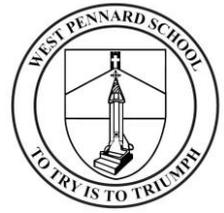




## Weekly Newsletter



**Written for the Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and feel suitably refreshed and ready for the busy, yet short, term ahead. It was lovely to see all the children looking so refreshed and ready to learn. There are a few staffing changes I need to make you aware of as this term gets underway. We welcome back to school Mrs McKaig for this half term, who will be teaching Year 3 until Miss Bradford takes up her post. We also welcome Mrs Fry to the school. Mrs Fry will be teaching Mindfulness as part of enrichment, as well as covering classes on a supply basis, where necessary. I'm sure you will make them both feel very welcome.

On a final note, I have the pleasure of keeping you abreast of events and happenings in school this week as Miss Hale was unfortunately taken ill over the holidays with a bout of pneumonia. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Miss Hale will be back in school next week.

Best wishes

Mr T.Wheat



*We are on  
Menu Week 1 this week*

### New Style Enrichment Days

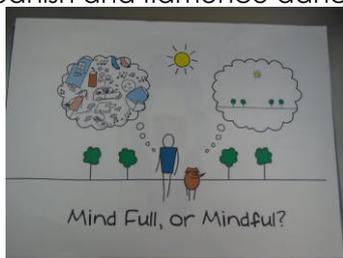
The children enjoyed a variety of activities yesterday as part of our new style Enrichment Day. Children had lessons in mindfulness, alternative sports, cookery, music, foreign languages and outdoor education. Here are a few images of the day.



Spanish and flamenco dancing



PE Alternative Sports



Mindfulness



Music

As part of the new style Enrichment Day, the children will have sessions every week over either a morning or an afternoon.

### Carol Service Collection

Many thanks to all of you that joined us for the KS2 Carol Service in the run up to Christmas. The retiring collection raised £109.40 for the Children's Society.

### Baby News

Our congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Wheat who were safely delivered of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Robin James Wheat on 4<sup>th</sup> January (8lb 14oz).



Mr Wheat will be taking his paternity leave from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January and Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Fry.

### FWPS Meeting

The FWPS are meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm. All welcome.

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Email: [westpennardprimary@gmail.com](mailto:westpennardprimary@gmail.com)

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

### Traffic Concerns

Unfortunately we have been made aware that parents have been driving on the pavement at drop off this week. This is not only contrary to Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 and subject to a fixed penalty notice, but also extremely dangerous for children and their parents taking the time to walk up Church Lane. Even if the bus is coming down the lane, it is possible to pass at most points, and when it is not, stopping to wait until it has passed rather than going on the pavement and putting lives at risk has to be the most responsible course of action to take.

### Wellies

Could children from Years 3, 5 and 6 please bring welly boots (or walking boots) to school **every Thursday** for their outdoor education sessions?



### Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Kinetic Theatre Group (am) for all year groups
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to Bristol Life Skills – 4:15pm return
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Phonics Workshop for parents 6-7pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Enrichment Week: Healthy Lifestyles Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	First Aid workshops for children followed by a parent workshop after school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	First Aid workshops for children followed by a parent workshop after school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half term week</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Miss Bradford starts in Year 3
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week/Book Fair <b>World Book Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
TBC	Easter Service 2.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Squash & Biscuits
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last day of term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	INSET Day

### Birthday Books

We are looking for somebody to take over the organisation and choosing of birthday books. Every child in the school gets to choose a new book to be given to them in collective worship, celebrating their birthday. The birthday books are a firm West Pennard tradition and is kindly funded by the FWPS. You would only need to commit a short amount of time, once a month, during school time. We gratefully thank Mrs Cornish for all her hard work over the years.



### Phonics Workshop

Mrs Fowler will be holding a phonics workshop for all parents on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 6-7pm**. The workshop is intended to give parents more information about how we teach and how children learn to read and write through phonics. There will also be information about how to support your children at home.

Please sign up to state your attendance by email or by signing up in the office.

