# **West Pennard Church of England Primary School**



# Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 24th June 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to receive our SIAMS report which received a grading of 'Excellent'. I hope that you have managed to find time to read it. If not then it can be found on our website or we are happy to provide a printed copy if required. To receive the top grading takes work and effort of the whole school community – including parents – so thank you. I would also like to publicly thank my staff especially Mrs Robinson who has been instrumental in developing the impact of our Collective Worship and RE. Without this sounding too much like an Oscar's speech I would also like to thank your children for being so kind, compassionate and thoughtful – they are a real credit to you. Thank you also to the governors of the school for their continued support.

Next week, we look forward to Glastonbury Festival – this is my first one to experience as Head teacher of West Pennard so I look forward to hearing the children's stories. We are open on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June so please make every effort to ensure your children attend. I do, however, understand that the roads can make travelling around this area very busy. Our INSET days are Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July and the school is closed to children and staff – enjoy the long weekend whatever you are up to.

With warm wishes Jo Hale



#### Quote of the week

Look back in forgiveness, forward in hope, down in compassion and up in gratitude.

Zig Ziglar

#### Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Year R: 94.7%
Year 1: 92.3%
Year 2: 94.3%
Year 3: 94.5%
Year 4: 93.5%
Year 5: 98.2%
Year 6: 92.5%

Congratulations to **Year 5** 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: Walter & Pixie-Fae
- Year 1: Bailey
- Year 2: Boe & Harriet
- Year 3: Kai & George
- Year 4: Jacob & Tigris
- Year 5: Olivia L & Robert
- Year 6: Toby H, Emma, Lily & Simon

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

Please can children return their badges to the school office the following Friday. Please ensure they give their name so we can cross them off the list.

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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#### Move Up Morning

On Wednesday 3rd July, the children will have a chance to spend time in their new classes with their new teacher.

This year we have given the classes names and some of their initial learning

in their new class will be about their class

The class structure will be as follows:
Fox Class (Reception) - Mrs Free and Mrs
Fowler
Dormouse Class (Year 1) - Mrs Robinson
Mole Class (Year 2) - Mr Wheat
Hare Class (Year 3) Miss Holmes
Squirrel Class (Year 4) Mr Bisgrove

Otter Class (Year 5) Miss Morris

Hedgehog Class (Year 6) Mrs Pinsent

Muffi Day on 27th June (animal themed)

As many of you are aware, Year 5 and Year 6 have been working hard on rehearsals for the Lion King. Year 6 have been also working on ideas to raise funds to cover the cost of costumes and the script - a great learning opportunity. They have produced and given letters to local businesses and set budgets to cover this cost. They have planned an animal themed mufti day on the 27th June with a 50p donation. They will also be running a movie morning/afternoon (KS2 in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon). They will be selling squash and popcorn at a cost of £1.

In addition, they will be running a stall at the Summer Fair (bring and buy sale). If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please bring them in on the 5th July (take to Yr 6) ready for the Fair on the 6th.

We are always grateful for your support.

Mrs Pinsent and Year 6

#### <u>Safeguarding</u>

At recent safeguarding training it was **recommended that schools remind parents of what to do** if they see a child <u>out of school</u> that they are concerned about. This could be at a weekend, during the school holidays or in the evening.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

- Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
- email childrens@somerset.gov.uk
- or contact the police

You can contact the police by dialing 101 and they will discuss what action should be taken with Children's Social Care. In an emergency always contact the police on 999.

#### Governors' Corner - SIAMS Inspection

The Governors are absolutely delighted with the judgement of 'Excellent' in our recent SIAMS inspection. It is a most worthy recognition of the dedication of our Headteacher and all her Staff to the education and well-being of our children. "Since God so loved us, so we must love one another" 1 John 4 v 1 1.

#### **Tribute to Rachel Hawkins**

Following this sad news in our last newsletter, an idea was put forward to make a flag in Rachel's memory to be displayed at Glastonbury Festival as she used to make flags for the festival in her Forest School classes. The festival organisers have kindly allowed us to erect a pole at Goose Hall Corner saying "For our 'Rae' of Sunshine". Any parents who knew Rachel and were touched by her "sunshine" personality are invited to write a message on a ribbon which you can attach to this pole when attending the festival. If you are not attending the festival please bring your messages on your ribbon to the school office and a member of staff attending the festival will attach it for you.

## FWPS Summer Fair - Donations

We are looking for donations of bagged or wrapped sweets for the games at the fair please. If you are able to help, please send in your donations by

#### Thursday 27th June.

We are also asking for donations of cakes for the cake stall at the fair. If you're a wannabe Bake-Off contestant (or just fancy baking a cake or cupcakes) this is your chance to shine! Please send in your creations **on Friday 5th July**.

Please also send in your raffle tickets and money to the school office by **Friday 5**th **July**. If you require any more please contact the office.

#### FWPS Summer Fair - Competition classes

#### A. Parent, guardian/adult class:

- Class 1: 4 muffins or cupcakes (labelled with flavour)
- Class 2: A flower arrangement in a jug. Titled 'Summer'

#### B. Key stage 2 Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

- Class 1: 4 handmade biscuits (flavour labelled)
- Class 2: wild garden arrangement in a jam jar.

#### C. Key stage 1 Reception (including pre-school)Yrs 1/2

- Class 1: picture/ collage of Glastonbury tor. In any medium Pencil, paint, crayon, paper anything goes!
- Class 2: painted/decorated pebble or stone.

There will be prizes for all classes. Come and have a go. Thank you Sue and Holly  $\odot$ 

## The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question has been...

# If you met someone who was really compassionate, how would you know?

We found this quite tricky this week beyond the 'I would ask them!'

However some of the wonderful thought provoking answers we had included

- 'They would ask you to play with them.'
- 'They would be joyful and they would smile.'
- 'Because of the big smile on their face when you see them.'
- 'They would stick up for you and look after you and be kind.'
- 'They would help you and they would cheer you up if you were sad.'

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!

#### Code-a-Pillar

On Wednesday the Year 1 children enjoyed the opportunity to code using our new Code-a-Pillar caterpillars. They worked in pairs to create a sequence of commands to fulfil particular challenges. Each segment of the Code-a-Pillar communicates an action to the "brain" of the creature — actions such as moving forward, turning right, or turning left. The children diagnosed errors in their programing, altering the order of the commands in order to get their Code-a-Pillar to do what they wanted it to do. In the coming weeks we intend to put all 15 together to see if we can create the world's biggest programmable caterpillar. Watch this space to see what happens! Mr Wheat





## <u>Residential Meeting for Osmington Bay –</u> September 2019

Mrs Pinsent will hold an information evening on Wednesday 17th July at 5:30pm for parents and children currently in Year 5. Please come to the Year 6 classroom.

After School Club Reminder
On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June ASC will finish
at 5pm due to Glastonbury Festival. If
your child is booked in on this day
please ensure you collect them by
5pm. Thank you.

# <u>Important Dates for the rest of this term</u>

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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Extra Year 6 transition morning for Crispin children	
	Sports Day – Gate open 1:00pm, 1st race 1:15pm	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ukulele Concert for Year 4 parents 2:30pm in the hall	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Greenbank Swim	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Animal themed mufti day and movie	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY	
Monday 1st July	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1st 'Stay and Play' session for new Reception children 2pm Rounders Home Match West Pennard School	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Days 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'Stay and Play' session for new Reception children 2pm	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whitstone second transition day	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Millfield Sports Festival Yr 5 & 6 selected children Year 2 Squash & Biscuits	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 12pm-3pm	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Dunstan's for dress rehearsal of The Lion King	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents Summer Reading Challenge assembly 1 <sup>ST</sup> 'Getting to Know you@ session for new Reception children 2pm Re-arranged Rounders Match at Wookey School	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 performance of The Lion King — St Dunstan's School 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'Getting to Know you@ session for new Reception children 2pm	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve date for Sports Day FWPS School Disco KS1 6:30pm, KS2 7:30pm	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 treat day at school	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service St Nicholas' Church 2pm Osmington Residential Meeting for Year 5 parents 5.30pm	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	No Swimming School Leavers' Assembly Leavers' Race Last Day of Term – finish for the summer	

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