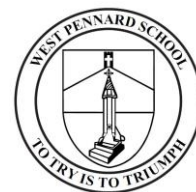




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 29th April 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely having the children back in school after such a wonderfully, sunny Easter break.

It was fantastic to return to our list of new reception starters for September 2019. We have been allocated a full class of 30 children for September with more on our waiting list. It was really pleasing to glance through the list of children and see so many starting with older siblings in the school. We will be sharing induction information with you as soon as possible to ensure that the process goes smoothly. We look forward to welcoming our lovely new starters ☺

A huge well done to our Cross Country runners who took part in the area competition this week. I have had reports from a parent that 'the children did West Pennard proud' – a fantastic achievement to have got this far so well done to Leyton, Zara and Elliott.

I also wanted to inform you that Mrs Buckley has sadly resigned from her post of teaching assistant at West Pennard. I am sure many of you will miss her cheery welcome at the gate in the morning. Mrs Maddy Gordon will be supporting Class 4 by being their main teaching assistant.

Thank you for your continued support
With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another's feet.
John 13 v14

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for the last week of term:

Year R:	96.7%
Year 1:	93.7%
Year 2:	94.3%
Year 3:	97.3%
Year 4:	95%
Year 5:	93.9%
Year 6:	95.4%

Congratulations to **Year 3** for having the highest attendance that week.

SIAMs Inspection

We are due our SIAMs inspection next month. This is the statutory inspection that all church schools have and they are carried out every 5 years.

The format of the inspection has changed significantly since the last time the school was inspected. The grading system has been changed and the starting point for inspectors is focussed on the question: 'Is this a Good church school? They do this through exploring 7 strands including:

1. Vision and Leadership
2. Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
3. Character development: Hope, Aspiration and Courageous Advocacy
4. Community and Living Well Together
5. Dignity and Respect
6. The impact of Collective Worship
7. The effectiveness of Religious Education

We will also be able to state our examples of excellence and share these with the inspectors.

We are very much looking forward to showing the inspectors our journey and will share the findings with you as soon as we are able. Sometimes inspectors ask to speak with parents about the impact that being a church school has. If you feel that this is something that you would like to support us with then I would very much like to hear from you, so that I can ask you to be on standby when/if the time arises.

Thank you for your continued support
Jo Hale

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Mufti Day for Winning House

Lynesse won the house point race last term and will be rewarded with a mufti day on **Tuesday 30th April**. They can wear their own clothes on this date. These do not need to be house colours.

Willow Arch

We are very thankful to Rachel Austin for sorting out the somewhat wild willow arch for us. It is now all weaved in and the children are enjoying playing in the arch at lunchtimes.

Morning Prayer

At 9.00am every Friday in St Nicholas' church, a short Morning Prayer is held. After dropping your children off at school, why not pop in for 15 minutes to recharge your spiritual batteries. You would be most welcome.
Revd Chris Hopkins.

Forest School Reminder

This term Forest school will be part of the enrichment activities for Years 1 and 3 on a Thursday. Therefore, please can children in these year groups bring in clothes suitable for the weather as they will be going outside come rain or shine. It would be useful if children could bring in wellies, long trousers, an old t-shirt / jumper and a waterproof coat in a labelled bag that they can keep on their peg. Children will only get changed when the weather or activities need it. Many thanks.

Engineering Project

On Tuesday, 12 children started work on their model cars to take part in a competition at Haynes Motor Museum at the end of May, run by Primary Engineer. A pair of children in each of the years (1 - 6) are constructing a car to perform particular challenges after school with myself and Miss Holmes. They are learning to use tools safely, and will even be constructing switches using variable current to make them go forward and backwards. They will then customise their finished designs, adding fenders and, I'm sure, go faster stripes! A big thank you to the parents that came along to help on Tuesday. Watch this space for updates.



Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale

Dates for the Summer Term

Wednesday 1 st May	KS1 SATS testing period starts Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Farm Vicar Workshop in Year 2
Friday 3 rd May	Year 5 Taster Day at Whitstone School
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8 th May	Bag2School Collection 9am Class Photos
Saturday 11 th May	FWPS May Fayre 12-3pm
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	SATS week Year 6
Monday 13 th May	Christian Aid Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 17 th May – Monday 20 th May inclusive	Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 6 to Somerset County Cricket
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 4 Vicar Workshop
Friday 24 th May	Year 1 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
Thursday 6 th June – Friday 7 th June	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June	Phonics screening week for Year 1 children
Monday 10 th June	Year 4 Residential Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 5 Trip to Museum of Somerset
Saturday 15 th June	Country Dancing at Wells for selected children
Tuesday 18 th June	NSPCC Assemblies
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 6 Pilgrim Day – Wells Cathedral
Friday 21 st June	Year R & Year 6 Heights & Weights
Monday 24 th June (reserve date Friday 12 th July)	Sports Day
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 workshop with Church NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 & 6
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY
Monday 1 st July	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day for Secondary Schools
Thursday 4 th July	Whitstone School 2 nd Transition Day
Friday 5 th July	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits
Monday 8 th July	Year 5/6 Dress rehearsal of The Lion King
Tuesday 9 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th July both evening performances	Year 5 / 6 Performance of The Lion King
Friday 12 th July	Reserve date for Sports Day FWPS School Disco
Wednesday 17 th July	Leavers' Service St Nicholas' Church 2pm
Friday 19 th July	No Swimming School Leavers Assembly Leavers Race Last day of term - finish for the summer ...

Tel: 01458 832866

Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

Headteacher Miss J. Hale