

# West Pennard Church of England Primary School

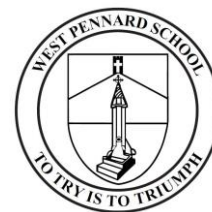


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Dear Parents of children in Dormouse Class,

Happy New Year! I hope it will be a healthy, happy and peaceful 2020 for you and yours.

I am really impressed with the way your children settled down into life in Year 1 last term. They have all made great progress and I am looking forward to a busy, but fun Spring Term.

I would like to bring the following to your attention, which I hope will be useful for you to know.

**Reading/Red book bags** – books will continue to be changed every day if they have been read at home. Please sign the planner and also include any comments you may have about your child's reading as a result of you hearing them. Please read with your child as often as you can. At school we recommend at least 4 times a week.

**Please let them know of any forms/letters you have popped in their red bag for school attention**, so that these are not missed– thank you! I hope you are finding the planner helpful. This will continue to be used as the primary source of communication from Dormouse Class.

**Spelling** – weekly spellings will continue to be given every Monday and should be learnt for the following Monday. The words that come home are expected to be applied correctly in all written work. Although we include spelling activities in class most days, many of your children rely on the support you are able to give them to learn weekly spellings.

**PE** - We will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and always in school. Kit at this time of year, as we are inside due to the weather, is T shirt, shorts and **daps**, not trainers please.

**Home Learning** – many thanks for the support and encouragement you give to your child's Home Learning. As you know, there is attached to the inner cover of the Home Learning Book, the aims and practical tips for home learning, but I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the central aim of Home Learning which is, as far as possible, to provide an **open ended** task for the children to access **at their own level** to practise the concepts/skills they have been taught that week in class.

This term our learning is based around '**Traction Man is here**' by Mini Grey. Please see the attached sheet for more details.

**ERIC** - From next week we are starting **ERIC** time (**Everyone Reads In Class**). This will be on Thursdays, providing an opportunity for everyone in class – myself included – to share the fun and promote the value of reading in its widest form. To this end the children are invited to bring in every week something they enjoy reading at home, it could be a book, magazine, map,

catalogue...the possibilities are endless! The aim is to understand that reading is far more than confined to a reading book, it is enjoyable and for everyone. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Another way of promoting reading this term will be **Mrs Robinson's Marvellous March Reading Challenge** – more about this is in due course.

Finally, as I am sure most of you know by now, we as a school sponsor a child called Ashlyn, who is 4 and lives in the Philippines. This is with the charity Compassion UK The cost of her monthly sponsorship is the responsibility of each class in turn and in January it is the turn of Dormouse Class. Consequently, I would be grateful for your support as the children raise money to meet this by hosting an unwanted **Christmas Present Tombola on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. The idea is that children (and parents!) are invited to send in new, but unloved Christmas presents that we can use in a tombola. Any unwanted gifts are welcome, however please be mindful of the school context of the event. Please send in any contributions as soon as possible. Thank you!

Your partnership in the education of your child is greatly appreciated. Finally please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in anyway.

With kind regards

Mrs Dorothy Robinson