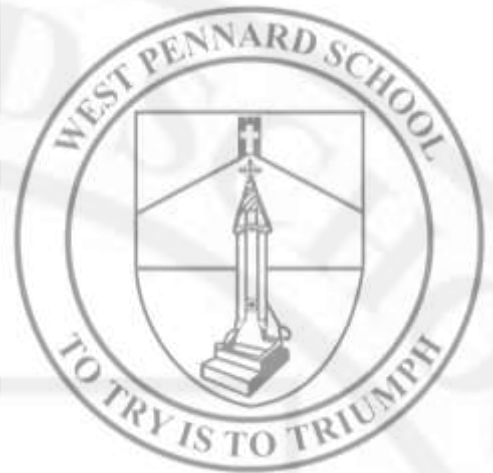


West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Everyone enjoying the sunshine on the field on Thursday



'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)

Heads Up

The sun finally came out this week and gave us a glimpse of the fabulous summer term ahead. It was lovely to see the happy faces on the field, having finally had a dry enough spell to make use of it! We look forward to hopefully a drier June and July to come!!!

I would like to pass on my thanks to those of you that have passed on congratulations following my appointment as Headteacher last week. I truly am honoured to officially be at the helm of such a wonderful school and I am really excited about the way ahead.

Next term we have some exciting events planned for your children. We are holding two weeks of sporting endeavours in early July, with a climbing wall and a caving experience to name but a few. We intend to hold our annual Sports Day at the end of the two weeks of events, but this will be subject to guidance. We will do our utmost to hold it, even if it has to take a different guise to what has become traditional for us at West Pennard.

In the first week after half term Year 5 go to Kilve for their residential. We are all praying for good weather, but come rain or shine, I'm sure they will have a great time. On Friday 11th we are holding a live meet over Teams between our classes and our link school in Ghana. We look forward to getting to know our new friends a little better.

Finally, I hope the weather is kind to you all next week, wherever you are or in whatever you choose to do. Have a restful break and see you on 7th June.

Best Wishes

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



- Year R - Issac & Brody
- Year 1 - Rowan & Izzy
- Year 2 - Walter & Thomas-Alfie
- Year 3 - Oliver & Lacey
- Year 4 - Chloe & Lisa
- Year 5 - Jake & Aldo
- Year 6 - Elliot & Daisy

Winners with Dinners

A big well done to Mole Class who had the highest % of pupils this week having a Universal Free School Meal. Well done to Squirrel Class who were the highest in KS2.

- Fox - 27 meals (90%)
- Dormouse - 25 meals (76%)
- Mole - 30 meals (97%)
- Hare - 14 meals (47%)
- Squirrel - 16 meals (50%)
- Otter - 14 meals (45%)
- Hedgehog - 5 meals (19%)



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Mathematician and Writer of the Week

Conor - for being a statistics superstar.

Jacob C - for a brilliant recount.

Willow - for excellent effort in Maths.

Lily K - for her amazing African animal poem.

Reu - for his listening skills in Maths lessons when learning about decimals.

Isla C - for her excellent research skills when finding information for her non-chronological report.

Thomas H - for taking on board advice and achieving his goals.

Arlo - for his newspaper recount paragraph.

Faelen - for persevering so much with addition and subtraction this week using many different strategies.

Alesha - for excellent speech bubbles for the 'Smeds and Smoos' characters.

Frankie - for much improved presentation of his Maths. Keep it up superstar!

Ted - for working so hard in his writing, well done!

Quote of the Week

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4

Extra-Curricular Clubs Reminder

Reminder clubs will continue back w/c 7th June, except for Chilling Club, French Club and Chess Club as these finished at half term.

Gymnastics Challenge

Emmie in Dormouse Class will be taking on a new challenge to raise money for her Gymnastics Club. She currently does 20 press ups a day and has set herself the challenge of doing 50 press ups a day! This is going to be a big challenge for her and we wish her lots of encouragement!

Surveying the scene

Towards the end of each year, it is customary to gather your thoughts about the school in order to assess what we are doing well, as well as to understand ways in which we could improve. It has been an unusual year, to say the least, with some changes that have been made only intended as a temporary measure and others more permanent. It has certainly been useful to us to be at the gate each day to speak to you all and to gauge your opinions and address any concerns or issues. Please do take the opportunity to respond to the survey as truthfully as you can, with both the current (necessary) picture and that of what we remember as 'normal circumstances' to inform your responses. We can not promise to act on each individual's suggestions, but will use the overall picture to see where improvements can be made. May we please ask that you complete your questionnaire by 30th June, so that responses can be analysed and taken to Governors. Please [click here](#) to access the survey.

Message from the FWPS

With the year we've had, fundraising for the FWPS has not been what it normally would. With restrictions still in place, we are still very limited as to what we can do to raise funds for all the important extras for our children. We noted with interest the Pilton Jumble Trail happening on Bank Holiday Monday and wondered whether that would have any interest if we were to hold something similar in West Pennard? Perhaps you aren't able to make it to Pilton next week and still have lots of jumble at home after a lockdown clear-out? To help us understand whether it is worth pursuing, could you let us know if you would be interested in either having a stall or coming as a shopper to an event before the end of term – comment on our Facebook page or email friendsofwestpennardschool@gmail.com and please let us know by 6th June.

Thank you!

FWPS Committee

E-safety

ONLINE SAFETY BILL

On Wednesday last week, the government published their new Online Safety Bill draft which means that Ofcom have a new 'legal duty of care' to force websites into removing harmful internet content (e.g. terrorism, child abuse, self-harm, online bullying etc). The key focus is on bigger 'companies' e.g. Facebook, Twitter, TikTok and YouTube. These new internet laws will protect children online and tackle some of the worst abuses on social media, including racist hate crimes.

Parental Controls Advice

All gaming consoles, handheld devices and operating systems for PC and Mac are equipped with parental control systems, allowing parents to protect their children's privacy and online safety according to various parameters. With these control tools, parents can:

- select which games children are allowed to play (based on the PEGI age ratings)
- control and monitor the use of digital purchases
- limit access to internet browsing by applying a filter
- control the amount of time that children can spend playing games
- control the level of online interaction (chat) and exchange of data (text messages, user-generated content)

Consoles

- [Xbox Series X/S](#)
- [Nintendo Switch](#)
- [Sony Playstation 5](#)
- [Xbox One X/S](#)
- [Xbox 360](#)
- [Nintendo Wii U](#)
- [Sony Playstation 4](#)
- [Sony PlayStation 3](#)

Handhelds

- [Nintendo 3DS \(XL\)](#)
- [Nintendo DSi \(XL\)](#)
- [Sony VITA](#)
- [Sony PSP](#)

Smartphones, tablets and streaming

- [Google Play](#) devices (Android)
- [Google Stadia](#)
- [iPhone and iPad](#) (iOS)

Mill on the Brue

Despite the rain and wind, Hedgehog Class had a brilliant time at Mill on the Brue last week. All the children really pushed themselves, having a go at all the activities, including a rather high tower jump! It was lovely to see them all getting stuck in and making the most of the day, and to get out of school on our first school trip in over a year!

Miss Morris



Amazon Wishlist

What an impact our Amazon Appeal has had on the children of West Pennard – what a beautiful picture of siblings sharing a love of reading. There is still plenty of time to donate. Please access our wishlist here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33YFQP9N1C0F8?ref=wl_share

Mrs Pinsent



Wellbeing Champions

We had another lovely meeting recently with the Champions altogether (socially distanced) and discussed the importance of wellbeing and what we had learnt from Lockdown. The Champions came up with lots of suggestions, including appreciating seeing family and friends more and having time to enjoy the environment around them. Some of the things they missed were mixing with others and seeing smiles on faces (when people wear masks - although hopefully not for too much longer...). Following on from one of their ideas about the importance of feeling happy/laughing, they have recorded some jokes to make you laugh (their idea, not mine!). This has been shared with all classes and we would also like to share with you too! Click on the link for a laugh or two: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z5NURO1FEbSnn-HxqSY6b8ZqryBthx7u/view?usp=sharing> They also took home a wellbeing game - a copy attached for you to play at home too - enjoy!

Mrs Clarke

Teaching Assistant - Permanent Vacancy

1 x 10 hours per week (Teaching Assistant Role)

Grade 15 point 3-4 (£9.62 – 9.81 per hour)

Required from June 2021

The Children, Staff and Governors of this forward-thinking village primary school are seeking to appoint a reliable, conscientious and enthusiastic teaching assistant to join their team.

The successful candidate will:

Have the flexibility to work in either Key stage 1 or Key stage 2 classes supporting the teaching and learning of all children

Provide nurture and support the well-being of our children by; monitoring play, mediating with disagreements and upholding the school values

Be willing to contribute to the wider life of the school supporting with other duties when needs arise

Carry out interventions and booster groups to accelerate learning

Be a reflective person, who shows initiative to support all of our children to achieve their full potential

Have relevant and recent experience of working within a Primary school setting

Firmly believe that every child can be successful in learning

Have a good level of English and Mathematics (GCSE grade C or equivalent). Other qualifications such as a NVQ level 3 would be an advantage

West Pennard School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and has a culture of vigilance to support this. Any offer of employment will be subject to a disclosure check with the Disclosure and Barring Service and all relevant pre-employment checks.

Please visit our website for an application form www.westpennardschool.co.uk

Deadline for applications: Friday 11th June 2021

Interview date: Friday 18th June 2021

Application forms should be sent to the school office by email and addressed to the School Administration

Officer nsweet@educ.somerset.gov.uk

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at: [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection)

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19 Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home • cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you are in receipt of a positive result for Coronavirus, please notify us by filling out [this form](#).

Safeguarding



Mr T Wheat
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DDSL

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility.

Our School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Tony Wheat. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lorraine Clarke. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to them immediately.

Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger out of school please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

Key Dates: Summer Term 2021

*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th - Wednesday 9 th June	Year 5 Kilve Residential
Wednesday 9 th June	Year R Vision Screening
Wednesday 23 rd June	Tempest Class Photos
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th June	Festival of Reading
TBC	Transition Day Year 6 West Pennard – Move up morning
TBC	Moving on Prayer Space
Monday 5 th July	Year 1-6 Climbing Wall in school
Wednesday 7 th July	Caving experience in school
Monday 12 th - Tuesday 13 th July	Moving On Prayer Space
Wednesday 14 th July	New parents to Year R (Sept 2021) Afternoon Tea / Picnic
Friday 16 th July	Sports Day*
Monday 19 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 21 st July	Leavers' Service at the Church - 2pm
Thursday 22 nd July	School Leavers' Assembly Leavers' Race
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of academic year
Friday 23 rd July	INSET Day