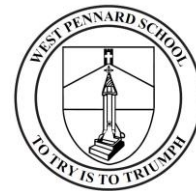




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 18th March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for supporting us with attendance and punctuality. It was really pleasing to see that 0 children arrived after 9am last week. This really does make a positive difference to the children and staff as it means that everyone starts the day together. Our current whole school attendance is looking really positive so far this year and stands at 96.69%. This is considerably higher when compared to the same time last year which stood at 95.81%. Thank you for your continued support with this.

A huge thank you to everyone for their support with Book Week. The week started with a fabulous dress up day – the children looked wonderful and there were some very original ideas. I had two personal favourites – Mr Bump and Grandpa from 'Grandpa's Great escape'. It was also great to see so many of our staff dressed up; we had our very own Ms Trunchball courtesy of Mrs O'Grady and a whole host of other book characters. A huge thank you to Mrs Pinent for organising such a memorable and worthwhile week.

Next week we have our parents' evenings. The evenings will follow the same format as last term. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their books located in the Year 6 classroom. Year R books will be in Year R, Year 1 books in Year 1 and Year 2 books in Year 2. This keeps the footfall to a smaller area in the school and enables the cleaning team to access other classrooms. There is no need for children to come to parents' evening, but if you are stuck for childcare then there will be a small colouring table located in the hall supervised by myself and the Year 6 helpers if needed.

Warmest wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

God never made a promise that was too good to be true.
D. L. Moody



Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

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

3 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: **Grace & Jacob W**
- Year 2: **Boe & Harvey**
- Year 3: **Kai, Aldo & Fin**
- Year 4: **Ethan & Isabelle**
- Year 5: **Maggie & Felicity**
- Year 6: **Reuben & Beatrice**

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.

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Book Week at West Pennard

We have been celebrating World Book Week at West Pennard. Yet again, the children have experienced a week of book-filled activities with huge success. Activities included dressing up as their favourite characters; taking part in a reading café; dropping everything at the sound of the school bell and reading, and even a visit from a famous author (Emma Carroll). Each class also focused on a particular fairy tale this year and have used this as the stimulus for in-class activities creating a scrapbook of their learning journey. There are so many wonderful pictures I could share with you but here are just a few!



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**Children's Easter Craft Workshop
and Coffee Morning
Saturday 20th April 10:30 – 12:30
West Pennard Village Hall**

Join us for an Easter themed craft morning.
Lots of exciting activities to entertain your children, including an Easter Egg Hunt!

Refreshments available & space for adults to chill with a cuppa!
Suggested donation of £2 per child.
All ages welcome.

*Please book your child's place by emailing their name, age & gender to
wpvhevents@gmail.com together with any dietary requirements, by 18th April.*

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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.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book an appointment.

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

Year 6 Osmington Bay Information Evening

Current Year 6 parents and children are invited to attend this residential information evening on Wednesday 24th April at 5:30pm in Year 6 Classroom.

Poetry Prize!

Back in the autumn term, Year 5 entered a poetry competition run by the Premier League. Everyone wrote a poem about diversity which was judged by a panel of literature, music and Premier League Stars. This week we received a wonderful collection of books as a prize for entering, which we are very excited to get stuck in to! Well done to everyone in Year 5 for their brilliant entries.



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!

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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

FWPS Summer Fayre Saturday 11th May

Please come along to the recruitment evening on Monday 25th March if you would like to help at the Summer Fayre. 7.30pm at The Red Lion, West Pennard.

World Down Syndrome Awareness day - 21st March

As a headteacher, one of the most rewarding things is when children come with an idea to do something positive and make a difference. Sydney in Year 4 has asked whether as a school community we can support World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd socks or brightly coloured socks.

Her reason for this is that her family has a close friend who has Down Syndrome and she would like to raise some money for the charity 'Ups and Downs'. If you would like to support this event, then just come to school wearing odd or brightly coloured socks for a suggested donation of £1.

Many thanks



Dates for the week ahead

Monday 18th March	Year 6 Easter Unscrambled
Tuesday 19th March	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 21st March	'Ups and Downs Day' – wear odd or coloured socks Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 22nd March	Year 3 Squash & Biscuits

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