

West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Our wonderful School Council sporting their new School Council polo shirts.



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

Heads Up

We got all green fingered this week in school, as children in each class planted a sunflower along the fence running from the pedestrian gate alongside the public footpath and into the field. We hope that they will grow really well and surround the school with a sunny disposition and an indication that summer is firmly on its way.

We have been busy planning ahead this term, as we are now more able to make firmer plans as the situation eases. During the month of May the teachers will be touching base with you regarding your child's progress since school reopened in March. They will be offering 10 minute appointments during one school day and an evening. Can I please ask that if one member of the household is working from home or not in work on the day of the daytime appointments, that they select these slots if at all possible, as it will enable others that can not be phoned in the school day to have an evening appointment. The booking system for parents evening with go live shortly.

We are planning some fun and exciting activities to enrich the children's education and enjoyment of school this term. Mr Bisgrove is busily planning a two week sports week in July. We already have booked a climbing wall and also a caving experience. Of course, all of these planned activities are subject to Covid secure procedures and also if

guidelines allow.

As always, have a great weekend. Enjoy the extra day together on Monday. See you all Tuesday!

Best Wishes

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



- Year R - Isla & Sophie
- Year 1 - Wilbur & Jack
- Year 2 - Jacob & Isabelle L.
- Year 3 - Luana & Jacob
- Year 4 - Joshua & Kailyn
- Year 5 - Ava & Honey
- Year 6 - Tigris & Hugo

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 - 15 meals (50%)
 - Squirrel - 17 meals (53%)
 - Otter - 12 meals (39%)
 - Hedgehog - 5 meals (19%)



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Bag to School

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages! In a world of fast fashion, we now have a lot of stuff – but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best? On **Monday 17th May** we are having our Bags to School collection where you can donate all your unwanted items. The FWPS raise funds based on how much we collect.

Bag to School accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels

Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

If you have lost your bag / didn't get one, please bag items up in a normal bin liner and just put a label on it stating 'West Pennard School' and the date of collection. Please bring them up to school on the morning of 17th May. Many thanks

Quote of the Week

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

John 14 verse 27

Mathematician and Writer of the Week

Esme or listening carefully and taking care in Maths, so that she doesn't make any mistakes. Avalon for writing an interesting and engaging postcard to the residents of The Cyder Barn (we wrote postcards to the residents as part of Respect Day...respecting older people. Elijah for super sentences.

Leo - for excellent measures challenge true or false sentences.

Thea for her fantastic double page spread all about Pompeii.

Freddie for his growing confidence and understanding shown in all areas of his maths learning.

Boe - for her excellent setting description when writing her narrative.

Lisa - for her growing confidence in fractions and maths in general.

Benjamin – For his work on Nelson Mandela

Albert – For his 'can do' attitude

Amelia for writing a letter on plastic pollution independently at home.

Izzy for being a whizz at our work on angles.

Here and There

As more and more places are open or soon opening, it is the perfect time to share places to get out and about and make memories.



On May 17th, soft play centres open up and I for one can't wait! There are a number of really good ones in and around the area that are already taking bookings, including Ocean Adventures in Cheddar.



Crealy Theme Park and Resort is already open with almost all of the park able to be accessed (apart from indoor rides currently).



The Wild Place near Cribbs Causeway offers a good family day out with a variety of animals to see and opportunities to learn about conservation. It is owned by Bristol Zoo and the zoo proper will relocate there in the coming years.

Nut Free

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with items that contain nuts for a snack or in their lunchboxes.

West Pennard PE

This week in PE, I had the pleasure of taking Dor-mouse Class for their PE lesson. Our target was to work on our agility, balance and co-ordination. We incorporated this into our warm up game by playing Spiderman tag and then took part in games and challenges that involved balancing beanbags and pretending to be flamingos!

Mr Bisgrove



Values Day – Respect

For our values day on respect, Hedgehog class focused on having respect for our environment. We explored the problem of plastic pollution in our oceans, and how this is greatly affecting both sea-life and human life. We created posters, wrote poems, and even wrote letters our local MP to demonstrate how important we think it is to respect our world and environment.

In the afternoon, we read the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley', the story of a plastic bag lots of different marine animal mistake for a jellyfish! We then made our own jellyfish to help us remember what we have learnt and why respect for our environment is something we should all have.

Miss Morris



Traffic / Car Park

Please do refer to our traffic code of conduct when dropping off at school. [Traffic Code of Conduct - West Pennard Primary School \(westpennardschool.co.uk\)](https://www.westpennardschool.co.uk)

It is an offence to park on the hatched lines. Please use the Village Hall car park if at all possible and avoid turning around in front of / overtaking the bus when it is dropping children off.

Over half term we have arranged for the entrance to the car park, where the road surface is very worn, to be repaired. The repair should last for many many years, but to assist it lasting long into the future, the more vehicles that use the Village Hall and avoid the Church car park, the better.

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
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DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke
Deputy Designated
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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 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
May	Parents' Evening Phone calls
Friday 21 st May	Y6 Day Visit - 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
TBC	Sports Day
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