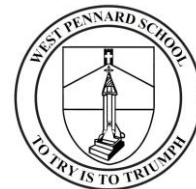




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 15th October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to share with you some safeguarding information that was shared with designated safeguarding leads at a recent briefing.

Older pupils and certainly their older siblings may be aware of "Twitch", a platform for streaming live gaming. Essentially, watching 'gamers' play live. (It is incredibly popular to watch someone else play the game!) The concern is that the chat boxes can be full of language inappropriate for younger pupils and it is in a live environment. Be aware that Twitch channels can make money from viewers' donations to the particular channel through card transactions.

Music.ly is now branded online as Tik Tok. This is the most popular app in the world right now! There are concerns that young users can upload videos of themselves singing to Tik Tok and this video is accessible to a global audience and includes the ability to seek permission to 'befriend' a user. Please do be aware of what apps your child has on their mobile or tablet.

With very warm wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

Don't judge each day by the
harvest you reap but by the seeds
you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Fencing update

A county bid for site security funding has been successful. This means that as a school we have been awarded funding to improve our fencing. We have been awarded this grant as it has been identified that our security does not meet county guidelines. The green weld-mesh fencing at our entrance will be continued along the public footpath and the bottom of the field.

This work will be completed during the October half-term break to ensure minimum disruption to the school.

Parents' Evening Booking System

We are looking ahead to our forthcoming parents' evenings, which will be held on Monday 22nd October and Wednesday 24th October. Booking will be through our online parents' evening appointment booking system. The booking website is self-explanatory, although we would advise that you select the on screen 'manual' option for bookings once logged in. 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 on Monday 15th October** and will close at midnight on Sunday 21st October.

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

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Visit by Ross Montgomery

The amazing Ross Montgomery visited us on Tuesday to share his love of books with Years 2 and 6. He was so engaging and inspiring, most of the Year 6 cohort wanted to take their notebooks outside to write their own story at lunch time. Thank you to the Wells Festival of Literature for funding this visit. A sample of his guided writing is below;

'Paul took a deep breath, and lowered himself into the cold black water. His heartbeat thundered as he started plunging into the endless abyss. He felt as if he was frozen in the murky depths below. He thought he saw a flickering shadow in the water beneath him. His brain was screaming NO but his legs disobeyed – he trudged on. He tried to scream, but he couldn't – his ribcage was being crushed. He felt as if the air was being squeezed out of his lungs and fading into nothingness. Pale smoke slithered across the surface of the water like a poisonous snake ready to slaughter its prey.'



If you want to have a look at Ross' books:

<https://pea-green-boat-books.myshopify.com/collections/pre-order-page-for-ross-montgomerys-event>



Last minute changes to ASC/collections

If you need to make any 'same day' changes to after school club bookings or collection arrangements, please can you **call** the office before 2.30pm. The 2pm-3pm period in the office can be very busy and unfortunately emails may not be picked up in time to inform the teachers/children.

Children's Belongings

Please make sure all items are named, including uniform, lunchboxes, water bottles, snack pots, PE kits, jumpers etc.

Please also check items at home. Please return any not belonging to your child to the school office.

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Class 1 Chefs!

On Tuesday Class 1 made a delicious fruit salad. We used tools carefully and enjoyed being chefs! It was fun to try fruit we have never tasted before.



Photos

The date for the individual school photos has been rearranged to **Monday 5th November**. For family photos please arrive from 8.15am and come to the hall first.

Please note this is the first Monday back after the half term break.

FWPS Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair catch up meeting on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm at The Apple Tree, West Pennard. All welcome.

Dates for the week ahead

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| Monday 15 th October | Harvest Service at St Nicholas' Church, 2pm FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting, 7.30pm at The Apple Tree |
| Wednesday 17 th October | Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am |
| Friday 19 th October | Peer monitoring through CLP, Glastonbury Town Hall Year 6 Squash & Biscuits |

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