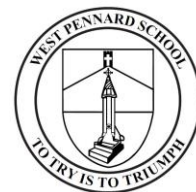




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 27th April 2020



Dear parents, carers and children,

Firstly, thank you for everything you are all doing to support your children during this time. I am aware that some families will be achieving more home-learning than others and that is absolutely fine. We will ensure that we have effective 'catch up' programmes in place for the children when we are able to reopen the school again.

From next week, the school staff will begin telephone calls home as a quick 'check-in' to see how home-learning is going and to support you. As you can imagine, phoning over 200 families will take time so bear with us as we try and reach you all. This may take a few weeks.

Finally, despite isolation, we do not want any of our families to feel isolated. If you are struggling do please 'reach out' to us and let us know. You may have heard about the government's concerns regarding vulnerable families. As a school we have a system in place whereby we are keeping in close contact with families we have identified as vulnerable. The school office is not 'manned' every day due to facilitating home working for staff, however, the school inbox is checked daily and we will respond to you as quickly as we can.

With all good wishes

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

'Don't worry about anything;
instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and
thank him for all he has
done. Then you will experience
God's peace, which exceeds
anything we can understand.'
Philippians 4

Write a letter

In today's world it is easy to Skype, pick up the phone or facetime, but there is still nothing nicer than receiving a letter or card.

Write a note, card or letter to someone who might be lonely and let them know you care.

Miss Hale 😊

Free school meals portal

Due to the COVID-19 crisis many parents will find themselves in new financial hardship. Parents/carers who receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit with an annual household income of below £7400 after tax
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190

Click on the link to make an application

<https://tinyurl.com/Free-school-meals-portal>

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VE Day

The 8th May 2020 marks 75 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The long anticipated news resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment.

Sadly, plans to support street parties across England have been delayed as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, as has our Summer Fair.

Instead, we are encouraging everyone to mark the anniversary with their own VE Day celebration at home by having a 'Stay Home' party, as suggested by the Royal British Legion.

To help plan your VE Day celebrations at home VE Day 75 and English Heritage have developed some toolkits, which include recipes, posters, dance moves and a Spotify play list for you to use:

Plan your VE Day Party Dance for VE Day

Please send photographs to the school email address for me to compile and to contribute to a display, once we are back in school.

Many thanks
Mr Wheat

Plastic Milk

You will need;

- ❖ 1 mug of milk
- ❖ 4 tbsp. vinegar
- ❖ Sieve
- ❖ Kitchen roll/paper towels



The Science behind the plastic milk

This plastic milk that you are left with occurs from a chemical reaction between the milk and vinegar. Normally, the protein molecules (*casein*) in the milk are folded up. When the casein comes into contact with the vinegar (an *acid*), the casein and the vinegar don't mix together. They react - the casein molecules unfold and rearrange into long chains called *acid casein*. Acid casein is insoluble (won't dissolve in water) and comes out (precipitates) as a solid.

1. Take one mug of milk and warm it in the microwave for about 1 minute and 30 seconds. Don't let it boil.
2. Carefully remove the mug from the microwave. Ask an adult to help you...it will be **HOT!**
3. Next, stir in 4 tablespoons of vinegar.
4. Stir for around a minute. The milk will begin to clump.
5. Strain the milk through a sieve. All the clumps will stay in the top - really push/squeeze them to get all the liquid out.
6. Transfer the solid bits to some kitchen roll and press any remaining liquid out of the lumps.
7. Now shape your plastic milk however you want!



Hope you enjoy! Miss Holmes

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Compare games then and now

Look closely at the following picture from around 500 years ago. It was painted by Pieter Bruegel and it shows the games that children played (when their parents weren't looking).

How many games do you recognise that are still played today?

Which games or activities do you think are dangerous?

Can anyone spot anyone doing something rude?



For full size picture visit
<https://tinyurl.com/historyactivitywp>

Mr Wheat

My World, My Future



If you could design a town or city from scratch, what would you include? What would the town need to work well for everyone? Will you have schools, hospitals, youth clubs or cinemas? Will you have places for people to relax / play? How will people get about? Will people of all ages enjoy living in your town? How will you ensure they do? Will there be anything that makes the town environmentally friendly?

Use a large piece of paper, or several stuck together to design a new town that considers everybody's needs. Try to think geographically when designing e.g. should you have parks next to factories?

Mr Wheat

Emotional support

Visit the ELSA website to access some free resources to support children's well-being during this challenging time. Find activities such as: rainbow window art, calming strategies, emotion art therapy wheel and many more ...

Visit <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/>

Mrs Clarke

Reasons to be Thankful

Please use the template attached to this email. Children can write 50 (or more!) reasons to be thankful.

Mrs Robinson ☺