

William Penn Newsletter – 22.11.24

Children in Need

School Councillors: Bethany and Rory write:

Last Friday, we celebrated Children in Need. Parents were very generous donating lots of money for people for those who need it. We came to school in PJs or our own clothes. We raised an amazing £79.96 for Pudsey Day. It was really enjoyable to come to school in what you normally wear in bed! It was also great to see all the colours and people were really expressing themselves with what they were wearing. Some clothes showed what people are interested in like unicorns. JBB had made games for Fry, Fox and Cadbury to play on the playground at lunchtime and some of the teachers even wore PJs! There were three sports on offer; cricket, tennis and tag rugby. The whole day was a lot of fun!



Happiness Heroes

Welcome to our new 'Happiness Heroes'...

A child from each year group was selected by their teacher to represent their class as a Happiness Hero for this academic year. It wasn't an easy decision for the teachers but these children were chosen because they always show a happy attitude towards each and every day. They are always smiley and positive! These children will be using what they have learnt in their My Happy Mind lessons to bring even more happiness to William Penn. They will have meetings with Ms Passfield to see how we can ensure everyone at William Penn feels happy, smiley, positive and empowered. They will be learning how to help children feel respected and listened to, they will demonstrate perseverance to their peers and model a positive attitude. Well done Happiness Heroes, what a fantastic team!

News from the PTA

🎄 Christmas UV Disco Thursday 12th December 🎄

KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6.15-7.15pm

DJ80 will be here to host our disco again this year! Please remember brightly coloured clothing if you want to glow in the dark! Tickets will be £5.50 and will include a drink, your child's choice of popcorn or crisps and a glow band. We are setting up a new online payment method for parents via an app/ website called 'Classlists' and a link will be sent to parents shortly. 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.

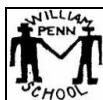
🎄 Non School Uniform Friday 13th December 🎄

Donations of new condition gifts (suitable for all ages e.g. toys, toiletries, chocolates etc) for the Pop up shop please! Donations of any rolls of wrapping paper would be greatly received please.

🎄 Christmas Pop up shop Wednesday 18th December 🎄

Prior to the 18th parents can purchase tokens from the PTA (keep your eyes open for us before or after school) for their children to buy gifts for family members at the Pop up shop that will be wrapped in school ready to put





under the Christmas tree! Again, please mention to Mrs Constable if you have any financial concerns and we can discretely ensure every child is included.

Forest School

Thank you for sending your children into school with a change of clothes and waterproofs ready for Forest School. Due to staffing requirements, JBB's Forest School will take place on **Wednesday 27th November**. They will then return to their usual Tuesday slot in December.

Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 25th November – 6th December

Wednesday 27.11.24	JBB
Friday 29.11.24	Cadbury
Tuesday 3.12.24	Fox
Thursday 5.12.24	Fry

Young Arts Council "Voices in Nature" digital poetry anthology

Follow this link for our Young Arts "Voices in Nature" Poetry project, in which 5 JBB students can be heard reading their beautiful poems about nature. Antosh, the poet who visited last month, has captured the children reading their poems with so much meaning and enjoyment as well as a real sense of pride.

Please follow this link <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WO9fNHe01u0Hp2Xk-eVA34ALBENIb0f9>

The link to the poems will also be hosted on the Arts Society West Sussex website. The soundscapes will be shared nationally with the Arts Society, the Arts Council, The Poetry Society and the National Poetry Day Society. What a fantastic way to celebrate our wonderful young poets.

Christmas Jumper Day 2024 - supporting Little Life Savers

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 6th December**. At William Penn we like to support a wide range of charities and this year we have decided to hold the Christmas Jumper Day in support of Little Life Savers. Little Life Savers are a charity to help teach younger children the importance of CPR. They recently delivered a brilliant, free CPR session for our Upper Key Stage 2 children and we hope they continue to deliver these free sessions at our school. Charities that come into schools for free rely on the local communities that they visit for donations so that they can continue to deliver and teach sessions for free.

On Friday 6th December children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (Christmassy attire dresses/leggings/school trousers or home clothes if you wish) and in return we are asking for a donation for the above charity. We do not wish for you to buy new jumpers. Please share or try and upcycle an old t-shirt with some sparkle! If you have any old Christmas jumpers your child has outgrown, you are welcome to leave them under the canopy for others to take/swap on Thursday 5th December.

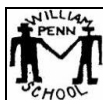
Health and Safety

Please do not use the entrance to the school to park when dropping off children in the morning or collecting them at the end of the school day. This needs to remain car free at all times as there is a real danger that children, who are too small to appear in wing mirrors, could be injured, especially when parents complete 3 point turns. Thank you for your support to in helping to keep our children safe.

Recycling updates

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their old unusable food storage containers and reusable water bottles for our win a £10,000 school playground competition. We still have 3 weeks of the competition left, so keep searching and ask all your neighbours, family and friends.





Bottle top recycling

So far we have sent off 75kg of bottles tops which is approximately 24,000 bottle tops. This has earned the school 18,000 earth points. Enough to purchase a table and 4 chairs made out of recycled bottle tops.

Sadly crisp packet recycling will end next week and be transferred to the supermarket instead. The school bin will be sealed by one of our volunteers and eventually removed. But 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.

Adverse Weather Conditions

At William Penn, we will do our very best to stay open during the winter whatever the weather. However, if we do need to close, we will aim to take that decision as early as possible in order to give you time to make alternative arrangements.

Please remember that we need enough staff on site to open the school and attendance is dependent on weather conditions where members of staff live as well as at school.

You will receive a text message by 7am. If you are unsure as to whether the school is closed, please refer to the banner at the top of the school website, West Sussex County Council website and local radio stations (BBC Sussex and Bright FM) for information.

If there is no such information present, please assume that the school is open. Please check your MCAS app is still active. Some parents have missed messages because their device has put the app into sleep mode.

Attendance

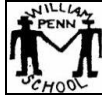
There is a new Attendance page on the school website under the Statutory Information tab. It outlines the Government initiative that was launched in January. This national campaign aims to remind parents and carers of the importance of attending school regularly because from the first day of term to the last, every lesson, and each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child's learning and wellbeing as described in the campaign manifesto below:

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: Manifesto.

“That moment they found a new best friend queuing up for pudding.
That time fractions suddenly clicked.
That day cavemen came to live in the playground.
That science lesson when a mento and cola ‘rocket’ sprayed everywhere.
Breaking a school record on sports day.
When they helped catch the escaped rabbit.
Helping to build props for the school play.
When they baked cupcakes that were actually edible (just).
Performing that encore at the school concert.
From the first day of term to the last, each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child's wellbeing.
Positive, real, life-changing moments.
And in a school year there are hundreds of them.
What a difference a school day makes.”

This manifesto underlines the importance of attending school – every day and every new week is a new opportunity for students to attend school every day in order for them to maximise their learning.





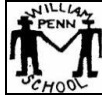
Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 15.11.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Lincoln You work so hard in maths and continue to stretch your own knowledge with numbers. Keep up the hard work!	Evie Thank you for your polite manners, wonderful behaviour and exceptional effort. You are a Year 1 superstar!	Ava What a role model you are. You're always ready to learn, listen and work hard. You show love and kindness from our character strengths EVERY DAY!	Archie For increasing in confidence whilst at school; focussing more in the classroom and joining the class in PE.	Charlie For your perseverance when making your 'Tin Forest'. You made something you can be really proud of!	Oliver For always looking out for other children across the whole school. You really show such empathy when helping other children. Thank you.	Oscar For smashing through your maths this week. You had a 'eureka' moment yesterday where things dropped into place! Well done Oscar!
Presentation stars	Ioana You continue to explore your own learning and always take care with writing/cutting and colouring. Keep up the creative work Ioana!	Francesca Look at the progress in your writing from September to now! Wow! Letter formation is brilliant. Well Done!	Beaux Really good handwriting in English – well done. Keep it up.	Connor For a terrific 'Tin Forest' made out of recycled materials. You thought carefully and came up with some unique ways of presenting your ideas.	Betsy For an imaginative, informative poster explaining the importance of keeping your teeth clean!	Jac For a fantastic description of a mysterious room, inspired by our class text. You took advice on board so positively and used this to improve your presentation. Well done!	Andrew For a wonderful setting description. Your handwriting is always legible, and you are now self-editing your work. Keep it up!

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Golden Children	Summer It is a joy to watch you in PE. You listen well to instructions and are super sporty! Well done for some excellent passing and catching skills!	Cory You are so articulate! This means that you speak clearly and use great words. Your explanations in maths this week have been FIRST CLASS!	Sasha Thank you for your positivity. Every day, you are chirpy and fill my head with sunshine. Keep being you!	Violet For being an outstanding role model this week. You have been such an amazing helper to Ms Passfield this week and an exemplary member of Fry class!	Betsy Thank you for being an absolute super star this week. Even when you haven't felt 100%, you have still given 110%! Well done Betsy. Amazing attitude to school!	Zack For listening intently this week, following instructions closely in order to achieve. Keep up this positive attitude Zack!	Violet For being so inquisitive about all of your learning this week, particularly in RE. You asked incredibly interesting questions in order to further your learning. Well done!
Presentation stars	Delfina It has been so lovely to see you start exploring the sounds you know and having a go at writing this week! Keep up the amazing work!	Lavinia Fabulously presented English writing for our potions! Your ingredients and instructions will certainly defeat the witch and help Rapunzel!	William Super ingredients and instruction writing that was well presented. Keep it up!	Marnie J For having a great growth mindset to your writing this week. You have shown amazing perseverance. Well done Marnie J!	Charlie For some excellent presentation in maths and English this week. You have worked really hard on keeping your work neat and tidy. I can't wait to see your writing wall work finished!	William For contributing such beautifully presented work and ideas in RE and music this week. You have high expectations of yourself and this really shows with the quality of your work. Well done.	Lennon For starting to think about your presentation this week. You are checking that your handwriting is always legible and taking time to re-do any rushed writing. Keep it up.





Achievements Outside of School

Well done to Ava and Jessica Dancy for leading the Brownies and Rainbows procession at the remembrance service at St Georges.
Congratulations to Sonny for winning the Most Improved Player Trophy from his football team last week.
Well done to William W for swimming 10 metres - totally independently!

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



Diary Dates

November 2024	
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
25 th	Flu nasal spray vaccine
28 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective parents to visit school 2:00pm – 3:15pm
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

