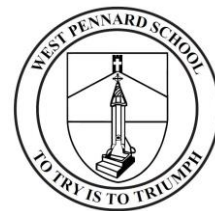




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 12th March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to enjoy the snow with your families. I have really enjoyed hearing about what the children got up to - I was even told that there were people skiing on Wells High Street! It really was unique weather for Somerset.

We welcome Mrs Mckaig back to the school this week. Mrs Mckaig will be teaching our Year 4 class whilst Mr Wheat is recovering after having his operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We look forward to 2 new members of staff starting on Monday. We have Mrs Raphael, who will be the class teaching assistant in Year 6 and Mrs Sweet, who will be working in the office - I am sure you will make them welcome.

Mrs Smith (Chair of Governors) and I met with the School's Education partner this week. We visited classrooms to watch the teaching and talked to children about their learning.

Best wishes
Miss Jo Hale



Menu Week 2

Afterschool Club Pricing Review

Afterschool Club needs to be self-funding. Therefore in order to cover costs we are going to have to increase the cost of our afterschool club provision.

See table below:

Session	Current price	Price from April 1 st 2018
3:15 – 4:15	£4:00	£4:00
4:15 – 6:00	£5:00	£6:00
3:15 – 6:00	£7:00	£8:00

This price increase is in-line with other local primary schools.

See below for a comparison of the costings of their full sessions:

Brookside	Catcott	Hindhayes	St John's	Butleigh
£8:00	£4:00 per hour	£8:00	£7:75 until 5:30pm	£6:50 until 5:30pm

This is not something we want to do but school budgets are becoming tighter and tighter. We thank you for your support and understanding.

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Diary Dates

Friday 16 th March	Year 5 Squash & Biscuits
Friday 16 th March	FWPS Fish and Chip Bingo
Monday 19 th March	Easter Service 2.00pm
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Wednesday 21 st March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 22 nd March	Last day of term
Friday 23rd March	INSET day – school closed to children

Parents' Evening Booking System

We are looking ahead to our forthcoming parents' evenings, though this will not include Year 4 as this has already been organised on an earlier date. The majority of Yr 4 parents have already had theirs but appointments on the 'snow' days are being rearranged for next term. Booking will be through our online parents' evening appointment booking system. The booking website is self-explanatory. The system uses the contact details of each pupil's Priority 1 parent/carer. Bookings are on a first come first served basis so please be aware that this **system will be open from 6pm Friday 9th March** and will **close at midnight on Friday 16th March**.

<https://westpennard.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>

Cake Sale in aid of WWF Wednesday March 14th at 3:00pm *A message from Walker in Year 6*



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am a child at West Pennard School and I feel like I have to make a difference instead of waiting for someone else to do it for me.

The world around us is dying – about 55 elephants die each day because of us humans. I am supporting WWF because I feel they cover everything I feel needs covering: climate change, poaching, deforestation – the whole lot! I also feel that they can help me make a difference.

All I ask is that you support my cake sale so that you can help me help the planet.

Please bring any donations of cakes into school on the morning of Wednesday 14th March – thanks for your help.

School Money

www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Some parents have already noticed a change to this website – it now auto-sends you to Eduspot's home page.

You will need to select the option for 'School Money parent login' (not just 'School Money') and you should then see the normal info requested.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

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Stars

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

- Reception: **Nyree & Aubin**
- Year 1: **Martha & Megan C**
- Year 2: **Kai & Dexter**
- Year 3: **Evie & Ashleigh**
- Year 4: **Darcy & Fife**
- Year 5: **Elijah & Emma**
- Year 6: **Lilija & Angel**

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.

Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

The final payment for the residential is now overdue. Please log on to School Money to make your payment.

Our information evening is on **Wednesday 25th April 5pm** in the Year 6 Classroom. During this meeting we will share information about kit lists and the types of activities that your child will get up to ...

Nut Free School

Reminder – we are a nut-free school. Please do not send your children in with any food containing nuts. This includes Nutella and other chocolate hazelnut spreads.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



SAFEGUARDING

Pilton Chapel Bus Stop

In the interests of safety, please could you ensure that your children do not play underneath the conifer trees. As the bus approaches children are coming out from under the trees and the bus staff are concerned about safety.

Mobile Phones

Using a mobile phone whilst driving is illegal – please refrain from doing so. Church Lane is extremely busy during drop off and pick up.

You can get 6 penalty points and a £200 fine if you use a hand-held phone when driving. You'll also lose your licence if you passed your driving test in the last 2 years.

Skip to be Fit

Following the success of the Skip 2 B Fit day, the school have purchased some skipping ropes for the children to use at lunchtimes. There was a real buzz of competitive excitement this week – where children were trying to beat personal bests and compete with their friends.



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Calling everyone from Pilton and North Wootton

Do come and join us celebrating Mothering Sunday over this weekend:
We start on Saturday 10th March at North Wootton village Hall with Messy church from 2.30. Come and make posies of flowers and cards for mothering Sunday and plant your own seeds. Ends with a shared Tea.

On Sunday 11th March there are 2 family services to celebrate:

North Wootton Church 11am

Pilton 3pm

It would be lovely to see you.



School Cleaner Needed

We have a vacancy for someone reliable to join our team.

Monday – Friday

Term time plus 2 weeks holiday cleaning

10 Hours per week 15:00 - 17:00

Grade 16 £7.83 per hour

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a broad knowledge of cleaning
- Be punctual and presentable
- Have a "here to help" attitude.
- Have an understanding of confidentiality.

To apply or express your interest in this position please **call West Pennard Primary School 01458 832866**, email westpennardprimary@gmail.com or pop into the school office.

The post is subject to successful safeguarding checks.

Closing Date 23rd March 12 noon

Interviews 12th April



Glastonbury Abbey

Year 5 had a super visit to Glastonbury Abbey this week – it was many of the children's first experience of the Abbey and they were impressed by the architecture and lapped up the history through the day. Thank you to all of the staff and parent helpers who supported the trip.

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