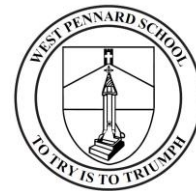




# Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

I almost want to apologise for the length of this newsletter, but I won't, because it demonstrates the fantastic week we have had at West Pennard. Our first whole school 'Values Day' was very successful and gave children important opportunities and thought provoking discussions about what it means to be and have good friends.

We also had the first of two new initiatives this year – our link with the Cyder Barn residential home and our link with Josef (a young man who doesn't let his Cerebral palsy get in the way of life). These two initiatives are part of our actions towards one of the priorities on our school development plan – 'to develop an inspiring and relevant curriculum.' We want to give children plenty of opportunity to understand and celebrate differences and these two initiatives are just some of the things that we have planned.

Thank you for the donations that we had for our muffin day this week – the Environmental Prefects are counting up the donations and will be organising the sponsoring of endangered animals for classes.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope that you are able to enjoy the sunny, autumnal weather.

With very warm wishes

**Jo Hale**

## Menu Week 2

### Quote of the week

God's plans for your life far exceed the circumstances of your day.

### Safeguarding Contact Numbers

Current advice and guidance from Somerset County Council's Safeguarding Team is that you should be providing us with at least three different contact numbers. Please let the office know if you have any changes to your contact numbers.

Many thanks



### Stars

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

- Year 1: **Spike & Hollie**
- Year 2: **Harriet & Harvey**
- Year 3: **Willow & Stanley**
- Year 4: **Isabelle & Conor**
- Year 5: **Robert & Charles**
- Year 6: **Aisha & Noah**

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.***

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## FWPS Christmas Fair Planning Meeting

This meeting has now been rearranged to **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30pm at The Apple Tree, West Pennard.**

Please do come along - it's one of the biggest events of our year and we're always happy to hear new ideas. It would be great to see some new faces - this is open to ALL parents and friends of the school (no need to be on the committee, be a class rep etc - everyone is welcome!) and we do need volunteers who can offer any help at all in the run up and on the night itself. Come along - no commitment, and as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work."

We look forward to seeing you!

### Safeguarding – Parking

Please could parents not park or drop off on the Zigzag lines near the school entrance. It is also important that parents leave the gates at the front of school clear as an emergency entrance / exit. Therefore we ask that parents do not park in this space - this includes parents who drop off children for breakfast club.

Please see attached the Traffic Code of Conduct for the school.

### Office Opening Times

Please note the office is open between **8.30am-3.45pm**. The office will be locked after this time.

### Year 6 Visitor

Year 6 were lucky enough to be visited by Josef Tucker this week. Josef came to talk to the children about living with a disability and how he doesn't let it get in the way of his ambitions. Josef communicates with a clicker system and the children loved his presentation and some of his jokes. He will be visiting all year groups over the next term.



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# Growing Christian Values - Friendship Day



We had a wonderful time on Tuesday exploring what it means to be a good friend. Our photos are just a small selection of the fun we had, not to mention the thought provoking discussions we shared. We could tell you a lot more, please ask us about our fantastic day.



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## School Council Visit

On Tuesday five members of the School Council visited the care home in West Pennard as part of an ongoing project to bring different generations together. They played games of dominoes and snakes and ladders, and read and talked to some of the residents. We look forward to going again in two weeks time. A great many thanks to the Cyder Barn for accommodating us.

Mr Wheat



  
Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name

  
Glastonbury Bridging the Gap

### **Harvest Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2pm**

As you know we are celebrating Harvest in St Nicholas' Church soon. As part of the service there will be an opportunity for you, should you wish, to make either a contribution of non-perishable food, which will go to the Glastonbury Foodbank, fruit and vegetables which will go to the elderly people locally, or monetary gifts which will go to a charity called Compassion UK. As a school we are sponsoring a child through Compassion UK. There will be more about this in our service. Looking forward to seeing you there!

As always, many thanks for your support.

### Dogs on Leads

If you have a dog with you while waiting outside the school gates when dropping off/collecting your child/ren, please ensure they are on a lead.

Thank you

## Dates for the week ahead

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Black History Month Workshops
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting 7.30pm at The Apple Tree

*If you would like to add an item to the Newsletter please contact the school office by 10am on Thursdays with the details. Thank you*

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