School students) 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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