

West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Watch Hare Class' stop frame animations of their feelings monsters that they made as part of our Wellbeing on Wednesday afternoon this week. Click on a monster to download or play.



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

Heads Up

Smiles were a plenty this week as we welcomed the whole school community back, following school closure to many in January. It really was fabulous to see everyone bounding up to school each morning this week, enthusiastic and ready to learn. We look forward to a productive run up to Easter and beyond.

A huge well done! Firstly for all that you have done during lockdown with regard to supporting your child(ren) with their learning, and secondly in preparing them so well for the return to school after such a long time. It really has been an unusual and difficult time for many and there are natural concerns that some have expressed, especially the media, about children falling behind. I would like to take the opportunity to try to reassure you that we have in place targeted interventions and catch-up tuition which is overseen by Miss Major and directed by the class teachers to get children back on the trajectory they should be on. Our catch-up tuition starts again next Monday and Tuesday and our Maths on the Move programme commenced this week for Year 2 and Year 4. In addition, the teachers are assessing where the children are this week before implementing targeted support within and outside the classroom, to be led by the teaching assistants assigned to each class.

On the final page of the newsletter you will find key dates for the remainder of this term and for the summer. There are a few key changes I need to make you aware of. Unfortunately, the restrictions will not be lifted in time for the Year 6

residential at Osmington Bay, so the trip is in the process of being cancelled and payments will be returned to you before Easter. We have contacted Mill on the Brue in Bruton to see if we can provide similar outdoor educational experiences for a day visit and have a provisional date of 21st May.

Next week I will try to ensure that we start to share aspects of our celebration assemblies that we hold on a Friday. I did intend to today, but was rather let down by the technology. I will try again next Friday.

Kind Regards
Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes

- Year R Matty & George G.
- Year 1 Caleb & Emmie
- Year 2 Sol & Oscar
- Year 3 Aurora & Ida
- Year 4 Maddison & Zachariah
- Year 5 Albert & Lily K.
- Year 6 Sydney & Macy



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Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Monday – Friday 12.00pm – 1.00pm
 Post 5 hours per week, 38 weeks (term time only)
 Grade 16.2 – £9.43 per hour
 Closing date: Midday on Tuesday 23rd March 2021
 Starting: as soon as possible

We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and caring person to join our team of dedicated staff as a midday supervisor assistant.

This role involves helping whilst the children eat, cleaning the tables, supervising children in the playground, and helping to ensure playtimes are lots of fun and safe.

Information about our school and an application form can be downloaded from the school website: www.westpennardschool.co.uk
 Alternatively, to request an application form to be sent out via the post please email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

In the subject area, if emailing the school, please type 'Midday Supervisor Application Form Request'

West Pennard Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons, and will ensure that the highest priority is given to following guidance and regulations to safeguard children and young people. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

West Pennard Primary School is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.

Please note CVs will not be accepted for this position.

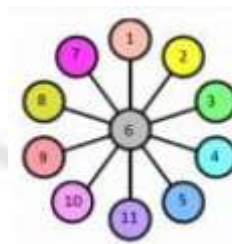
Interviews will take place the week commencing 29th March.

Virtual Story Time

Virtual story time will be continuing even though children are back at school. The collection is growing of Mr Wheat and Mrs Clarke reading a story for children which now includes poems and this week - meditation stories for children to listen to with their eyes closed! Ideal for bedtime relaxation after a busy day! Click on the Google link below to find out more - happy listening!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ndtHdqxe41FSUnNh_5kEag1FOdOI56NZ?usp=sharing

Maths Puzzle Solution (from last week)



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.

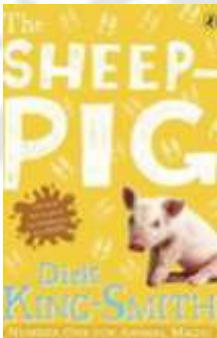
100 Books to Read Before the End of Primary

A recent survey came up with a list of the top 100 books to read before you leave primary school. This list includes books for children of all ages, old and new titles, classics and recently published and are sure to inspire more reading and a love of books for years to come. How many of these books have you read? Can you think of any books that you have enjoyed that should be on the list? Every week, we will list 10 books starting from 100. Will your favourite make the list?

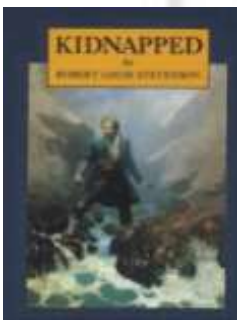


67. *The Railway Children* by E Nesbit When Father goes away with two strangers one evening, the lives of Roberta, Peter and Phyllis are shattered. They and their mother have to move from their comfortable London home to go and live in a simple country cottage, where Mother writes books to make ends meet. However, they soon

come to love the railway that runs near their cottage, and they make a habit of waving to the Old Gentleman who rides on it. They befriend the porter, Perks, and through him learn railway lore and much else. They have many adventures and when they save a train from disaster, they are helped by the Old Gentleman to solve the mystery of their father's disappearance and the family is happily reunited.



70. *The Sheep Pig* by Dick King-Smith When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



69. *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson Kidnapped is an exciting historical fiction adventure novel by the Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson. Written as a 'boys' novel' and first published in the magazine Young Folks from May to July 1886, the novel has attracted praise and admiration of writers as diverse

as Henry James, Jorge Luis Borges and Seamus Heaney.



66. *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.

65. *Cinderella* by Charles Perrault, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti Once upon a time, there was a sweet, beautiful girl whose stepmother and stepsisters treated her cruelly. They gave her all the dirtiest tasks, and when she huddled close to the kitchen fire, they called her Cinderella. One day the prince sent out invitations to

a ball, and everyone went except Cinderella. How could she, with only rags to wear? But Cinderella had a fairy godmother, who sent her to the ball in a golden coach, wearing a beautiful dress and dainty glass slippers

64. *Voices In The Park* by Anthony Browne Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane



68. *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman Despite his Mum's insistence, Sam doesn't want to be friends with Davey, he thinks Davey's a first class, grade A, top of the dung heap moron. But one day Davey saves Sam's life and a bond is formed between them. Sam is still embarrassed to be seen with Davey, but little by little he has to admit, when it's just the two of them, Davey is a lot of fun. But then something terrible happens to Davey. Told in verse, in first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship, that changes tow boys lives for ever. An uplifting tale that truly sings out.



63. **Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson
 Treasure Island is an adventure novel by Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson, narrating a tale of 'buccaneers and buried gold'. Its influence is enormous on popular perceptions of pirates, including such elements as treasure maps marked with an 'X', schooners, the Black Spot, tropical islands, and one-legged seamen bearing parrots on their shoulders, eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard, in this mysterious, beautifully illustrated picture book



62. **Zoo** by Anthony Browne
 Dad, mum and two brothers spend a day at the zoo, looking at the animals in the cages - or is it the animals that are looking at them?



61. **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman
 There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spinks and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house—the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. For ever. She knows that if she ventures through that door, she may never come back.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle in each day so that they have a bottle to accompany them at lunchtime in the hall / Music Room / Library.

Quote of the Week

'Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.'
 Psalm 121 v1-2

Have Your Circumstances Changed?

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals.

These are the benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) – not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

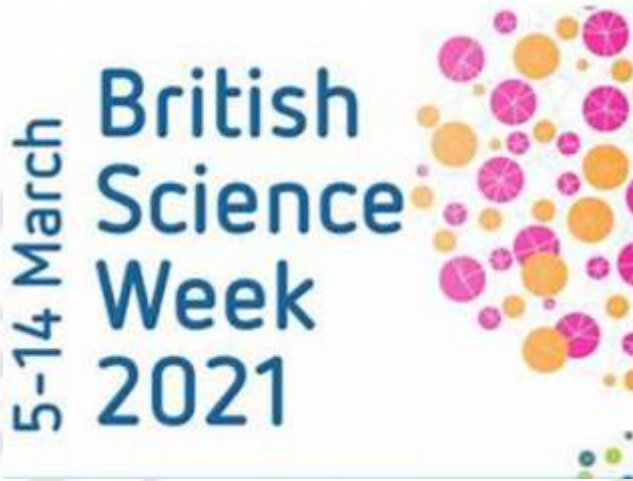
Click [here](#) to apply

During the coronavirus outbreak, the Government are temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include children of families who have no recourse to public funds. Therefore, children will also be eligible for free school meals if their legal guardians' household income is £7,400 or below and they meet one of the following criteria:

- you are a Zambrano Carer
- you have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and are subject to no recourse to public funds
- you are supported under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (Children in Need)

You may also be eligible if they are supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you meet this additional criteria, complete the [Free School Meals Application Form Covid-19 additional criteria Form](#) and send it in with the appropriate evidence.



To ease ourselves back into the routines of school and take part in British Science Week, the children in KS2 have had a special treat in watching a screen production: 'The Light Fantastic' - produced by The Kinetic Theatre Company, who have in the past been able to visit the school.

This time via video link the children joined Roy Gee, a little known Country and Western singer, who runs out of fuel in the middle of a black and white desert! Once refuelled, he discovers The Light Fantastic Café – a 50's American style Burger Bar with one main curious feature – it still has all its colour when the rest of the world has not!

From this the children have been inspired to explore and discover more about 'light' through various activities. KS1 children have also been carrying out their own science projects.



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

Key Dates: Spring Term 2021

Wednesday 17 th March	IEP Surgery
Monday 22 nd - Tuesday 23 rd March	Easter Prayer Space
Friday 26 th March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 29 th March	Pupil progress meetings
Wednesday 31 st March	Pupil progress meetings
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday
Monday 5 th - Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays

Key Dates: Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 th April	First day of the summer term
Monday 26 th April	IEP surgery
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 21 st May	Y6 Day Residential - Mill on the Brue* (*TBC)
Tuesday 25 th May	Crispin Transition Meeting 9:00 at West Pennard
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th - Wednesday 9 th June	Year 5 Kolve Residential*
Wednesday 9 th June	Whole School Values Day - Compassion
Wednesday 23 rd June	Tempest Class Photos
Wednesday 23 rd June	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th June	Festival of Reading
Monday 5 th July	Pupil Progress Meetings
TBC	Transition Day CLP Year 6 Date TBC West Pennard - Move up morning
TBC	Moving on Prayer Space
Friday 16 th July	Year 2 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 19 th July	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at the Church - 2pm
Wednesday 21 st July	School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of academic year
Friday 23 rd July	INSET Day