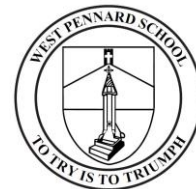




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 11th March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been super to show candidates around the school for the upcoming teaching assistant interviews. The class greeters did a wonderful job welcoming visitors to the school and explaining what they were learning.

Our Book Week starts on Monday 11th March with dress up day. Children should come as a character from a book. Costumes do not need to cost lots of money and some of the best costumes are those made out of what people already have at home. Prizes will be awarded for a range of reasons. There are also a lot of exciting things happening next week including a visit from a local storyteller and a famous author. Please refer to the 'Book Week' letter that you should have received a couple of weeks ago.

Can anyone help prune our willow arch? It has started to grow out of control and needs some TLC. If you have the skills and the time, please speak to a member of the office staff and we can arrange a time for the job to be done.

I am using the school Twitter Feed @westpennardhead more and more – do give us a follow so that you can see photos of the children learning.

Finally, please try to encourage your child / children to read at least 4 times a week at home. This reading partnership between home and school really does lead to success in reading.

Warmest wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart and tell about the wonders you have worked. Psalm 9 v 1

Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

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

0 children recorded as unauthorised late (after 9am)

If a child has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in the last 12 school weeks parents may be subject to a penalty notice. Please visit:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Miss%20School%20%3D%20Miss%20Out%20ENGLISH.pdf>



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

- Year 1: **Hollie & Hayden**
- Year 2: **Martha, Roo & Elsie**
- Year 3: **Harriet**
- Year 4: **Kizzy & Conor**
- Year 5: **Darcy & Ella**
- Year 6: **Elijah & Simon**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

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.

Tel: 01458 832866

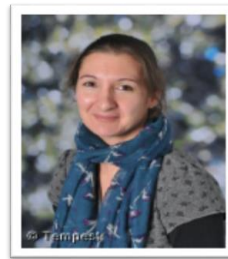
Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Safeguarding

At West Pennard Church of England Primary School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, Governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

The designated members of staff for safeguarding are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Miss Jo Hale, Head Teacher**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Mrs Lorraine Clarke, SENCo**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety then please do not hesitate to speak to one of the safeguarding leads.

Do not think what if I'm wrong; think what if I'm right.

Collection

Arrangements

If someone other than a parent is collecting your child, particularly in the younger classes, please inform the office so that all teachers are aware.

Many thanks

Church Lane – Road Safety

Please ensure you drive safely and at a reasonable speed (maximum 15 mph) in Church Lane. The safety of the children is our priority and prime concern when cars are driving at high speed. When turning at the top of the lane please be patient in the queue and consider other drivers coming out of the car park. Also please do not park in the entrance of the school; this must be kept clear at all times. Thank you

FWPS School Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 29th March 6.30pm - 8.45pm. We need volunteers so if you are able to help please contact the office.

Thank you

SEND update – What support is out there?

Mental Health Support

There's a Mental Health Support service on offer in Somerset. The service is offered by Young Somerset (previously Somerset Rural Youth Project) offering support to young people aged 8-19 with their mental health. The support can be at home, school, in a GP surgery or at the organisation's Wellbeing Room. You can get help with stress management, anxiety, OCD, low mood or panic. To find out more go to:

<https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mental-health-support>

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Year 6 Life Skills Visit

On Monday, children in Year 6 went to Lifeskills in Bristol. The purpose of the visit was to rehearse and learn about important skills such as performing CPR, fire safety and road safety. The children even had the opportunity to call 999 and feedback on an emergency.



Chromebooks

Exciting tech news - last week we had 30 high-end Acer Flip Chromebooks delivered and installed to support teaching and learning in all classes across the school. We went for Acer Flip Chromebooks as they have the important functionality of having a keyboard, with the additional ability to 'flip over' to become a tablet. The Chromebooks will prove an invaluable tool within school, not least as the children will now have the use of a variety of devices, not just having a knowledge of, and skill in using, one device or operating system. We now have Windows-based desktop and laptop computers, android tablets, ipads and Chromebooks. A huge, huge thank you to the FWPS for funding the Chromebooks and for all the incredibly hard work that they do in raising money to provide such important and invaluable experiences for the children of the school.

Mr Wheat



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Please go to <https://westpennard.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> to book an appointment.

There will therefore be no Story Treasure Chest or Times Table Rockstars clubs on 19th or Booster Club on 21st March.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Bag 2 School is looking for a new coordinator or two to manage the twice-yearly collection of clothing which raises money for FWPS to directly benefit West Pennard School children! Please contact the School Office or Jane Gilroy (mum of Katharine Y6) directly on 01458 851640 if you're interested....as she could show you what to do at the next collection due in May. It doesn't take much time to help and is easy to fit around family and work commitments so please do consider giving a hand!

Dates for the week ahead

Monday 11 th March – Friday 15 th March	Book Week (please refer to letter sent out last week with all the details of events which is also on our website)
Monday 11 th March	Dress up day for World Book Day Storyteller visit (Emma Morag)
Tuesday 12 th March	Book Swap
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 5 Vicar Workshop Reading Café
Thursday 14 th March	Drop Everything and Read!
Friday 15 th March	Year R trip to We the Curious Year 5 & 6 Author Visit (Emma Carroll) Year 1-4 Reading with Parents – 2.40pm FWPS Fish & Chip Bingo – doors open at 5.45pm

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale