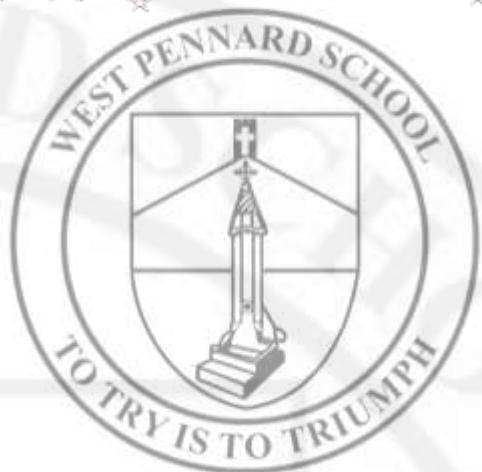


West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Children from each class have been performing sections of the Nativity in order for us to produce our West Pennard outdoor Christmas extravaganza this year. The link to watch will be shared next week.



'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)

Heads Up

We were feeling festive to our very toes today with our festive sock day. Children came in to school sporting some very Christmassy looking socks. There will be plenty of opportunities in the coming week to get into the festive spirit in other ways.



On Tuesday we have our Christmas jumper day and also our Christmas lunch. Please remember that the Christmas jumper day is school uniform with a Christmas jumper, not full mufti.



On Thursday we will have the great pleasure of watching the MacMillan Theatre's production of Aladdin. Oh yes we will! The performance starts at 11:00 and is 90 minutes in length with a 20 minute interval. All children will have a packed lunch in class. It may be advisable to have a part of the

lunch that you provide something that they can have as a 'biting on' during the interval, before finishing their lunch after the show if they haven't had time during the interval. For children that are self isolating I have arranged for the link to be sent to you directly to watch at home via Vimeo.

On Friday we will finish the term with our Christmas mufti. We look forward to seeing everyone looking festive and getting ready for the holidays.

Have a restful and festive weekend!

Mr Wheat



Stars in Our Eyes

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Ruby & Freya
- Year 1 - Bella & Izzy
- Year 2 - Zoe & Zackary
- Year 3 - Aurora & Arthur
- Year 4 - Ethan & Nikita
- Year 5 - Ava & Benjamin



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WoW Wednesdays

This week Mole Class had a super time making the longest learning journey ever! We put 11 tables together and as a whole class team created an illustration of our autumn term learning highlights. Some focuses included - letters to Father Christmas, Brunel's railway, the Daily/Golden Mile, Rosh Hashanah apple dipping, clay art models of Hundertwasser houses and of course friendships. We looked at our books from week one and compared them to today's learning. We feel like we have been on a long journey and our writing is amazing! Very well done Moles! All was rounded off nicely with a well-deserved Golden Mile run.

Mrs Rew



Christmas Hat Competition

Inspired by Mr Wheat's festive headgear we are having a Christmas Hat Competition. Bring in your creations on Tuesday 15th to coincide with Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Prizes will be awarded. Time to get out the glitter and glue... Happy days!



Lunches Next Week

Just a reminder of lunch plans next week:

Monday 14th - normal menu of week 2

Tuesday 15th - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th - Tuesday menu of week 2

Thursday 17th - Cold menu only for all children

Friday 18th - normal menu of week 2

Here and There

Where to see 'The Big Man' this Christmas



Puxton Park is sold out for the Grotto, but you can still have a hearty breakfast with Santa...and I'm not talking mince pies on toast.



Travel in style on the Santa Express from Bishop's Lydeard to Minehead on the West Somerset Railway.



Meet Father Christmas at the Christmas Grotto and Workshop at Cheddar Ocean Adventures Soft Play Zone.



At Slimbridge you can have breakfast with Santa and then feed the birds or play in the play parks.

APPs of the Week

As new devices may be on the cards shortly, this week the apps of the week focus on those involving parental controls and internet safety.



Net Nanny can track your child's location, display their location history, and set time allowances and schedules equally well on iOS or Android. Net Nanny recently added content screening that works within social media apps and services, including Instagram, TikTok and YouTube, instead of blocking or allowing them entirely.



Norton Family's power and features are ideal for Android (and Windows) households with many children, offering nearly every feature a parent could want from one of the best parental control apps. Norton Family is often a free add on if you have Norton's anti-virus suite anyway on your devices.



Kaspersky Safe Kids lets you monitor your kids' activities on PCs and Macs as well as on smartphones.

Others to consider

Qustodio (The best multi-platform support among the best parental control apps)

OurPact (The best parental control app to get kids involved)

Screen Time (Does one thing very well)

ESET Parental Control for Android

MMGuardian

Get Your Mistletoe Here



Next week the FWPS will be selling sprigs of mistletoe at the end of school to raise funds. There will also be raffle tickets on sale for Christmas hampers. Please adhere to school guidelines and Covid safe procedures when queuing to get yours.

West Pennard PE

During the autumn term, children in Years 3 and 5 have been taking part in our 'Maths on the Move' club which is run by our PE coach Mr Cave. The club is free (paid for by the school) and the aim is to practice and improve their maths understanding through the use of PE and by being active. It has been a huge success as the children have thoroughly enjoyed the club and have all grown in confidence with their maths ability. The club will be running again in the spring term but this time for Years 2 and 4.

Mr Bisgrove



Quote of the Week

'He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.' Roy L. Smith

Writers and Mathematicians of the Week

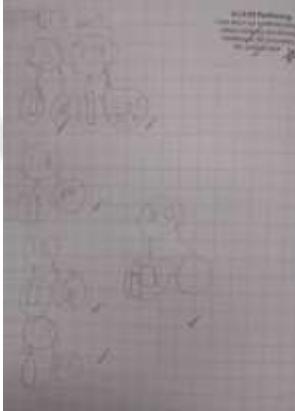
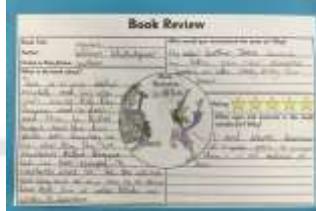
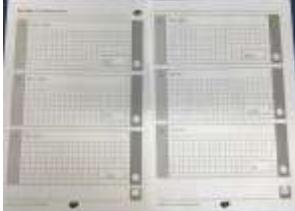
Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class Writer or the Mathematician of the Week this week;

- Year 1 - Emmie & Lily
- Year 2 - Oscar & Ottillie
- Year 3 - Jemima & Luana
- Year 4 - Isla & Pembe
- Year 5 - Chloe & George

See a selection of their impressive work below



Well done to all these hard working children!



Our Top Doodlers

This week our top doodlers were Hare Class with 69% of the class on target and in the 'Green Zone'. Well done Hare Class for rising to the challenge I gave you last week.

Mr Wheat



Advent Prayer Space

We celebrated the start of Advent with a Prayer Space, time to reflect on the Christmas Story and what it can mean to us in 2020. We thought about those we will miss seeing at Christmas, how Jesus is the Light of the World and the difference that he can make to us and to the world. We had time to wonder, to think about our hopes and dreams for 2021 as well as ask God to guide us just as he guided the wise men to Bethlehem. As always is was an inspirational and precious time.

Mrs Robinson



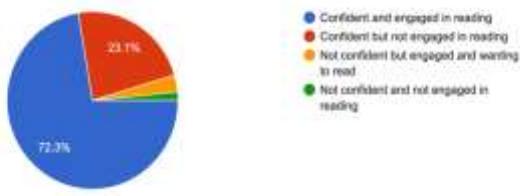
English Update

English Survey Results

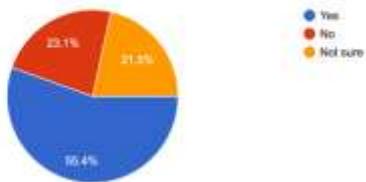
Thank you for all of your responses. Your feedback will help me see where development is needed in English. It has highlighted a need for more support with children's writing development. I also plan to buy some of the suggested books from your childhood. These are called Literacy Heritage texts and will allow children to have a wide and varied array of texts for them to read.

Some of the results from questions below:

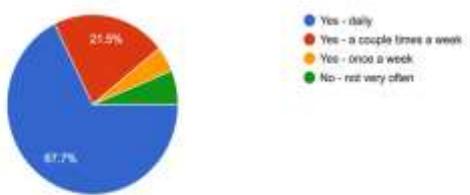
How would you describe yourself as a reader? Please refer to your personal want to read (EG having your own reading book which you are engaged with at the moment)
65 responses



Do you think your own reading habits have an impact on your child's reading?
65 responses



Do you read with your child at home?
65 responses



Does your child write at home?
64 responses



Do you feel you can support your child with their writing development?
65 responses



School Council

Our School Council consists of two elected members from each class with Year R joining us in the Summer Term. This is the first term we have been together and it has been impressive how mature, thoughtful, and enthusiastic our reps have been. Our School Council works on the basis of 'getting stuff done' (Year 6 rep!) so, while we do discuss things together it is important that we actually act upon what we have discussed to make a difference to our school life together.

Consequently, this term we have been very busy. We have been instrumental in us planting a tree for our friend Amber, completed a questionnaire on behalf of our peers of Wellbeing for Mrs Clarke, organised PE equipment for break times for Mr Bisgrove, and helped our classes contribute to videos which were a whole school response for the residents of the Cyder Barn. In addition, we were pleased to help our Chair of Governors Mrs Smith in thinking up questions for Head teacher interviews.

Not all of our discussions impact the whole school. A Year 6 rep came to School Council with a request that some benches were moved for the Year 6 children to use at break times. This was acted upon within the week, making a small, but significant difference to the Year 6 children. School Council is at its best when there is communication both ways, to and from the rest of the school community.

It has been a great first term!

Mrs Robinson



Empties Please

We have raised a total of £37.85 so far by recycling our empty printer cartridges via the Empties Please Team. Please see our certificate attached to this Newsletter.

Fame...What's Your Name, What's Your Name

Our Year 5 children were interviewed by the BBC for the 'Playground Politics' aspect of the BBC Somerset Breakfast Show. Click [here](#) to listen in.

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Monday 14th December	Christmas Cards Delivered Following Quarantine
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Hat Competition
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties* Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Thursday 17 th December	Aladdin—Virtual Pantomime—The MacMillan Theatre
Friday 18th December	Christmas Mufti - no donation required
Friday 18th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays