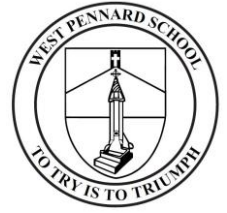




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 16th October 2017

Thank you to so many of you who attended our Harvest service at St Nicholas' Church – it was a glorious day and I thought that the true meaning of harvest was portrayed so well. I would like to thank Mrs Dorothy Robinson for putting together such a lovely service. Together we managed to raise £138.60 for the charity 'Send a Cow'. This amount will be match-funded by the government therefore doubling the collection.

A group of our Year 6 children attended a 'Cyclo-cross' sporting competition at Elmhurst Junior School on Tuesday and they came an amazing first place out of 6 teams. A huge well done to Caitlin, Jake, Noah, Owen, Ruby, Rufus, Soli and Tim for taking part and representing our school so well.

Thank you so much to all parents who were able to attend the 'Meet the Headteacher' afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you there and great to gather your thoughts and ideas about the school. I shall be holding more events like these in the coming terms.

Kind Regards
Miss Jo Hale (Headteacher)

The FWPS Need Your Help!

The Friends of West Pennard School (FWPS) need new members.

School budgets are getting tighter and tighter and without the money raised by the FWPS the school would not be able to fund many of the enriching opportunities available to all of your children.

They have an **Annual General Meeting on Monday 6th November** in the school hall. This will start at 7pm.

Please come and see how you can make a difference.

Traffic Safety

It is an offence to park on the yellow zigzag lines around the school. Cars should also not reverse into the hatched lines. This is for buses only and children will be walking to the gates this way.

We are alarmed to have received a report of someone texting whilst driving down Church Lane. Please, please consider the safety of others.

We need to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Stars

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

- Year 1: Amelia & Oliver
- Year 2: Bethany & Honey
- Year 3: Ashleigh & Saffron
- Year 4: Abel & Maggie
- Year 5: Simon & Toby
- Year 6: Aidan & Owen

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week. Please can children return their badges to the school office after this time.

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Dates for your Diaries

Monday 16 th October	7:30pm FWPS Christmas Task Force at The Crown Inn, Pilton
Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 20 th October	Author Visit for Year 6 – organised by the CLP (funded by Wells Festival of Literature)
23 rd to 27 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day School closed to children
Monday 6 th November	FWPS Annual General Meeting 7pm in the school hall
Wednesday 8 th November	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 15 th November	FWPS Bags to School – details to follow
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – details to follow
Friday 1 st December	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits
Friday 8 th December	FWPS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm Date incorrect in last newsletter – sorry!
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (morning)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school 8 th January 2018

After School Clubs

Club booking forms have been coming in thick and fast, thank you.

We hope to confirm places in the extra-curricular clubs on Monday 16th October. Your booking forms will be returned through bookbags. We have managed to accommodate most requests, but these are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so there may be a few disappointed children where clubs became full very quickly.

Parents' Evening Booking System

A reminder that our parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of October between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.

If you haven't already made a booking, please take a moment to logon to the booking system to reserve a time.

Booking can be made through our online parents' evening appointment booking system. The booking website is self-explanatory, although we would advise that you select the on screen 'manual' option for bookings once logged in. The system uses the contact details of each pupils Priority 1 parent/carer. Bookings are on a first come first served basis so please be aware that this system will be open from 6pm on Monday 9th October and will close at midnight on Sunday 15th October.

<https://westpennard.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>

School Garden Taskforce

Saturday 14th October 10am – 2pm

Calling all green-fingered parents!

We are hoping to clear some of the more 'wild' areas of the school as there are some brambles and weeds that have got out of control. If you are able to help (even for a short amount of time) that would be appreciated. Please bring your own tools. Thank you to the parents that have already been in touch to offer their help. We look forward to meeting you there.

Spoons & Lost Property

We have quite a mound of lost property gathering outside of Reception Class. Please check through the pile for any lost items by Friday 20th (we do our best to return any named items to their owner). Any remaining items after this date will go to charity or be recycled.

Please can you check through your cutlery drawers for our missing spoons! Packed lunch children often borrow a spoon for their yogurts and accidentally take them home.

Twitter

The school has a twitter account. Please follow us to get regular reminders about what is happening at school and to find quick links to our newsletters.

Please search @westpennardprimary



Reminder – Medicines

Please collect any non-prescribed medicines from the school office by Friday 20th October. All unclaimed medicines will be disposed of during half term.

Thank you.

