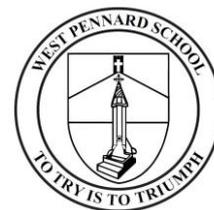




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 8th September 2017

Welcome to the new academic year at West Pennard! If like me this is your first term at West Pennard Primary, then I extend an especially warm welcome to you and your families.

The playground has been resurfaced during the holidays and has really smartened everything up. In a few weeks' time rubber markings will be fixed down and should add to the children's enjoyment of playtimes.

I will be writing a weekly newsletter to go out every Friday, which will celebrate successes and inform you of events and things to note for the week ahead. All future emails will be emailed in the usual way.
Best wishes

Jo Hale (Headteacher)

New Staff Team!

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our teaching team. Mrs Amy Fowler is now working alongside Mrs Caroline Free in the reception class. The two of them have already got off to a fabulous start to ensure that the smallest children in our school settle happily into their educational journey. We also welcome Mrs Alison Warner as year 2 teacher and although many of you will already know Alison from her previous role in the school, I am sure you will extend an especially warm welcome to her.

We also welcome Mrs Lorraine Clarke as part of the leadership team as the Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

New School Website!

We are excited to announce that our new school website will go live very soon. It is an Ofsted requirement to have a fully compliant school website and I would like to thank Warren Cowan (past Governor) for producing this up-to-date 'whizzy' new website for our school. I would also like to thank Mr Wheat for adding all the statutory information onto the website and training the teachers in how to use it. This should prove invaluable to you as parents as it will be kept up-to-date. Watch this space for updates ...

Miss Hale's Bristol Half Marathon News

I have entered into my first ever half marathon – The Bristol Half Marathon! In an assembly this week, I have spoken to the children about how we can always give something more than we think we have and how this mind-set has helped me stick with my training. I shall be running for a charity very close to my heart called Children's Hospice South West. They do an amazing job supporting children and their families to make the most of their short and precious lives.

I have a just giving page if you'd like to hear more about my reason for running. You can also sponsor me here if you'd like.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jo-hale3>

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Dates for your Diaries

Monday 11 th September	6pm Year 1 Information Evening
Friday 15 th September	Swimming starts for years 2 and 4
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 2 visit to Burcott Mill (morning only)
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 3 visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum
Wednesday 4 th October	Open Morning
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church 2pm
Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits
Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 20 th October	Author Visit for Year 6 – organised by the CLP
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day School closed to children
Wednesday 8 th November	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 15 th November	FWPS Bags to School – details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (morning)

School Money

Our preferred method of payment for School lunches, breakfast club and after school club, school trips and swimming is via www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Please contact the school office if you do not yet have an account, or you have forgotten your password.

Reporting a child as absent

Please inform the office by 9am on the first day of your child's absence to ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

Safeguarding Information

West Pennard Primary School is fully committed to Safeguarding. The school's DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher). The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Emily Bridson (Year 5 teacher). If you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature then please speak to us.

If you would like to volunteer in school with trips or hearing children read, then you will need to have DBS clearance. Ask at the office for details.

Pilton Bus Escort

For the first 5 weeks of term there will be occasions when we will be without our bus escort Julie.

Reminder - please inform the school office by 2pm if a bus child is not catching the bus, as we have a daily register.

Snacks

We encourage children in years 3 – 6 to bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. Younger children have this provided through the Healthy Schools scheme.

Year 1 Information Evening for parents of children currently in year 1 Monday 11th September @ 6pm in the Year 1 classroom

Mrs Dorothy Robinson will be holding an information evening for all parents of children in year 1. This is to ensure that the transition from Reception class to Year 1 is as successful as it can be. Mrs Robinson will be going through the expectations of the Year 1 curriculum plus the routines of the class. It will also be a useful time for you to ask any questions that you may have about your child's learning. We hope that you can make it. I will also be on hand if you would like to discuss anything or just to have a chat.

Best wishes
Jo Hale