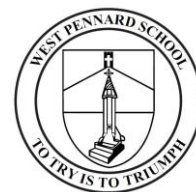




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 4th November 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Pinsent and I have been out and about in classrooms again this week looking at the teaching and learning of writing. As I said last week, writing is one of our school development areas and we are working hard as a staff team to develop a consistent approach to the teaching of writing. Today, I gave 3 headteacher awards to Ned, Zachary L and Mack for their writing based on 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'. I was particularly impressed with the care these children took with their writing, thinking carefully about the content and how to engage the reader.

Keeping with the writing theme, Mrs Pinsent and Georgi Holley (Governor) completed a learning walk on Monday – with a particular focus on writing. They also chatted with a small group of children about writing and were impressed that the children were able to talk so well about the writing process and what they needed to do to improve even further. The 'Pride and Progress' boards in each class are already demonstrating the progress that children have made in a half term.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a lovely half-term whatever you are up to.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Menu Week 1

Quote of the week

Friendship isn't a big thing it's
a million little things.

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Fox:	96.8%
Dormouse:	94.5%
Mole:	94.1%
Hare:	96.8%
Squirrel:	98.2%
Otter:	96.4%
Hedgehog:	98.9%

Congratulations to **Hedgehog Class** 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 1: **Harry & Zoe**
- Year 2: **Jacob D & Nyree**
- Year 3: **Ned & Pembe**
- Year 4: **Finlay L & Benjamin**
- Year 5: **Wezley & Lola**
- Year 6: **Elias & Edward**

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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Important Starting School Information 2020

If your child is due to start in Reception Class or Secondary School (Year 6 transfer) in 2020 you need to apply online:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/>

The closing date for Year 6 transfer applications is 31/10/2019 and for Reception Class is 15/01/20.

Please note parents will not be notified by County.

After School Changes

All the bus registers, clubs and after school club registers are finalised at 2:30pm so they can be printed and sent to classes. If parents require any changes after that, they must **phone in to school** as emails may not be checked at that busy time of day. Thank you.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school after half term. Also, please find attached a poster with details of another poppy display at The Bishop's Palace, Wells in November.

Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court

Offter Class had a brilliant time on residential at Kilve last week. We stream walked, fossil hunted on the beach, and even got to show off our dance moves! Thank you to Mr Wheat and Mrs Chapelle for accompanying us helping us all have a fab week!

Miss Morris



FWPS Carnival Light Ups

As carnival season approaches FWPS have got together with Shepton Mallet carnival committee this year to sell 'light ups' on their behalf. Carnival committees are trying to discourage the non-official trolley sellers that appear on all carnival routes selling high priced items for their own profit giving nothing back. The 'light ups' available will be £2-£4 each and all profit goes to the carnival with a percentage of sales given to FWPS as a thank you for selling them. We feel that this is a great opportunity for all involved. Photos and further information will be put onto the Facebook FWPS page early next week. Items will be available to view and purchase in the school hall at afternoon pick up on Wednesday 6th November or to order for collection via the Facebook page. Other primary schools have found this a successful and rewarding thing to do. Most people love the Somerset carnivals and it's a great way to give back to such a magical event. Any questions please contact Bekki Keevil or Sue Millard.

SEND Update

There are lots of half term activities available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The Short Breaks October half term Calendar is available now, packed with affordable activities for children with SEND and their families. See: <http://online.pubhtml5.com/fuxz/fcll/> For more information and to get on the mailing list, contact 0300 123 2224

Also, the 'Autism Somerset Team' produces a monthly newsletter, which has some great links to forthcoming events, news and headlines!

See: <https://bit.ly/2W5wLP3>.

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Football – United Match

On Tuesday, our West Pennard United team competed in their first league match against a strong Ashcott side. After taking the lead through a superb volley by Jasper, we went into half time 2-1 down. A brilliant second half display with goals from Toby and Robert saw us come away with the 3 points.

Final Score West Pennard 3 – 2 Ashcott

Man of the match: Leyton



Sportshall Athletics

Yesterday we took part in the annual Sportshall Athletics competition at Wells Cathedral School. The event is a combination of throwing, jumping, running and relay activities including the popular 6 lap Parlauf! Our children competed brilliantly and out of the 9 schools competing we finished 3rd, just missing out of qualification for the county finals. A huge well done to all who took part.



Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 will be having a Kilve assembly on Friday 8th November at 9am, Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.

FWPS Grand Christmas Prize Draw 2019

It's almost that time of year when thoughts turn festive..... and in anticipation of raffle tickets being offered for sale after half term for our Grand Christmas Prize Draw, here is the list of prizes gained so far. However, this is only the start! Many other great prizes are being confirmed and more still will be added each week as the dedicated Mums of Year 2 secure them.

All funds raised from the sale of raffle tickets directly benefit all areas of our children's education, from buying new IT equipment and books to subsidising school transport & trips and rejuvenating playground areas, so please also sell tickets to family and friends.

GOOD LUCK!!

2 Tickets for Glastonbury Extravaganza

1 Work of Art

Various Wines

1 Christmas Turkey

1 Prize TBC

1 Massage (Back, Neck & Shoulder)

1 Childs Rucksack

1 Prize TBC

1 Box of Scented Drawer Liners

1 assortment of Sweets

Donated by Emily Eavis

Frederick Wimsett Murals & Artistic Design

Glastonbury Cottages & Caravanning

Honeycroft Turkeys, Honeycroft Farm, Worth, Wells

Shepton Vets and Wells Vets Surgery

Karen Christensen Hair & Beauty, Wells

Mountain Warehouse, 35 High Street, Wells

Dredge and Male, 10 High Street, Shepton Mallet

Forever England, 6 High Street, Wells

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe, 73 High Street, Wells

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Key Dates Autumn Term 2019 (please note any new dates/changes will be marked with an *)

Monday 28 th October–Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Tuesday 5 th November	Cross Country – Collett Park, Shepton Mallet
Wednesday 6 th November	Values Day – Thankfulness
Thursday 7 th November	Year 2 Author Visit – Wells Festival of Literature @ St John's Infants pm (Tracy Corderoy) WP Rovers Football Match v St Bens at Strode WP United Football Match v Wookey at Strode
Friday 8 th November	Year 6 to Imperial War Museum London Year 5 Kilve Residential Assembly (parents welcome) 9am*
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	FWPS Christmas Fair Meeting – 6.30pm in the library
Wednesday 13 th November	Year R Vision Screening
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 to SS Great Britain Year 4 to Museum of Somerset
Thursday 21 st November	WP Girls Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode WP Rovers Football Match v Elmhurst at Strode
Friday 22 nd November	Author Visit - Andrew Powell Thomas – whole school assembly and workshops for Yrs 5 and 6 Year 5 Squash and Biscuits
Tuesday 26 th November	Bags to School WP Girls Football Match v Ashcott at Strode WP United Football Match v Baltonsborough at Strode
Thursday 28 th & Friday 29 th November	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 3 rd December	WP Rovers Football Match v Brookside at Strode
Thursday 5 th December	WP United Football Match v Butleigh at Strode
Friday 6 th December	Years 5 & 6 to Strode Theatre for 'Grease' (performed by Wells Cathedral School students) FWPS Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th December	Somerset School's Music Concert at Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm) WP United Football Match v Meare at Strode
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)
Friday 13 th December	Image Musical Theatre 'Robin Hood' PM All Year groups Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-6) FWPS School Disco Year 3 Victorian Workshop*
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th & Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead) Break up for Christmas Holidays

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