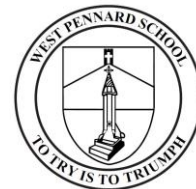




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 20th May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start off by saying how proud I have been of the Year 6 children this week. They all displayed a 'To Try is to Triumph' attitude towards their SATs and approached them confidently. They seemed relaxed and were well prepared to give them their best effort. Well done Year 6 – now you can all celebrate by having a fun-filled weekend away on residential. We hope (wi-fi depending) to post regular updates on our school Twitter page – follow us @westpennardhead. I will be accompanying the children on their residential and Mr Wheat will be in-charge of the school whilst I am away.

This week, I have been pleased to see lots of high quality writing and was most impressed with three children from our Reception Class who are already accomplished writers – using their phonics to build words and writing their own independent stories!

Best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 2

Quote of the week

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. Anon

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Year R:	91.2%
Year 1:	94.6%
Year 2:	97.9%
Year 3:	95%
Year 4:	91.3%
Year 5:	98.2%
Year 6:	99.5%

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the highest attendance last week!



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

- Year R: **Franklin, Henry & Paige**
- Year 1: **Spike & Joshua**
- Year 2: **Orlagh & Megan C**
- Year 3: **Willow & Dexter**
- Year 4: **Howie & Evie D**
- Year 5: **Charles & Zander**
- Year 6: **Emma & Toby B**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

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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Christian Aid Cake Sale

Many thanks to everyone who baked or bought a cake at our sale on Monday. A 'delicious' £78.15 was raised to help mothers in Sierra Leone.

Thank you too to Megan Creed's family for braving the crowd of enthusiastic customers!



Planners

Please can you ensure your child's planner is signed weekly. This allows us to monitor parent engagement with reading. Thank you to the many that already do this!

Girls' Cricket

On Tuesday, a group of Year 4 and 5 girls visited Shapwick CC to take part in a taster session of girls' cricket. This was organised by the Somerset Cricket Board and allowed the girls to be involved in a training session with a county coach. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their session (especially with the beautiful weather).

Important Dates for Year 6 Parents

21st May - Year 6 to County Cricket (some Year 5 sports leaders)
6th June - Bikeability for those children who did not take part earlier in the year
3rd July - Year 6 Transition Day to senior schools
4th July - Second day transition for Whitstone only
8th July - Dress rehearsals for the play at St Dunstons
10th July - Performances of the Lion King for parents
15th July - Year 6 End of Year Trip (tbc)
17th July - Leavers' Service in the church
19th July - Leavers' Assembly and Race at West Pennard

Class Names

We would like to give our classes names so that each one has an identity and we wondered if you could help. We would like the class names to be on a theme avoiding the popular themes of trees and birds as so many other schools use these. We have 7 classes and would like a theme that is meaningful to the children whilst at the same time reflecting something in our local area. Please do discuss this with your children as they often think far more 'outside the box' than adults ...

If you have a lightbulb moment then please do complete the survey monkey - click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZFRMFG>

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The Big Question Board is back!

Due to technical difficulties that compromised safety we couldn't have our Big Question debate online, so the Big Question Board is back!

This week's Big Question was **'What makes our school so special?'**

The children, as you would expect, came up with some amazing answers, these included...

'Our school is special because we work as a team.'

'We are kind and generous and respect others.'

'Every single person is different and we are all friends.'

'We are a community. We are a big family.'

'Everyone in it is unique.'

'Everyone is different and that makes us special.'

A visitor to our school this week took part too. She answered 'The wonderful children and welcoming staff.'

I wonder how you would have answered this question. If you do have any responses to this (and other Big Questions in subsequent weeks) please send them into school, we would love to share the debate with you!



Last minute changes to collections/After School Club

Please can you inform the office (by phone or email) by **2.30pm** if you have any changes to collections or after school club bookings.

Dates for next week

Monday 20th May	Year 6 return from residential
Tuesday 21st May	Year 6 children to Taunton County Cricket
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 4 Vicar Workshop Year 4 Egyptian Workshop
Friday 24th May	Year 1 Squash & Biscuits

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