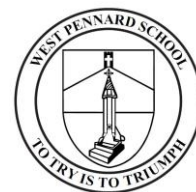




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 22nd October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Harvest Festival. I am sure that you will agree that our Year 6 children led the service brilliantly and articulated some important messages.

This week I visited classes with Mr Wheat (as Maths Lead) to monitor the teaching and learning of Maths. One of our whole school developments this year is to ensure that we are 'deepening' children's understanding of number and mathematical concepts. In the younger classes we are beginning to embed something called 'bar-modelling' and had some training on this last week. We are also focusing on using concrete apparatus and visual representations to ensure that children are not just 'number crunching' but actually understanding why things happen with number and explaining their reasoning. The primary and secondary curriculum has a much sharper focus on reasoning and problem-solving.

With very warm wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

Be still and know that I am God –

Psalms 46 v10

Parents' Evening

Reminder Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th October. Please book online using the link below:

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

Booking will close at midnight on Sunday 21st October.

On the evenings, please try and arrive a little earlier so that you are able to look at your child's work prior to meeting with their teacher.

On arrival, please come to the hall where one of our Year 6 pupils will direct you.

It is preferable not to bring your children with you, however if you have no alternative then there will be a colouring table set up in the hall, which will be supervised by myself and some of the Year 6 children. Children should not be roaming the school site unsupervised. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Stars

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

- Year 1: **Jemima & Arlo**
- Year 2: **Elsie & Kelcie**
- Year 3: **Alfie & Loralie**
- Year 4: **Jacob & Howie**
- Year 5: **Gabrielle & Olivia L**
- Year 6: **Owen & Reuben**

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.

Writer of the Week: Albert

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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Harvest Service

It was good to see so many of you at the Harvest Service on Monday. Many thanks for your generosity in the gifts you sent in with your child and in the retiring collection. £104.22 was raised for Ashlyn the 4 year old child we are sponsoring as a school through Compassion UK.



Club changes & ASC bookings

Tennis club will finish on 23 October and will be replaced by Netball for those who have signed up for it on-line.

Story Treasure Chest will continue after half term with those children in the Autumn 2 group. Reminder that this club now finishes at 4:15pm.

If any changes need to be made to your After School Club bookings for the next half term please contact the office.

Poppies

Poppies will be for sale in the school office from Monday.

Disabled Spaces

Please do not park in the disabled spaces unless you have a blue badge. Some parents/visitors require these spaces and are unable to park there because spaces have been taken.

Growing Christian Values

Please note the deadline for voting on 'Growing Christian Values' is Wednesday 24th October. Please return any forms to the box outside the office.

Date Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets will be given out at Parents' Evening. Please check these thoroughly and add any information required. 'Contacts' information for non-parents will need to be re-entered.

Maths Update

In this section you will get regular updates as to developments in Maths in the school. Recently we have purchased a lot of new resources to aid mathematical understanding in all year groups. We have bought ten frames, bead strings, foam fraction pieces and place value counters to name but a few. All of these resources are designed to support the teaching of Maths, set out in our Calculation Policy.

Place Value Counters



Place value counters are particularly useful for building understanding in place value, moving on from more concrete resources such as base 10.

See how you can carry out division using place value counters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8TtAnOxiV8>

See how you can carry out addition using place value counters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3n9F00uBng>

Mr Wheat will run workshops of how we teach Maths in school and how you can support your child at home, later in the year.

Dates for the week ahead

Monday 22 nd October	Enrichment Week – History of West Pennard School Flu vaccine for Years R – 5 children Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm Football League match at Strode, Street
Wednesday 24 th October	Year 6 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature - (Abi Elphinstone) Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday 25 th October	Sports Hall Athletics – Wells Cathedral School

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