

West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Hare Class dressed to impress during their Victorian Workshop on Wednesday.



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

Heads Up

It was great to welcome everyone back after a rather wet half term. I hope that you all managed to have a restful break and perhaps to get out and about despite the rather inclement weather.

As you will undoubtedly be aware, we started another national lockdown yesterday. Although this means the curtailment of many activities in society, it doesn't greatly change any of the procedures or practices we are following as a school. We will continue to offer breakfast and after school clubs and the best opportunities and education to your child(ren). Of course, as always, if the situation changes I will let you know at the earliest opportunity. If personal circumstances have changed for you, please do let us know and we will see if we can help. Information on how to access services for debt and mental health advice, as well as other agencies and charities, can be found on newsletters sent earlier this term.

On Wednesday Hare Class were visited by South West Heritage for a Victorian workshop. They took part in a variety of activities including counting by rote. If anyone got the count wrong they all had to start again from the beginning of the count. Thank goodness they were only Victorian for the day! See more information and pictures later in this Newsletter.

A few children have been sharing with me their individual successes that they have achieved outside of school at the gate each morning. It would be lovely to share these through the newsletter. Please send details to the school email address and address them to me.

It just leaves me to say, have a restful weekend and to stay safe when or if around fireworks.

kindest Regards

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 - Brody & Flora
- Year 1 - Evie & Maya
- Year 2 - Franklin & Harry
- Year 3 - Antoine & George M.
- Year 4 - Mack & Ned
- Year 5 - Max & Willow
- Year 6 - Hugo & Evie G.



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Gentle Reminder

If you have any queries please ring the Office, even if you are on site for pick up or drop off purposes. We need to ensure that visitors to the Office and Classrooms are kept to an absolute minimum.

Free and Virtual Emotional Coaching Training!

Mindful Emotion Coaching



Mindful Emotion Coaching is about building emotional intelligence and wellness by enabling conversations about emotions behind behaviours and building understanding of the science of brain development, human interactions and mindful awareness. The course is for all of us in caring roles whether this is as a parent, guardian, carer, son, daughter or professional. The course will help you manage your own emotions in moments of stress in everyday life and it will enable you to manage and maintain compassion in your caring roles.

<https://www.openlearning.com/courses/mindful-emotion-coaching/?cl=1&redirectTo=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.openlearning.com%2Fcourses%2Fmindful-emotion-coaching%2FHomePage%2F>

FWPS Fundraiser - Coin Challenge



The coin challenge is underway with each class collecting loose change in a plastic bottle in their respective classrooms. If you find any under the sofa and are happy to contribute to the FWPS funds, please send it in with your child in a sealed envelope.

Here and There

This section has to take a very much local and non-attraction theme for November, for obvious reasons.

Burrington Combe to Rowberrow Warren



This is a lovely walk starting at Burrington Combe. It takes you to Dolebury warren, Rowberrow Warren, the Mendips & back to Burrington with beautiful views along the way. The route is on good paths & tracks that stay mostly mud free, so making it a good winter walk. Start point & free parking in Burrington Combe - click the link below and it will take you straight to the car park.

<https://goo.gl/maps/PUQnWvDd7dv>

Great Elm to Mells



Starting at Great Elm, this walk takes you along the Wadbury valley to Mells, following the iron founding history of the Fussell's family, then circling around Whatley quarry to return to Great Elm, taking in much of the area's rich iron founding history along the Wadbury Valley.

In 1774 James Fussell the 3rd, founded the dynasty of master iron workers that lasted 150 years, they produced the finest edge tools in the country, their products included scythes, sickles, spades, shovels & other agricultural implements. The 1880's catalogue listed 111 products, by the turn of the century the company was exporting their tools to Europe & America.

In it's heyday they employed over 250 people. In the local area there are 3 mansions that have been the homes of the Fussell's, Wadbury house, Nunnery Court & The Chantry.

<https://my.viewranger.com/route/details/MTM3NDMwMw==>

APPs of the Week



Khan Academy is a free collection of education courses for all ages, but it has an app specifically for two to seven-year-old children that focuses on maths, reading and social and emotional skills. It has a large and growing archive of learning videos, digital books and simple but engaging exercises.



Scratch is the programming environment that a lot of children will be familiar with already from school. ScratchJr is an app version designed for five to seven-year-olds, although older children can have fun with it, too. It uses coding blocks to create programs for games, animation, music and other creative tasks



This recently released maths game challenges children in quickfire sums, increasing in difficulty if they keep answering correctly. They write the numbers on the touchscreen with their finger rather than tapping buttons. It's free to try, with a £3.99 in-app purchase unlocking everything.



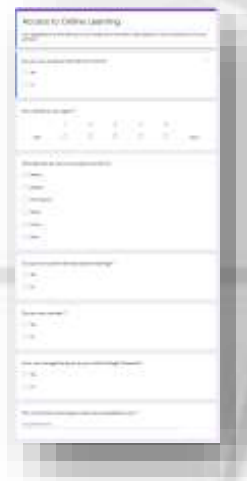
Field trips and museum visits may be out of bounds for a while, but Google's Arts & Culture app at least has virtual tours of more than 1,200 museums and galleries. Children can look and read as well as curate their own lists of favourite artworks to share.

Educational Psychology Parent Helpline (for mental health)

Somerset's Educational Psychology Service has a support service for parents who wish to talk through their concerns about their child. The service offers a 30 minute consultation and a review where needed. Parents can contact EPShelp-line@somerset.gov.uk with a brief outline of concerns and an Educational Psychologist will respond to arrange a consultation.

Please also see our wellbeing page on the school website or feel free to discuss your concerns further and will can help you get the right support.

Points of View



We would like to survey the access you have to technology at home with an anonymous questionnaire. The purpose of this is to find out how easy it is for your child(ren) to access online learning and / or homework issued through Google Classroom. Please complete the google form by clicking on the link below...

<https://forms.gle/zOBPDXTbCGfcGWHm9>

Quote of the Week

'The secret to having it all is knowing that you already do.'

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 - Rowan & Lily
- Year 2 - Elijah & Isabelle E.
- Year 3 - Whole Class
- Year 4 - Lola & Oliver
- Year 5 - Albert & Bethany
- Year 6 - Carmen & Archie



See a selection of their impressive work below and right.

Maths Puzzle of the Week

The brain teaser last week was to add 5 matches to these 6 to make 9.



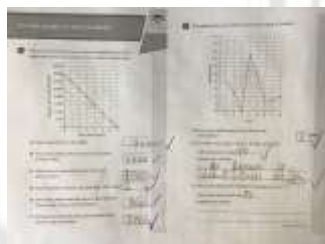
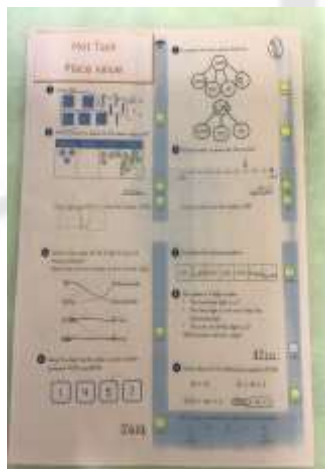
Here is the solution...



New Challenge (from Doodle Maths)

It's summer and four friends go to visit an island for the day. The four friends are late for dinner, so we need to help them get back quickly! The four friends must all get back to the mainland on one little rowing boat. They're all on the island at the end of the day. The rowing boat carries two people maximum at any time. It is quite dark in the evening and they have just one lamp. When they are travelling, they must carry a lamp to see the way. A pair must row together at the rate of the slower friend as they are sharing the lamp.

- Belle takes 1 minute to row across
- Hugo takes 2 minutes to row across
- Zara takes 7 minutes to row across
- George takes 10 minutes to row across



South West Heritage Visit

On Tuesday, Hare Class stepped back in time to 1886 and experienced what school would have been like for a Victorian children. With a very stern teacher, armed with a cane, the classroom had never been so quiet! The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed a variety of activities including rote learning, handwriting and sewing. A big thank you to South West Heritage Centre for an extremely memorable experience.

Miss Holmes



English Update

Bookmarks

As you may have noticed, children in KS1 and KS2 now have bookmarks attached to their planners. These are a really useful resources for anyone who reads with your children. They include different questions that you might ask your child about the book they are reading. This is to support your child's comprehension (understanding of the text) rather than their fluency (ability to read the words of a book). Please let me know what you think.

Each week, I am going to give you a little tour of programs/methods which we use at West Penard as part of English development. I will do these via an online link to a video which I will record. Next week I will give you a tour of AR Book guide.

I would really appreciate your feedback and any questions you have. Please email these to the school office.

Mrs Pinsent
English Lead

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

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

Monday 9 th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm* Year R Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 2 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 11 th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness Year R Parents' Evening (9am-3pm and 3.30pm-6.30pm) Year 2 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Thursday 12 th November	Year 1 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Friday 13 th November	Year 1 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
16 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16 th November	Year 4 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 4 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm) Year 5 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 5 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Tuesday 24 th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Friday 27 th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30 th Nov – Tuesday 1 st Dec	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner* and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Friday 18 th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays

