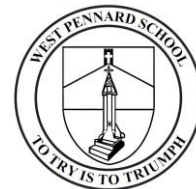




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 10th June 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

We started off the beginning of this half term with some very sad news. Mrs Bradford (Who is Mrs Pinsent's mum) passed away following a short stay in hospital. Mrs Bradford was known to us at West Pennard as she regularly volunteered in school to hear readers and help with spellings. She also more recently ran a knitting club. I met with the children in years 4, 5 and 6 to gather and tell them the sad news. We then talked about what was special about Mrs Bradford and shared our special memories of her. One of our favourite memories was that the reception class children thought that Mrs Bradford was the Queen! Opportunities for prayer and talk were provided. Many children then made Mrs Pinsent cards to let her know that they were thinking of her and her family and that she was in their hearts, thoughts and prayers. Mrs Bradford's funeral is next Thursday and I shall be attending to represent the school. There will be a collection following the church service which will support two separate charities: The League of Friends (at Musgrove Park Hospital) and West Pennard CE School. Mrs Bradford was so fond of our school and Mrs Pinsent and her family thought it fitting to collect funds to buy something that could be a permanent fixture here. If anyone would like to contribute to the collection then please leave it with the office staff. Mrs Pinsent has been on compassionate leave and is hoping to be back in school on Monday. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for being so understanding and kind during this difficult time.

Menu Week 1

With all good wishes
Jo Hale

Quote of the week

Kind words are like honey – sweet
to the soul and healthy for the
body. Proverbs 16 v24

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for the week before half term:

Year R:	91.7%
Year 1:	94.7%
Year 2:	96%
Year 3:	98%
Year 4:	98.5%
Year 5:	93.6%
Year 6:	90.8%

Congratulations to **Year 4** for having the highest attendance that week!

Phonics Screening – Year 1

Next week (10th – 14th June) is the window for our Year 1 children to have their phonics screening check devised by the Department for Education. We are wanting everyone to be very relaxed about this so we would prefer it if you did not talk to your child about it. The check is carried out 1:1 with Mrs Robinson and each Year 1 child. If you are aware that your Year 1 child has a planned absence next week, please can you inform Mrs Robinson.

SIAMS Inspection

We were informed this week that our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) will be on **Wednesday 12th June**. We are looking forward to sharing our school and welcoming the inspector. We will share the findings with you as soon as we are able.

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We decorated hands – one to send to Ashlyn and the other to remind us about being compassionate.



We thought about how we can sow seeds of kindness in our community. We planted seeds which we will grow and then share with our village. We decorated a pot for them too!



**Growing Christian Values Day
Compassion**
On Wednesday we had a wonderful day exploring what compassion means and putting it into practise. We were vertically grouped which meant that we could spend time with our family and friends in other classes.
Compassion = ❤️ in action



We wrote messages to Mary that we will turn into a video to send to her.



We thought about someone we would like to show our care for. We made them a keyring. The colour of the beads is significant. Ask us about it!



The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question was inspired by Alison Becker and Moura, two footballers who played in the Champions League Final on Saturday.

How do we know God is good?

Some of the wonderful thought provoking answers we received include

- 'God is good because he made the world amazingly.'
- 'He is good because he helps me when I pray to him.'
- 'God is good because he forgives us.'
- 'He loves everyone the same.'
- 'He sent his one and only son to die for us.'
- 'He looks after us and he loves us.'
- 'God is good because he puts up with our mistakes and made our lovely world.'
- 'God is good because he made the world and brought us together as a family.'
- 'God is good because he made our beautiful world and let us live in it instead of keeping it to himself.'

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!

Kilve Court Meeting for Year 4 parents – Monday 10th June at 5:00pm

The Kilve Court residential will soon be upon us in the autumn term so we are holding an information meeting on Monday in the school hall for all Year 4 parents. Children in this year are welcome to attend too.

Code-a-pillar Invasion



Have you seen this new invasive species in school this week? If not, you soon will. On Tuesday, we saw the arrival of 15 Code-a-pillars, which we have purchased in order to enhance the teaching of coding in Reception Class and Key Stage 1. Code-a-pillars are an interactive, fun and friendly programmable toy that encourage experimentation and inspire natural curiosity while developing coding, sequencing and critical thinking skills. The Code-a-pillar consists of easy to connect segments that allow for different combinations to be made to move Code-a-pillar forward, left, right or even wait for a couple of seconds before moving again. Children can configure the segments so that Code-a-pillar can reach set targets throughout a room. We are looking forward to releasing them into the classrooms over the next few weeks.

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Dates for next week

Monday 10 th June	Year 4 Residential Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 5 Trip to Museum of Somerset
Thursday 13 th June	Millfield Prep Sports Day – selected children

Church Lane – Road Safety

Please ensure you drive safely and at a reasonable speed (maximum 15 mph) in Church Lane. The safety of the children is our priority and prime concern. When turning at the top of the lane please be patient in the queue and consider other drivers coming out of the car park.

Please also ensure all children are supervised outside the school gates, particularly while the bus is manoeuvring into place in the entrance. At all other times the entrance of the school must be kept clear. Thank you



Supporting Children and Young People with Dyslexia – A conference for Parents & Carers

9.30-12.30 on Saturday 29th June 2019 at Edgar Hall, Somerton. £10. Reception and coffee from 9am.

Speakers: Sarah Melhuish and Mark Long, Lead Advisory Teachers, Somerset Learning Support Service.

Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty mainly affecting reading and spelling. However, it can also cause other difficulties. A person may read and write very slowly, confuse the order of letters in words, put letters the wrong way round - such as writing "b" instead of "d" - have poor or inconsistent spelling, understand information when told verbally, but have difficulty with information that's written down, find it hard to carry out a sequence of directions, struggle with planning and organisation, be good in speech but unable to reflect knowledge in writing, have a poor short-term memory.

This conference will provide parents with the tools to support their children and young people at school and home.

To book your space please go to the Somerset Parent Carer Forum, <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk> and look under Events. Once you have booked a space you will receive a confirmation email and details on how to pay the £10.

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