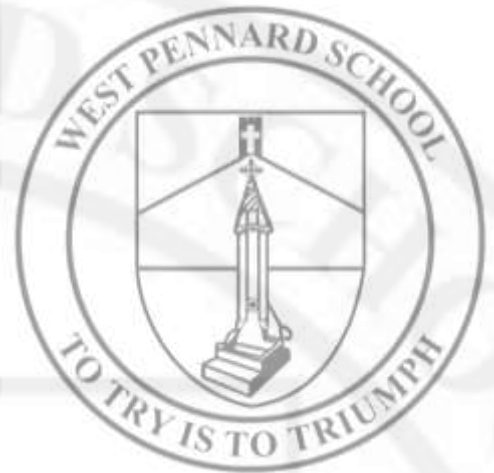


West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Children enjoying the activities at the Easter holiday scheme run by TLE.



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

Heads Up

Summer finally came this week. It was so great to see everyone back in school and enjoying our lovely grounds once again. There were many happy faces on the field at playtimes and lunchtimes. It is lovely for the children to be able to experience the start of the summer term in school, having missed it last year through lockdown.

As we start the summer term and the country continues its roadmap out of lockdown, I thought it timely to state changes to procedure that we anticipate making, if Government guidelines allow. Following the easing on the 17th May, we hope to remove the necessity of face coverings on pick up and drop off. If and when we do so, we would still need to ensure that we distance ourselves in the outside space of the playground when receiving the children and also ensure that we are using the one way system properly for entering and exiting the site.

Following the half term break, we will consider amalgamating some of the bubbles, such that two classes can be in the same space for playtimes and / or lunch. The primary purpose for this will be to ease the pressure on staffing that is required to maintain individual bubbles, but also to ensure that the children have more space to play in and more children to interact with. Before the pandemic we were a school where the children

played with each other, regardless of age or gender. We were a whole school community and it is this that we want to get back to. The first phase of this will be to have 4 bubbles - Year R, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6. Of course, all of this is subject to change and as to whether it is safe to do so.

Best Wishes
Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



- Year R Phoebe & Freya
- Year 1 Rowan & Lizzie
- Year 2 Aubrey & Digby
- Year 3 Gethin & Spike
- Year 4 Oliver & Reece
- Year 5 Chloe & Rudy
- Year 6 Zara & Evie G.

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 Hare & Squirrel Class who were the highest in KS2.

- Fox - 27 meals (90%)
- Dormouse - 26 meals (79%)
- Mole - 29 meals (94%)
- Hare - 16 meals (53%)
- Squirrel - 17 meals (53%)
- Otter - 12 meals (39%)
- Hedgehog - 5 meals (19%)



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Easter Holiday Club



The TLE Holiday Scheme took place over both weeks of the Easter holidays and was well attended and also well received. It was the first time in many many years that we hosted a holiday scheme and hope to do so again in the future. Many thanks to Mr Cave, Mrs Truan and Mr Webster for all their hard work throughout the holiday.

Street Library

From Monday 12th April Street Community Library will be open for browsing. Their opening times will be Monday 9.30am-5pm, Tuesday CLOSED, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm, Friday 9.30am-5pm, Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Numbers entering the building are limited. There are 2 public computers which they advise to book via strlib@somerset.gov.uk, by coming into the library or ringing Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. Sessions are limited to 60 minutes per customer.

Staff are available to help with your reading and information enquiries and it's free to join. To keep everyone safe, please wear a face covering and respect social distancing when in the library. Staff look forward to welcoming customers old and new.

Quote of the Week

If you have to choose between being kind and being right, choose to be kind and you will always be right.

Enrichment Plans

In order so that you can see what your child is doing on Enrichment, so that you know to send in wellies / PE kit etc, we have put a parent friendly timetable up on the website. See...

[Enrichment - West Pennard Primary School \(westpennardschool.co.uk\)](http://westpennardschool.co.uk)

WOW (Wellbeing on Wednesdays) in Dormouse Class

Dormouse Class started a new term of WOW by reacquainting ourselves with our old friend the Colour Monster. In past weeks, the Colour Monster has helped us understand our feelings and we have explored strategies to help us deal with them, like making calm jars and worry worms. This week we made our own rainbow Colour Monster to remind us to be thankful. These have gone home to be stuck on our bedroom windows helping us to be thankful even in the mornings when we have to get up! We wondered why it is so important to be thankful, here are some of our ideas. 'So that other people are grateful to us', '... because it makes us happy', 'it's good for the entire world and then people will share.'

Mrs Robinson



Mole Class – Year 2 Squash and Biscuit Competition

Please support Mole Class and make your own Dragon picture or puzzle to enter our competition. Please send your entries into school by Monday 26th April. Entry is £1.00 so get drawing/creating and lets see who can make the best dragon picture! Thanks so much for supporting us.

Mrs Rew



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.

Maths / Writers of the Week

Oscar M, Evie C, Paige, Reuben, Lacey, Ida, Zachariah, Matthew, Kai, Dexter, Saffron and Leyton.

Well done to all these children!

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_5kEag1FQdOI56NZ?usp=sharing

Live Collective Worship is Back

We held our first collective worship in the hall for 13 months!!!! We had two classes that were socially distanced in different areas of the hall and also a high degree of ventilation. We live streamed it to the rest of the school and will have different classes attending in person each week. It was great to be able to do this once more and to interact with children in assembly outside of a webcam.

Water Bottles

Please ensure you send your child to school with a water bottle each day, especially now the weather is getting warmer.

Key Dates: Summer Term 2021

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

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| Monday 3 rd May | May Bank Holiday |
| May - TBC | Parents' Evening Phone calls |
| Friday 21 st May | Y6 Day Residential - Mill on the Brue |
| 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 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 CLP Year 6 Date TBC West Pennard – Move up morning |
| TBC | Moving on Prayer Space |
| Monday 5 th July | Year 1-6 Climbing Wall in school |
| Wednesday 14 th July | New parents to Year R (Sept 2021) Afternoon Tea / Picnic |
| 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 |