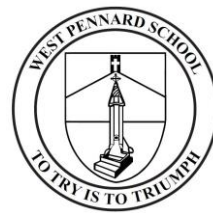




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 16th July 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the senior leadership team have been evaluating data from statutory assessments such as SATs. In our Reception Class, 75% of children achieved a 'Good Level of development' and the gap between boys' and girls' attainment has decreased meaning that boys are now more in-line with the girls' attainment. Previously, girls' attainment had been significantly higher than the boys. These results from the reception class are the best we have had since 2015. Following this success, 86% of children in Year 1 passed the phonics screening check. This is well above last year's national percentage and is a reflection of the hard work and systematic teaching from Mrs Robinson and her team. I have gone back as far as 2013 and this is the highest percentage we have achieved. Our Year 2 SATs also show successes – particularly the percentage of children achieving the higher standard. This year 39% of our Year 2 reached the higher standard in Reading; 26% in Maths and 19% in Writing. In addition to this, our Year 6 results came out this week: 94% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading compared to 75% nationally. We also had our highest ever percentage of children reaching the expected standard in grammar, punctuation and spelling. There were many individual successes and the children should be very proud of themselves. Once all of our data has been validated, then we will publish it on our website. Of course, primary education isn't just about results, the Year 6 children have been a credit to West Pennard and along with the Year 6 teaching team have worked extremely hard all year.

At this stage in the year, I would like to thank parents for all of their support, working in partnership with teachers and staff members to ensure we get the best personal and educational outcomes for all of the children at our school.

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

'God gave you a gift of 84,000 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?' William A. Ward

Music Concert

At the end of last week, we had our music concert. Children across key stage 2 took part and showed off their musical talents. Well done to everyone involved!

Sporting Success!

After winning our final rounders match (by 63 points!) we had an anxious wait for the final league standings as other matches were still to be completed. However, results went our way which meant we ended up as the 2018 year 6 league champions! Huge congratulations to Milan, Amelia, Lilija, Noah, Katy, Cole, Lucy, Tyler and Owen for adding to our trophy collection.



If you haven't done so already please contact the office if your child is interested in music lessons in September.

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Shakespeare Rocks!

Well done to all of the Key Stage 2 children for their production of Shakespeare Rocks! What a super performance!



Michael Morpurgo Exhibition Museum of Somerset

Michael Morpurgo was our focus author in the Spring Term and the Year 5 children decided to spend their Squash and Biscuits money on a trip to his exhibition in Taunton. The remaining money was spent on lots of fruit which we all enjoyed on our return!



Fun at the Disco!

The summer disco was well attended and was enjoyed by both key stages. Thank you to DJ Bernie and all of the FWPS and staff helpers. We raised £323!



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End of an Era

For over twenty years it has been a real privilege to have been part of the amazing team that is West Pennard Primary School, working with so many children as they begin their journey through school.

However, I will be moving on to 'pastures new' from September, embracing an opportunity in an area outside of education.

This will truly be the end of an era for me as my three grown up children were fortunate to attend the school, as indeed was my husband.

West Pennard School will always have a special place in my heart and I wish all the pupils, staff and governors at such a special school, every success for the future.

Caroline Masters

Changes for September

We are pleased to inform you that after parental requests Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30-8.30am from September. The costs will be:

- £3 - breakfast included
- £2 - supervision-only from 7.30am
- £1.50 - supervision only from 8am

From September the gate will be released at 8.30am instead of 8.25am.

Reception class children will be allowed in the classroom from 8.35am. Parents are expected to wait with their child until this time.

Library Stock-Take

Please return all reading books by today (Friday 13th July).

September Lunch Menu

Please note the menu for the first week back in September will be **week 1**. The first day back is Tuesday 4th September which will be **Monday's** menu (pizza). Please can all Year 2 parents return the reply slip by Wednesday 18th July.

Key dates for the rest of the term

Wednesday 18 th July	Year R visit to Court Farm, Banwell
Friday 20 th July	Leavers' Service in St Nicholas' Church - 2pm
Sunday 22 nd July	All Age Family Communion at St Nicholas' Church led by Pam Grottick – 2pm
Tuesday 24 th July	Final Celebration Assembly in the school hall @ 1:45pm – For Year 6 parents and invited parents only. Following this we will be having the Leavers' Race – which I have been told cannot be missed!

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