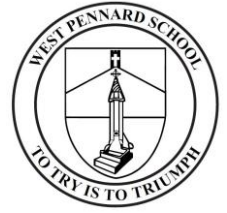




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 13th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to our FWPS Annual General meeting. We have managed to recruit 14 new members to the FWPS – this is 8 more than last year and I am really excited about the possibilities that this can open. The FWPS was only able to keep going last year due to the diligence of a very small but active number of parents and I know that they will be relieved to be able to share the load with a wider support network. Most of our 'new recruits' were parents or grandparents of children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2, so if you are a parent of a child in an older year group and would like to play an active part in fundraising and making decisions about what the money raised is spent on, then please come to our next meeting, which is on Monday 15th January at 7pm.

Best wishes
Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

Menu Week 3

Spelling Tip of the Week

As a school, we have been having a big focus on spelling and teaching it in ways that are memorable. The following 'tip' could be used to help your child learn their weekly spellings.

3-D Words

Use Play-Doh, blu-tack or clay to sculpt your spelling words. Alternatively write in sand using fingers.



Stars

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

- Year 1: Isla & Kelcie
- Year 2: Finlay & Luca
- Year 3: Daisy & Jaxon
- Year 4: Archie & Kai
- Year 5: Katharine & Molly
- Year 6: Maisy & William

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.

Athletics Competition

A huge congratulations to the following children for attending the sports hall athletics competition on Thursday at Wells Cathedral School:

Toby, Edward, Molly, Aisha, Ruby, William and Annabel from year 5 and Billie, Soli, Hebe, Milan, Tyler, Evie, Owen, Liliya, Jake, Noah and Millie from year 6.

We came fifth out of 8 schools but more importantly all of the children competed with a smile on their face and were a credit to the school throughout.

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Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 15 th November	FWPS Bags to School Collection 9am
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – wear something spotty or pyjamas for a donation
Friday 24 th November	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 1 st December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Years R, 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30 am
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school 8 th January 2018

A message from the office

Please try to contact the office **by 2:30pm** if you need a message passed to your child or their teacher regarding that days collection arrangements. We understand that this isn't always possible, but appreciate your help on this matter.

Peer Mentor Training

On Wednesday, all the peer mentors went to Glastonbury Town Hall to learn more about how to be a better Peer Mentor. First we all sat down at tables and we were all told what was going to happen. Then a couple of St Dunstan's and Crispin students said a few things and then we all separated from our own school and got mixed up with other schools. We then moved around ten different tables and did ten different activities like: True and False games, step into the circle if you like ... (particular thing), listening games, question games and blind-folded trust course. It was really good!

Report written by Erin (Year 5 Peer Mentor)

Feedback from 'Meet the Headteacher' afternoon

It was great to meet so many of you during the 'Meet the Headteacher' afternoon. During this time I gathered lots of your ideas and opinions about what you thought the strengths of the school are and how you felt that we could make our school even better. These have since been shared with teachers and teaching assistants. Some of your 'even better ifs ...' we have acted on straight away and are as follows:

You asked for more whole class music instruction

- ✓ Mrs Robinson will teach Year 2 the recorder in the summer term

You said that you like the DOJo APP used by Mr Wheat and Mr Bisgrove and wanted more teachers to use it

- ✓ Mr Wheat is going to share this with teachers in a staff meeting

You asked for less sweets at Squash and Biscuits and parents of Reception children wanted to know what Squash and Biscuits is

- ✓ Mr Wheat is going to do an information page about Squash and Biscuits on the website
- ✓ Teachers are going to provide some alternatives to sweets

You wanted First Aid training for children

- ✓ We have planned a workshop for later next year

You wanted to strengthen the link between the church and the school

- ✓ We have met with Rev Chris Hopkins and have got some exciting church workshops planned for the spring and summer terms

You thought it would be good if children were taught to sign and you also said that you'd like more clubs for the younger children

- ✓ Mrs Fowler has offered to do a signing club for the younger children in the summer term

You wanted children to be able to let off steam in the afternoons

- ✓ Mr Bisgrove is going to trial something called 'The Daily Mile' with his class and we look to roll this out for other classes soon

Some of your suggestions are longer term and we are considering which of these to take forward into our long-term planning for the school.

Importance of a good breakfast

You probably heard it from your own parents: **Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.** But now you're the one saying it to your sleepy children, who insist "I'm not hungry" as you try to get everyone fed and moving in the morning.

Skipping breakfast can make children feel tired, restless, or irritable. In the morning, their bodies need to refuel for the day ahead after going without food for 8 to 12 hours during sleep. Their mood and energy can drop by midmorning if they don't eat at least a small morning meal.

It's important for children to have breakfast every day, but *what* they eat in the morning is crucial too. Choosing breakfast foods that are rich in whole grains, fibre and protein while low in added sugar may boost attention span, concentration, and memory — which they need to learn in school.



Year 1 – Toy Workshop

Class 1 had a very exciting morning on Monday. They were visited by Karen from Somerset Heritage who lead the class in a Toys Workshop. We made thaumatropes, discussed the differences between new and old toys and even played with Victorian toys as well. Everyone had a great time and Mrs Robinson was impressed, though not surprised, by their brilliant questions and engagement in all the activities.



Cross-Country

Despite the weather there was a HUGE turn-out for the race at Collett Park in Shepton Mallet this week. There were record numbers in both the lower school races – and an incredible 159 in the Lower Boys race (the most they've ever had in a single race). The total number of finishers over all four races was 434, also a record!

A particular mention to our athletics who finished in the top 10 in their races; Owen (Upper School boys), Ollie (Lower School boys) and Maiya (Lower School girls).

Thank you to all of our runners. You did us proud.

Tempest Photograph Orders

Children should have brought their Tempest photograph proof's home earlier this week.

If you would like to place an order please return the completed Tempest envelope to the school office by **Wednesday 15th November.**

After School Club

Our After School Club has a dedicated phone line for use in emergencies **after 3:15pm.**

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