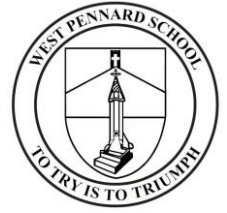




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 4th December 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the last few weeks, I have been starting to carry out classroom observations; this is an annual part of our performance management cycle and I enjoy having the opportunity to really spend time in each classroom. So far I have seen great examples of children being editors of their own work; children thinking about the audience for their writing and some of our youngest children really getting to grips with how to read by blending the phonemes that they know. Great job!

As December dawns this week, our thoughts will inevitably start to turn towards tinsel, glitter and exciting family times. I know that the infant children have already started working on the upcoming nativity 'A King is Born' and I think we are in for a treat!

Tonight, we see the much anticipated Christmas Fair and preparations are in full swing. Due to safeguarding regulations, parking will not be available on the school site. Please could parents park at the village hall to ensure that the church carpark is left free for the stall holders. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes
Miss Jo Hale

Menu Week 3

Spelling Tip of the Week

Pyramid Words

This method forces you to think of each letter separately...

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You could then start to reverse the process so you end up with a diamond.



Stars

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

- Year 1: Elsie & Joshua
- Year 2: Harriet & Loralie
- Year 3: Carmen & Sydney
- Year 4: Charlotte & Zander
- Year 5: William & Willow
- Year 6: Caitlin, Roxy & Ruby

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.

Goodbye Mrs King

It is with real sadness that the school will say goodbye to Mrs. King at the end of this term. Mrs King has been working with the school for many years and I am sure that she will be sorely missed. Towards the end of term, the children and staff will gather together for a special assembly to thank Mrs King for everything that she has contributed to West Pennard.

Our New Year 3 teacher is Miss Bradford and she will be joining our school community on 19th February. Miss Bradford comes with an extremely good reputation and was a firm favourite with the children on the interview day. We look forward to working with her!

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Dates for your Diaries

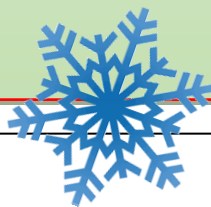
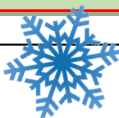
Friday 8th December	Year 5 and 6 Strode Theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast – return 4:30pm
Monday 11th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13th December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30 am
Wednesday 13th December (pm)	Rainbow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

Football News

West Pennard 4 – 10 Ashcott (23.11.17)

On Thursday afternoon, in horrible conditions, we put up a brave, battling performance against a very strong Ashcott team. The game started evenly and we took the lead after 5 minutes with a fabulous strike from Tyler that flew into the top corner from 20 yards out. However this seemed to spur our opponents on and Cole had to produce some fantastic saves to keep us ahead. The pressure finally told as Ashcott got on the scoresheet, adding a couple of goals before half-time. Despite creating numerous chances in the second half and converting a couple (goals from Milan x2 and Tyler getting his second) Ashcott ran out the victors winning 10-4. The team must be commended however for playing right up until the final whistle and not giving up. It is important to be gracious in defeat as well as in victory and the boys certainly were.

Man of the match: Cole Spacey
Mr Bisgrove



Emergency Weather Closure

Our school could have an emergency closure due to severe weather for two reasons:

- 1: The school cannot be accessed / is not safe for children and staff.
- 2: Not enough teaching / support staff can travel in to ensure children's safety.

In the unlikely event that we have to close the school we will text parents and update our school website by 7:30am. The local radio stations will broadcast school closures too.

If you do not have internet access or your mobile signal is poor at home, please arrange for a friend to contact you if we are closed.



Infant Nativity

(years R, 1 & 2)

"A King is Born"

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

Ticket booking can be made up to 3pm on the 11th December, 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.

<https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Updated school gate/intercom procedures on the next page – please read. Thank you.

Menu Change – 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.

Community Christingle Service

You are all welcome to attend the Pilton & North Wootton Christingle service at St John's Church in Pilton, 3pm on Sunday 3rd December.



Procedure for dropping off and collecting children – From 4th December 2017

Dropping off from 8:25am

- ✓ Parents should not arrive at school before 8:25am unless they are attending Breakfast Club. It is not safe to wait outside of the gates due to the school bus reversing and cars turning.
- ✓ Children should not be left unaccompanied outside the school gates before 8:25am.

Collecting at 3:15pm-3:30pm

- ✓ The school gate will open at 3:10pm, so please avoid arriving before this time. From 3:10pm you can come straight into the playground to wait until the bell sounds.
- ✓ Please can **all parents** wait for children inside the school gates as follows:
 - ★ Key Stage 1 (years R-2) – parents please wait below the white line painted on the playground floor (near year 2 classroom).
 - ★ Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) – parents please wait above the white line painted on the playground floor (near basketball hoops).
 - ★ If you have children in both Key Stages, please wait where your youngest child would expect you to be.
- ✓ Children will not be let out through the school pedestrian gate unless they are with a parent/carer.

<u>Time of day</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Note</u>
7:45am – 8:25am	Please ring the Wrap Around Care intercom for access to Breakfast Club.	Please escort your child into the hall for breakfast club. Do not drop them at the gate.
8.25am – 8:50am	Please wait until 8:25am before arriving at school. Bring children straight into the playground, where they will be supervised by a member of staff from 8:25am until 8:50am.	Please do not block the narrow pathway leading to the pedestrian gate.
9am-3:10pm	Please ring the Office intercom for access to the school and make your way to the school office to sign children in/out.	Please do not drop children at the gate unaccompanied.
3:10pm-3.30pm	Please do not arrive at the school gates before 3:10pm. At 3:10pm come straight into the playground to wait for children. Please do not wait outside the school gates.	Key Stage 1 parents (years R-2), wait below the white line. Key Stage 2 parents (years 3-6), wait above the white line.
3:30pm-4:10pm *Updated*	The gate will be locked, please ring the Office intercom for access to the school during this time.	Please ring the Wrap Around Care intercom if collecting from the After School Club.
4:10pm-4:25pm *Updated*	The gate will be unlocked during this time for collection from Extra-Curricular Clubs.	Press the Office intercom if your child's club finishes at 4pm.
4:25pm-6pm *Updated*	Please ring the Wrap Around Care intercom to collect children from the After School Club.	The school office is not staffed during this time. Please use the After School Club intercom for assistance.
6pm-7:45am	The gate is padlocked overnight.	