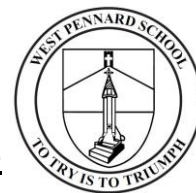




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 3rd December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed Kizzy (Y4) and Kydon (Y5) to our school. I am always so impressed when new children join us mid-year as the existing children at West Pennard are so friendly and welcoming.

Do I dare mention the word ... Christmas ... there is definitely some excitement building. This week there have been rehearsals for the choir, rehearsals for the Infant production of 'Lights ... camelaction!' and all classes also had the opportunity to visit our Christmas prayer space. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising such a wonderful experience for the children. It has also been lovely to see the grotto taking shape for tonight's Christmas Fayre. Thank you to the parents of the children in Reception Class for giving up their time to create such a magical experience for the children.

At the end of the newsletter, I have attached a Christmas Overview as information - I understand what a busy time the Christmas season is for parents and hope that it helps a little.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you at tonight's Christmas Fayre - this is a huge fundraiser for us and without the money raised by the FWPS we would not be able to provide anywhere near as many enriching experiences as we do currently. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to tonight's Fayre it really is appreciated.

With best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

Do not fear for I am with you.
Isaiah 41 v10

Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

33 children recorded as late
(between 8.50am-9am)

3 children recorded as
unauthorised
(after 9am)

Please ensure your child arrives at
school on time.



Stars

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

- Year 1: **Thea & Cherry**
- Year 2: **Matthew & Boe**
- Year 3: **Max & Dexter**
- Year 4: **Evie D & Toby**
- Year 5: **Kayla-May & Zander**
- Year 6: **Daniel B & Emma**

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.

Writer of the Week: Oscar (Year R)

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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Permission Slips

We currently have trips organised for 3rd Dec (Christmas Unwrapped) and 5th Dec (Imperial War Museum) for Year 6. Please ensure you return your EV5 forms for these trips, and for the Carol Service rehearsal at Wells Cathedral on 4th Dec. Thank you

KS1 Nativity Plays

The booking system will be available from **9am on Saturday 1st December**. Booking closes on Tuesday 11th December at 10am for the Tuesday performance and at 4.30pm for the Wednesday performance.

www.westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Update on Accelerated Reader

It is wonderful to see the 'buzz' surrounding reading since the Introduction of Accelerated Reader. We are still very early on in our Accelerated Reader journey but children are thoroughly excited to share their successes and talk openly about the books they have read. Since the start of the academic year, the whole school have read 14,382,947 words. What a fabulous statistic! In the next couple of months, we will be introducing the 'home connect' aspect of AR. This will allow parents to view your child's AR quiz results online and receive email updates, if you wish.

*Totals: School Year to Date – Books read 2,011, Words Read 14,382,947.
Based on reading practice quizzes passed*

Sevington Victorian School

History came to life this week for the children in Year 3 when they visited Sevington Victorian School in Wiltshire. The children thoroughly enjoyed this hands on learning experience and fully immersed themselves in all areas of school life. They particularly enjoyed using quills and ink during a handwriting lesson and discussing the punishments used within schools during this time period. For most of the day the girls and boys were separated with the girls taking part in sewing lessons, whilst the boys went outside and tended to the garden.



Parking

Please be respectful of residents' driveways/access when parking. Please do not park at the bottom of the lane and round the corners into Newtown Lane both ways. This is unsafe and causes difficulties for residents and parents alike. Please park in the Village Hall where possible. Thank you

Festive Fun!

West Pennard Village Hall warmly invites the children of West Pennard School to an afternoon of festive fun at our village hall. The FREE event takes place on **Saturday 8th December** from 3-5pm. Each child will have the opportunity to make a Christmas tree decoration (to take home), meet Father Christmas & receive a small gift and overall enjoy Christmas fun! Adults are invited to stay for the session. Refreshments will be provided for all. Although the session is FREE we need to know numbers - **please book your child's space** by confirming their name, age, gender & dietary requirements **by Saturday 1st December** to Holly at wpvhevents@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Cyclo Cross

Well done to the children from years 5 and 6 for braving the storm in the Cyclo Cross competition this week. They came in second and have made it to the County Finals!



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Advent Prayer Space



A tree to think about who we are not able to share Christmas with?



The angels amazed the shepherds. What makes you go 'Wow'?

Playdough to create things we are thankful for.



Mary and Joseph had nowhere to stay. Families today have to live in boxes. What do you think about this?



What difference does Jesus being the 'Light of the World' make?

The wise men were guided by a star. They had much to look forward to. What are you looking forward to?



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Christmas Information

We have provided an overview of the important days in December as we appreciate the diary gets busy! You will notice we have planned in several Christmas Jumper Days. These are times when your child is welcome to wear school uniform with a Christmas jumper instead of their sweatshirt (should they wish) and mufti days are when they can wear their own choice of clothes which may include a Christmas jumper.

Christmas Card Post Box: If children want to send cards, they can put them in our special Christmas post box which will be in the corridor by the Reception Class. The cards will be delivered to classes by our Year 6 children. (Please make sure they write the name of the child and their year group clearly on the envelope.)

Friday 30th November 6 – 8pm Christmas Fayre

This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we welcome your support

Monday 3rd December – Christmas Tree decorating

Please can the children in the Reception Class bring in a bauble to add to the Christmas tree

Monday 3rd December Year 6 to Street Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped

Tuesday 4th December – Wells Cathedral for selected members of the choir

Monday 10th December – 9:30am Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school, governors and invited members of the community

Post box available for Christmas cards for one week

Tuesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity – performance for parents 2pm

Please book your tickets online – three per family available (no entry without booking)

Wednesday 12th December – KS1 Nativity – performance for parents 9:30am

Please book your tickets online – three per family available (no entry without booking)

Friday 14th December -Image Musical Theatre 'The Selfish Giant' (All Year groups)

A huge thank you to the FWPS for funding this

Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children (donations please)

Last day to use Christmas post box

School Disco (in school hall)

6:30 – 7:30pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

7:30 – 8:45pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children are supervised by school staff and DBS cleared volunteers. Once children have been signed in parents should leave the site.

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform (No donations)

Wednesday 19th December 2pm Carol Service

After the service you are welcome to come to the hall for tea, or coffee and a mince pie

Thursday 20th December – Class Christmas Parties

Your child's class teachers will give more information

Children can wear sensible mufti – no high heels please! Also ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Friday 21st December – Last day of term

Children collected at usual time (3:15pm)

All of the staff at West Pennard CE Primary School wish our families a wonderful Christmas.

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Forthcoming Christmas Services

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Sunday 2nd December 3.00pm at St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton
An opportunity to make your own christingle and celebrate together - all welcome.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - Sunday 2nd December 4.00pm at St Nicholas' Church, West Pennard

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 16th December 4.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday 24th December 3.30 pm Crib service
Children are invited to come to the Crib Service dressed as shepherds, angels, animals or kings

Headlice

I would be grateful if everyone could check their children's hair this weekend so that we can stop the spread! Thanks in advance

How to treat headlice (NHS guidance)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. This method should be tried first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- Use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- Repeat every few days for 2 weeks
- It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 2 weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

products containing permethrin; head lice "repellents"; electric combs for head lice
tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You can't prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact.

Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

Dates for the week ahead

Monday 3 rd December	Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped Football match vs Brookside at Strode – 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th December	Wells Cathedral Christmas Concert (Choir children) - 7pm
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip

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