



Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 12th November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome children and families back on Monday following the half term break. Please can you ensure that children have a jumper and a coat in school every day as the weather seems to be turning much more unsettled. As the weather gets colder, gloves and a hat would also be useful. Please can we request that you label everything as children do seem to shed these layers and leave them around the school. If items are labelled then they usually get back to their owners.

Over the half term break the school had two projects carried out – the fence and an improved IT infrastructure. The IT work was very much needed as our old IT system was not fit for purpose and the Wi-Fi would regularly cut out. Now that we have reliable Wi-Fi, the FWPS have agreed to support the school financially by paying for a set of Chromebooks which the children will be able to use in their classes. Having this 'portable' technology will mean that teachers can enhance lessons in so many more ways. We are really grateful to the FWPS for funding this. With school budgets being the way they are we really rely on this funding to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please support the FWPS if you can.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff for all of the fantastic opportunities and learning experiences that they organise for the children. Just in this week they have organised: cyclo-cross, cross-country, a range of after-school clubs, a visit from Josef Tucker, Year 2 have been to the SS Great Britain, Year R have visited the church, Year 6 had experts from the Heritage Trust to teach them hands on about life during WW2, there has been cookery and Year 5 have had a drumming workshop. These opportunities equip them not only with knowledge but also important life-skills and memorable experiences so that school becomes irresistible.

With kindness

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me – Philippians 4 v13

Twitter

The school has a twitter account. Please follow us to see photographs of the children learning and to get regular reminders and updates about what is happening at school. Please search @westpennardprimary



Attendance and Lateness

Please ensure your child is in school by 8.50am for registration. The gate is automatically locked at 8.50am so if any child is late they will need to report to the school office.

Any child arriving to school after 9am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

So far this week we have had 33 children recorded as late (between 8.50am-9am) and 8 children recorded as unauthorised (after 9am).

Clubs

Please can you ensure that children are collected promptly from afterschool clubs. We understand that there is the occasional hiccup which may mean you are a few minutes late. However, if children are not collected by 4:20pm then the club leader will take any remaining children to our afterschool club provision for which you will be charged.

Pilton Bus

Please can parents ensure that they comply with County's request that children arrive at their bus stop 5 minutes early to ensure a smooth journey to school.

Also, please can parents refrain from entering the Pilton bus in the mornings. It is much easier for Julie to get the children settled if parents stay off the bus.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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Somerset Heritage Visit

Year 6 were lucky enough to have Somerset Heritage come in to talk to us about WW2. Children had the opportunity to view unseen images collected by the Rural Life, use both real and replica resources to imitate some of the physical activities which people in WW2 would have experienced. Children particularly enjoyed using the fire hose to simulate the home guard. We even got to share some of the own stories of family members which served in WW1 and WW2.



Cyclo-Cross

Years 5 and 6 took part in the Cyclo-Cross sessions this week.



WWF Results

We have recently had a 'Blue and Green' muffin day to raise money for sponsoring animals through WWF. We also held a vote to see which animals the children wanted to sponsor. Year R have voted to sponsor a tiger; KS1 have voted to sponsor a dolphin and KS2 have voted to sponsor a panda.

We look forward to receiving our sponsorship packs.

From the Environmental Prefects – Katharine, Lily, Emma, Erin and Beatrice

School Photos

Please return your order form for the school photos by Thursday 15th November.

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Bag2School - Amendment

Please note the letter sent out said bedding, curtains and towels were not to be included in the bags, however this is incorrect. These items can be given (as stated on the bag itself).

Christmas Fair

This week please bring your donations of bottles, sweets, wrapped chocolates and raffle prizes for hampers. Please also send in your raffle tickets.

Permission Slips

We currently have trips organised for Strode Theatre for Years 3 and 4, Sevington Victorian School for Year 3 and The Imperial War Museum for Year 6. Please ensure you return any permission slips as soon as possible.

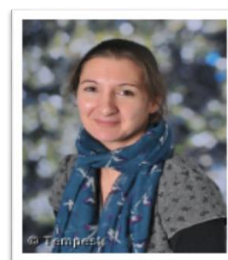
Dates for the week ahead

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| Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Monday 12 th November | Football Match West Pennard vs Meare – Strode |
| Tuesday 13 th November | Children's World will be leading an assembly on anti-bullying as part of anti-bullying week. Years 4 and 5 will have workshops during the day. |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Years 3 and 4 to Strode Theatre to watch 'Revolting Rhymes' Vision Screening for Reception Class |

Safeguarding

At West Pennard Church of England Primary School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, Governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

The designated members of staff for safeguarding are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Miss Jo Hale, Head Teacher**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Mrs Lorraine Clarke, SENCo**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety then please do not hesitate to speak to one of the safeguarding leads.

Do not think what if I'm wrong; think what if I'm right.

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