



# Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been about all things Easter: Easter hats, Easter songs, Easter eggs, Easter messages and reflections. Easter is a special time of year for us at West Pennard and we hope that the children enjoyed all of the opportunities. A special thank you to Mrs Robinson for all of her hard work to provide these opportunities.

On Wednesday, we were visited by our School Education Partner – Steve John. Steve was impressed with the progress we are making as a school. We looked at books and visited classrooms. He was particularly impressed with the high quality poetry work the Year 5 children had produced. Their descriptive poetry based on a beautiful photograph of a Siberian Tiger was full of high quality vocabulary and descriptive devices. Their poems can be found in the foyer – so please do have a read when you are in the office.

Finally, after Easter we welcome a new member of staff to the school – Holly Mulhern will be supporting the children in Year 1 as their teaching assistant. We also have a new child starting in Year 4 – his name is Leyton and we look forward to welcoming him and his family.

Wishing you a lovely Easter break with your families

**Jo Hale**

**Menu Week 1**

### Quote of the week

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die, but have everlasting life.  
John 3 v16

### Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

<b>Year R:</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
Year 1:	93.3%
Year 2:	97.7%
Year 3:	97.3%
Year 4:	96.9%
Year 5:	98.9%
Year 6:	93.8%

Congratulations to **Reception Class** for having the highest attendance last week.

### Menu Change

Due to Easter Monday Bank Holiday on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we will be serving the **Week 1 Monday menu (Pizza) on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April instead**. If your child normally has a packed lunch on Monday week 1 please ensure they bring it on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no change to the remainder of the week's menu Wednesday to Friday.

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### **Residential Information Meetings**

Current Year 6 – Wednesday 24th April 5:30pm in Year 6 classroom (led by Mrs Pinsent and Miss Hale)

Current Year 4 - Monday 10th June 5pm (led by a member of Kilve Education Team)

### **Books, Books and More Books!**

We have been taking delivery of lots of new books at West Pennard over the last few weeks. We are building a culture of reading for pleasure for all children. Year 1 have a new scheme of reading books; more able readers in Key stage 1 and 2 have a new selection in the Accelerated Reader boxes. World Book day tokens have also meant additions to AR boxes throughout the school. Special thanks to the Mirfin family for helping us.



### **Forest School**

After Easter, forest school will be part of enrichment activities for Years 1 and 3 on a Thursday. Therefore, please can children in these year groups bring in clothes suitable for the weather as they will be going outside come rain or shine. It would be useful if children could bring in wellies, long trousers, an old t-shirt / jumper and a waterproof coat in a labelled bag that they can keep on their peg. Children will only get changed when the weather or activities need it. Many thanks in advance.

### **Biscuit Sale for Ashlyn**

Well done to Year 2 for their biscuit sale yesterday and today – a total of £93.70 was raised for Ashlyn! Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

### **Easter Celebrations**

#### **Bunny Boxes**

We were pleased to share a little Easter joy in making 'Bunny Boxes' for our community. They held an Easter treat and a little bit of love from us to our village. Thank you to our 'delivery angels' who made sure the bunnies all received a good home!



#### **Easter Lunch**

We are really grateful to Mandy and Sue for our delicious Easter Lunch on Tuesday. We wore our Easter Hats and it was such a special celebration.



#### **Mother's Day Tea and Cake**

It was lovely to welcome mums into school on a Friday afternoon for tea and cake as a token of our appreciation for who they are, as well as marking Mothering Sunday. The choir sang and lots of tea and cake were consumed – result!

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**Palm Sunday**  
 People showed Jesus was important to them by laying branches on the ground in front of Him. Who is important to you?



**Resurrection**  
 The difference Jesus being alive makes.



**Resurrection**  
 The risen Jesus spoke words of peace to His friends. Where do you find peace?



**The Last Supper**  
 – a time for Jesus to be with His friends. Who are your friends? Why? How can you be a good friend?



**Lost in a crowd?**  
 Crowds of people had an important part to play in this event. Do you stand out from the crowd? Which groups of people do you influence/influence you?

**Good Friday**  
 Jesus has been treated unfairly and was killed. Think about those who you treat unfairly in your words attitudes and actions. An opportunity to say sorry. Eating a sour sweet while we think of ways of putting it right.



**In Gethsemane**  
 Jesus asked Father God a 'big question' – what is yours?



**Pictures taken during the Easter Prayer Space.**

## Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Osmington Bay Meeting – 5.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tri-Golf Competition for Years 3 and 4
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming starts for Year 6 and Year 1
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 SATS testing period starts Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Farm Vicar Workshop in Year 2
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 Taster Day at Whitstone School
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bag2School Collection Day Class Photos
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	FWPS Summer Fayre 12-3pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week Year 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May inclusive	Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 to Somerset County Cricket
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 Vicar Workshop
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics screening week for Year 1 children
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Residential Meeting – 5pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Trip to Museum of Somerset
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Country Dancing at Wells for selected children
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Assemblies
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Pilgrim Day – Wells Cathedral
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June (reserve date Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July)	Sports Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 workshop with Church NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 & 6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day for Secondary Schools
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whitstone School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Transition Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Dress rehearsal of The Lion King
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July both evening performances	Year 5 / 6 Performance of The Lion King
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve date for Sports Day FWPS School Disco
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	No Swimming School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race Last day of term - finish for the summer ...

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