West Pennard Church of England Primary School



Written for the Week Beginning 27th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week in school. Year 2 and 5 were visited by Avon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. The member of the Fire Service leading the workshop remarked on how astute and thoughtful the children at West Pennard were during the workshop. Well done Years 2 and 5!

I also met with a member of the local gardening society to discuss how we can improve the use of our outdoor grounds to enhance the children's learning. We are particularly looking at how we can improve the space for growing vegetables. We will keep you updated about this in the coming weeks and months.

It is the school Christmas Fair next Friday (1st December). It starts at 6pm — please come along and support this important fundraiser.

Best wishes Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)



Spelling Tip of the Week

As a school, we have been having a big focus on spelling and teaching it in ways that are memorable. The following 'tip' could be used to help your child learn their weekly spellings.

Rainbow Words

This method helps you with the difficult part of the word. Use a different colour or colours to highlight the 'tricky' part of the word.

e.g. guard

You can, alternatively, use colours for each letter, as the different colours used might trigger the memory as to what letter goes where.

<u>Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December</u> <u>6pm-8pm</u>

"Fast-track" bookings to visit Father Christmas are available to book online via:

https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ Pre-booking is **not essential**, you will be able to visit him on the night, but there may be a queue.

Donations of wrapping paper, toys and tombola prizes are still welcome. The FWPS would also like to hear from you if you can spare half an hour to help on a stall.



Stars

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year 1: Boe & Zachary
- Year 2: Brooke & Fred M
- Year 3: Fred B & Jacob
- Year 4: Charles & Lucy
- Year 5: Annabel & Sophia
- Year 6: Milan & Solomon

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week. Please can children return their badges to the school office after this time.

If your child has received an award outside of school, then we would love to be able to present them with it in our weekly celebration assembly.

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| Tuesday 28 th November | Year 6 trip "Unwrapped" – Street Baptist Church |
| Friday 1st December | FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm |
| Friday 8th December | Year 5 and 6 Strode Theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast – return 4:30pm |
| Monday 11 th December | Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30 am |
| Wednesday 13 th December (pm) | Rainbow theatre company's production of Aladdin for the whole school |
| Thursday 14 th December | Year 4 trip to Museum of Somerset, Taunton |
| Friday 15 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 15 th December | School Disco in school hall 6:30 – 7:25 (Years R, 1 &2) 7:30 – 8:45 (Years 3 – 6) |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Whole School Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 21 st December | Last day of term |
| Monday 8 th January | Children return to school 8 th January 2018 |

Infant Nativity

(years R, 1 & 2)

"A King is Born"

Tuesday 12th December 2pm Wednesday 13th December 9:30am

We are excited to announce that bookings open at 4pm today, (Friday 24th November), for this year's infant nativity, "A King is Born"!

There are 3 tickets available per family to watch this performance.
You can have 3 tickets for one performance or split the tickets over both days.

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Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to the families who generously donated a shoe box for our Operation Christmas Child appeal.

As a school community we have managed to fill 59 shoeboxes, which I know will make a huge difference to children around the world. There should be a photograph in the local press ... so you may want to keep a look out for that.



After School Club

Our After School Club has a dedicated phone line for use in emergencies **after 3:15pm**.

01458 833224

<u>Menu Change –</u> 21st Dec 2017 (week 2)

We will be serving the following meal on Thursday 21st December:

Main Meal: Fish Fingers and Oven Chips.

Vegetarian: Vegetarian Sausages and Oven Chips.

Sandwich: Ham or Cheese Roll

Pudding: Ice-cream Sundae or Fresh Fruit.

If your child normally has a school lunch on **Thursday of week 2**, they will automatically receive the meal above.

If you wish to change or cancel a pre-booked meal for this day, please inform the office by Friday 8th December.

Please make any menu changes/cancellations by Friday 8th December 2017.