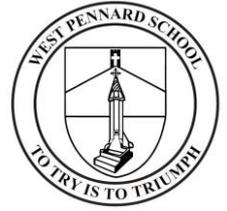




## Weekly Newsletter



### Written for the Week Beginning 30th October 2017

Thank you to the parents, governors and staff who gave up their time on Saturday to help clear areas of the school grounds. The wooded area by reception class has been cleared and is awaiting a fresh layer of wood chippings.

Parents' evenings have been well attended this week and it was a perfect opportunity for me to meet parents who don't often have the opportunity to come to school. As a working parent myself, I appreciate that having regular contact with school is difficult. Please use the school email address (at the foot of the page) if you would like to make contact and your email will be passed onto the relevant member of staff.

Thank you to the families who ran the refreshments during parents' evening. They raised £50.69, which will go towards two charities: Marie Curie and The Red Brick Youth Club.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half-term with your families. I can't quite believe that I have completed my first half term as Headteacher of West Pennard!

Best wishes

Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

### The FWPS Need Your Help!

The Friends of West Pennard School (FWPS) need new members.

School budgets are getting tighter and tighter and without the money raised by the FWPS the school would not be able to fund many of the enriching opportunities available to all of your children.

They have an **Annual General Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** in the school hall. This will start at 7pm.

Please come and see how you can make a difference.

### Fencing

As detailed in my letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, we are erecting new fencing and an intercom gate around the front entrance to the school during the October half term.

The public right of way footpath will remain, but will be outside of our playground.

The gates will be opened at the beginning and end of the school day and there will be systems in place for Breakfast Club and After School Club.

This work is being carried out following safeguarding advice from the Local Authority and will be in-line with procedures of many other rural schools.



### Stars

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

- Year 1: Hugo & Kailyn
- Year 2: George & Lily
- Year 3: Howie & William
- Year 4: Charlotte & Meghan
- Year 5: Gabriel & Owen
- Year 6: Jake & Jessica

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.

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Headteacher Miss J. Hale

## Dates for your Diaries

23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day School closed to children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	FWPS Annual General Meeting 7pm in the school hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	FWPS Bags to School – details to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – wear something spotty or pyjamas for a donation
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits <b>*Date change</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm <b>*Date change*</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (morning)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

### A message from the Send a Cow charity

Dear Pupils, friends and family of West Pennard Primary school. Thank you for making me so welcome at collective worship and for the collection of £138.60 at your Harvest service. You will see that this will become £277 with the match funding. A wonderful achievement.

You are helping change lives forever.

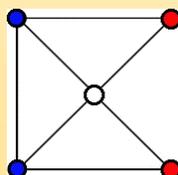
Thank you so much on behalf of all at Send a Cow.

Jackie Laws

### Enrichment Week – Shang Dynasty

We held our Shang Dynasty and China Enrichment Week this week in school. The children all enjoyed a session of extremely calming Tai Chi Qigong on Monday, courtesy of Beith Woodburn and Tai Chi for Health. On Tuesday and Thursday the kitchen provided a spread of Chinese food for the children to enjoy and on Thursday morning the children in Key Stage 1 had a go at Chinese dance with Sarah Henderson. In classes the children made Chinese dragons, shadow puppets and Chinese lanterns. They learnt about the achievements of the Shang Dynasty and about life in China in general 3500 years ago. The children even had a go at a traditional Chinese game – Pong hau k'i. If you would like to play the game yourselves you can do so by drawing a game board like the one below (left) and placing four counters of two colours in each corner (see right). Each player takes a turn to move into a space.

The object of the game is to move such that you block your opponent and they cannot make a move. A great many thanks to the visitors that came in to make our week so enriching, and also to our kitchen staff who made it so delicious. Mr Wheat



### Year 6 Girl's Football Tournament

On Tuesday, seven of the year 6 girls – Liliya, Bethan, Imogen, Katy, Evie, Maisy and Millie took part in a girl's football tournament at Strode College. Despite losing their first game to a strong Elmhurst team they produced an excellent performance in their second match, coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2; both goals being scored by Liliya. Two more narrow defeats followed leaving us joint fourth at the end of the competition. Considering it was their first competition as a team the girls showed great tenacity, camaraderie and ability from start to finish. More importantly they thoroughly enjoyed the event and were desperate for more! Well done girls you were a credit to the school.

Mr Bisgrove

### School Lunch Menu

Just a reminder that we return, on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, on our new winter lunch menu – Week 1.

A copy of the menu can be found on the school website. If you are unsure of your child's menu choices please contact the school office.

### Poppy Appeal

On our return to school we will be selling poppies on the behalf of the Red Cross Poppy Appeal. Please feel free to send your children in with a donation in exchange for a poppy.



### A message for Year 6

*Mrs McKaig would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who gave up their afternoon to help out at the Year 6 Squash and Biscuits on Friday. It was very much appreciated.*