

William Penn Newsletter – 6.12.24



Fox Class trip to Lewes Castle

Fox Class enjoyed a day trip to Lewes Castle as part of their 'Who Lives Here' topic. The day began with a tour from Alice, a servant who lived in the castle. We found out that the castle is around 1000 years old! It's also rare in that it has two baileys as part of its motte and bailey design. The children loved exploring, trying on medieval clothes and learning new things. Thank you to all the families of children in Fox for allowing this to happen and to our parent volunteers who joined us on the day. Here's to the next exciting trip!

Christ Hospital Christmas Concert

The Carol Service is fast approaching; taking place on Wednesday 18th December at 6pm at Christ's Hospital School Chapel. Please remember that we would like to welcome you and your relatives as we will have ample seating and parking space. On the morning of Wednesday 18th, we would ask you to bring your children to the chapel between 8.45am and 9am for a rehearsal. We have arranged transportation back to school in time for lunch and school will finish at the normal time at 3.15pm. There is a voluntary contribution of £6 to cover the cost of the coach. This can be paid for using the My child at school app.

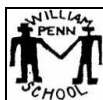
In the evening, we will be ready to receive the children at 5.45pm. Please ensure that children have been to the lavatory before they leave home in the morning and the evening as facilities are not easily available at the chapel. The service will begin at 6pm and should be finished by 7pm. Children who have been given costumes will not need to wear them for the rehearsal, but should come dressed in costumes in the evening. We would ask that costumes are returned promptly by Friday 20th December, washed and dried ready for use next year. Children in Key Stage 2 should wear their school uniform.

We have decided not to ticket the event or charge for entrance. We do, however, have to hire the chapel and hope that you will consider making a donation towards these costs on the evening. Cash and card payments will be accepted on the night. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Message from Lucy West: A big thank you on behalf of the Royal British Legion for the fantastic amount raised by William Penn School for this year's Poppy Appeal - £92.70. We raised £1365 overall across the parish. My thanks to everyone who contributed.





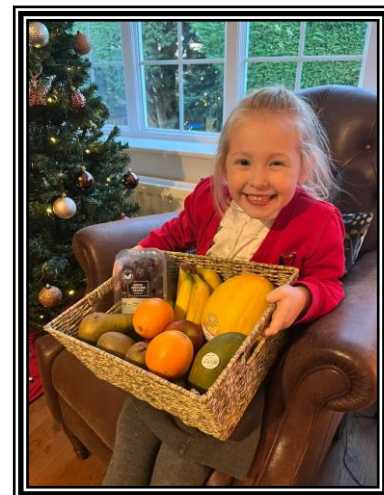
PTA Updates for December

◆MONTHLY PTA RAFFLE◆

November - Thank you to all those that bought fruit basket raffle tickets on Friday 29th. We raised £19 in one morning! Congratulations to our winner Francesca!

December - there will be a real treat for December, as a very kind Grandparent has offered to make an incredible Christmas cake! Preparations have already begun so there will be a very lucky winner of a delicious homemade Christmas cake. TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER - 50p EACH!

We have discussed between school and the PTA and we shall be alternating monthly between a cake or fruit basket raffle to raise school funds. Winner to be drawn in assembly during Golden assembly on the last Friday of the month/term.



🎄CHRISTMAS RAFFLE🎄

We have started to gather prizes for the Christmas raffle, including 6 bottles of pink champagne, food hamper and chocolate! If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be gratefully received. The raffle winners will be announced at Christ's Hospital on 18th December at the William Penn Christmas service. Tickets will be on sale via the 'Classlist App' from FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER.

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Disco ticket deadline

<https://app.classlist.com>

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

Christmas UV disco

KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6.15-7.15pm

Remember to wear brightly coloured clothing if you want to glow in the dark! Tickets are £5.50 and will include a drink, your child's choice of popcorn or crisps and a glo band. We have set up a new online payment method for parents via an app/ website called 'Classlists' and a link has been sent to all parents. Please mention to Mrs Constable if you have any financial concerns and we can discretely ensure every child is included. Drop off and pick up will be via the Cadbury classroom and children will need to be signed in at drop off and signed out on collection.

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

Non uniform in exchange for donations of new condition/good quality items (particularly men's gifts). For example toiletries, beauty products, unopened biscuit selection boxes/chocolates. Please send in items that you would potentially be happy for your child/children to buy and 'gift' to you!!! The PTA will be collecting these on the playground at the bench by the school office. Any concerns with contributions or the ability to contribute, please email the PTA at williampennpta@outlook.com or catch one of us on the playground.

TOKENS FOR SALE for the pop up shop

FRIDAY 13th drop off and pick up on the playground

MONDAY 16th

TUESDAY 17th

50p per token or 12 tokens for £5 - Payment can be taken via card or cash accepted.
(Gift prices will be minimum 50p per gift, maximum of £2 per gift item)

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

Pop up shop

Gifts will be chosen by your child/children and brought home wrapped and labelled.





Forest School

Next week is the last week of Forest School this term. We have decided to furlough the Forest School Area in the first half term of Spring. The area is already very flooded so this will give it time to drain before we return. We have already seen evidence of children working together, being motivated to learn, language development as well as skills and knowledge and physical skills' development so we will definitely relaunch once the ground permits!

Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 9th December to 13th December

Date	Class
Wednesday 10.12.24	JBB
Friday 13.10.24	Cadbury

Attendance Matters

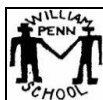
Class	Attendance
Reception	97%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	96%
Whole school	95.1%
National Average	95.3%

We have slipped slightly below the National Average this term. However the majority of absence has been because of illness and not holidays. This has been the result of an unusually high number of nasty winter bugs this term. The percentage of absence caused by holidays being taken is down 2% on the previous year. Let's continue to work together to improve our attendance next term.

Health and Safety

Please be mindful when parking for the Christmas Disco next Thursday. It will be very dark and children may not be visible in wing mirrors. Please ensure that you are driving extremely slowly and be considerate of our neighbours when parking. **Do not use The Selsey Arms car park as this will have a considerable impact on the business there.** Thank you for your consideration in this matter.





Recycling updates

Keep bringing in those old containers, even those that have lost their lids, old water and baby bottles. Dig deep in the back of cupboards and ask friends and families to do the same! Crisp packets are no longer being recycled. These need to be returned to supermarkets in store. Also keep bringing us all the other recycling we accept as it raises funds for the school. This includes such items as old toothbrush heads, water filters, ink cartridges, marigold gloves, food storage boxes, reusable bottles, Babybel wrappers and cheese packaging. These go in the bins situated to the left of the school gates.

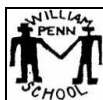
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Cammie You have had such a brilliant week! I have been so impressed with your learning this week. Keep up the good work!	Ellie Thank you for smiling. Thank you for being YOU! I have been mega impressed with your phonics over the past 4 weeks. You are the Queen of Tick & Fix!	Harry Someone who works hard and puts in the effort. You are laying the foundations. You are amazing! Thank you for all your effort, it has been noticed! Keep it up.	Bella For your attitude to science lessons this week. You gave 110% and this showed with two lovely pieces of completed work!	Layla B For absolutely smashing your times tables this week! Scoring 100% on all of the sheets and then having the confidence to read out all of the answers to the class.	Elliott For trying really hard in your maths lesson this week. It was a tricky concept but you didn't give up. Well done Elliott, great attitude to learning!	Lennon For showing a great mind-set during TTRS this week. You did so well when reading out the answers. Well done Lennon!
Presentation stars	Harrison You have worked so hard in phonics this week and we are all super proud of your 'hold a sentence' – well done you!	Cory What an excellent effort in your recount. Look at the progress from September, and look at that presentation!	Gracie A beautiful piece of writing. Thank you for giving your everything in our recount about Lewes Castle.	Maisy For carefully stitching two pieces of felt together using the overstitch method. Amazing effort!	James For neatly presenting the different parts of the Christmas Story in RE. Some well-drawn pictures and explanations to go with them.	Jac For a really well presented big write this week. You worked hard keeping your work super neat. Well done Jac!	Oliver O For beautiful presentation in your big write this week. Your handwriting is outstandingly neat. You should be very proud.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 29.11.24

Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 6.12.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Oscar You tried so hard in PE and didn't give up! Excellent catching skills, well done!	Bear You are full of positive energy. You always try your best, and listen to instructions. Thank You!	Beaux For being an all round superstar everyday! You are always ready to learn and set an amazing example for the Fox children. Thank you!	Marnie J For finding such a confidence this week. It has been lovely to see you take part in everything with a smile and a great attitude. Well done Marnie J!	Layla S For being so kind and helpful to your friends in Forest School this week. You included everyone in all the fun you were having. Such a superstar! Well done Layla S!	Indie For always being such a superstar in JBB. You have worked INCREDIBLY hard in maths this week, being able to add and subtract fractions and find common denominators. Well done Indie!	Clayne For persevering with maths this week. You have battled your way through and now have a good understanding of fractions. Well done.
Presentation stars	Summer Well done for forming letters so carefully in your hold-a-sentence.	Poppy Always making a good effort with presentation – that includes when writing WITHOUT lines in our Wanted posters!	Max I sing your presentation praises time after time, but it deserves recognising. Well Done.	Pippa For producing some super work this week. You are rising to the occasion of our high presentation expectations. It is so good to see. Thank you for being a superstar! Well done Pippa!	Arlo For some fantastic presentation this week in a variety of subjects. You have worked hard and also been able to focus on the content too! Great work Arlo!	Ava For always presenting each and every piece of work beautifully. You are now starting to speed up too! Well done Ava!	Rory For really thinking about your presentation when writing recently. You are taking time to ensure your spellings are accurate and your handwriting is really coming along nicely. Well done Rory!





Achievements Outside of School

Well done to Harry for completing Stage 3 Swimming. He has been awarded a certificate and badge from Swim England. Excellent effort!

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk.

Diary Dates

December 2024	
12 th	Disco 5pm: KS1, 6:15pm: KS2
13 th	Non-school uniform for PTA
14 th	Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival: 11:00am Choir Performance
16 th	Chartwell's Christmas Lunch
18 th	PTA Christmas Pop up Shop for children in school from 1pm Christmas Nativity Performance at Christ's Hospital 6:00pm
20 th	Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
January 2025	
6 th	Spring Term commences
14 th	Cadbury Class Health Check with School Nurse 8:45am

