

William Penn Newsletter 29th September 2023

Message from Mrs Constable

Dear parents and carers, I would like to update you on how things are progressing here at William Penn. As you will be aware, there have been some temporary changes in the way the school is currently being led. Although key staff are still absent, we remain committed to offering the same, attentive education and quality pastoral support for your children, that they have always enjoyed.

The William Penn family are committed and dedicated educators, with your children's best interests and future success at the heart of everything we do. This has not changed, and one of my key focuses as Deputy Head is to ensure continuity at this time, and to maintain the high standards your children deserve. Luckily, I am supported by an extremely talented group of teachers and TAs, our board of Governors, a temporarily appointed Executive Head and an interim Business Manager. So you can have every confidence in the education your children are receiving.

Communications

All communication to parents are currently via the Whole School Google Classroom. If you have not logged onto this, you can do so by signing into your child's Google account and clicking the plus sign on the top right of the screen. Select join class and enter the Class Code: 5dwvmbx. If you need any support with this, please ask a member of staff at drop off or pick up or email the office on office@williampenn.co.uk.

Parents' Consultations

Tuesday 3rd October and Thursday 5th October

It is great to see that so many parents have signed up for these online. Please do contact the office if you are unable to access the signing up sheets. If you have selected a virtual appointment, please provide the class teacher or office with a number you can be contacted on, just in case there are any technical issues.

Online appointments: How to Access your Slot at the Allotted Time

These bookings will last approximately 5 minutes as teachers will need to prepare for the next appointment.

- Step 1: Ensure you are in a quiet space.
- Step 2: Log in to your child's account – we have found previously that this bypasses the waiting room and makes the process of joining more reliable. You should be able to log in from multiple locations using the same account, if this makes the process more convenient for you.
- Step 3: Find the relevant Parent Consultation document on the Whole School Stream and open it.
- Step 4: Click on the Meet Code next to your child's name.
- Step 5: Press join to join the meeting.
- Step 6: Turn on your camera and microphone.
- If any technical issues arise, the class teacher will phone you on the number you have provided them with.
- Alternatively, please attend the school in person and wait in the school hall for your appointment time. Please be punctual as the appointments will need to dovetail with the online appointments.

Harvest Festival Concert

The children have been hard at work, practicing a selection of Harvest themed songs to share with you on Thursday 19th October. This will hopefully take place at 2:15 on the playground. If the weather is wet, we will record them for you and upload them onto Google.

Christmas Nativity at Christ's Hospital

This beautiful carol service will take place on the evening of Wednesday 13th December. Be sure to add it to your diary as it is a magical night of singing, musical performances and festive charm.



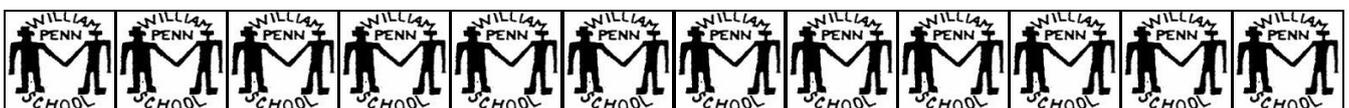
School Photographer

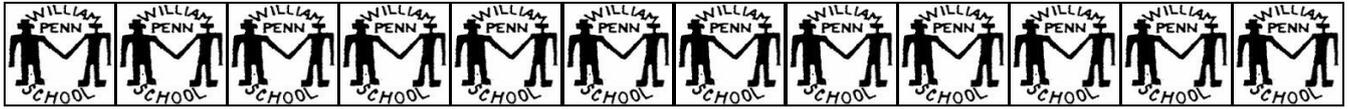
Our school photographer will be visiting the school on Tuesday 31st October. This is the first day children return after the half term holiday. On this day, we would ask that all children wear school uniform. If they have PE in the afternoon (JBB and Fry), please bring a PE kit in to change into prior to the lesson.

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

Administration of Medicines in School

If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact the school office to make these arrangements. Pupils are not permitted to have medicines on their person in school and this includes creams, cough sweets etc. Also, if your child has an inhaler in school, it is good practice to have a spare. This ensures your child is able to receive the medical support, should one run out. Also a reminder that we are trying to be as nut free as possible. You also need to be aware that because of our current cohort, we ask that you do not send in products containing sesame seeds, as they can trigger an allergic reaction in children who have a nut allergy. Thank you for helping us to keep all children safe at school.





Parking

It has become apparent that some parents are mounting the pavement when parking, either parking on the pavement or in order to access a space. This is concerning, as pedestrians cannot always be seen, especially children. Pedestrians will naturally assume that the pavement is a safe place for them to be and we would ask that this is the case. There has also been reports that some people are using private drives to turn around in. Please respect our neighbours and refrain from doing this.



Meet the New School Council

Hello, we would like to introduce ourselves as the new school council for this year. We are really looking forward to working on different projects throughout the year. We will work with children and staff to support the school. We believe it is important that everyone has a voice and is listened to. Our School Council represents the views of all pupils. At school we often talk about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This week we looked at Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: *You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.* We will keep you up to date with the different activities we will be working on. The sports captains will also be involved in working alongside school council.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 22.09.2023

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	Archer For being absolutely fantastic all the time. He follows all the rules without being reminded and is such a good role model for his friends. Well done Archer!	Jackson For such an amazing pupil this week. He has been so positive and enthusiastic with all his learning and has had his hand up permanently! Keep it up Jackson!	Maisy For always being so polite and thoughtful to her friends. She always makes sure they have others to play with and encourages them join in. Well done Maisy!	Fabien For always being so kind and helpful. Other members of staff around school have recognised your kindness towards your peers this week. Amazing, Fabien!	Elliott For showing improved confidence in class when talking to teachers and peers this week. It has been great to hear your views in class discussions. Well done Elliott!	Grace For being so helpful to her peers and to the adults in the school. She is a fantastic role-model in JBB and has a positive attitude to all of her learning. Well done Grace.	Flo For being an absolutely wonderful member of JBB. She always tries her hardest and never gives up when things are hard. A fantastic mind-set. Well done Flo.
Star Writer	Ellie For doing the most beautiful letter formations for our Big Bad Wolf wanted poster. She wrote an amazing 'a', 'd' and 't' which we have looked at so far as part of the word 'wanted'. Fantastic job Ellie!	Lilly For her detailed reasoning of why swimming is her favourite hobby. She took time to think about her letter formation and the sounds she needed to use. Well done Lilly!	Marnie J For being inspired by our class story to write her own 'Gingerbread Man' styled story. She is applying herself to ensuring her tale is detailed and will soon be a classic! Well done Marnie!	Layla S For a beautiful and informative water cycle poster. She has certainly got to grips with KS2 presentation expectations. Well done Layla!	Jac For a beautifully presented Water Cycle poster. His neat and organised work is making him a true role model to his peers in class. Well done Jac!	Spencer For working really hard this week on writing his recipe for a hero. He has been focused and enthusiastic in the lessons. Well done Spencer.	Rufus For always producing excellent pieces of writing and contributing to class discussions with great ideas and vocabulary choices. He clearly enjoys writing. Well done Rufus.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 29.09.2023

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Golden	Evie For always having such a sunny disposition and coming in with the biggest smile on her face. Every day, during our phonics lessons, she has made sure she gets her letter formations right and she should be really proud of her determination. Well done Evie!	Elena For trying her best in maths this week. She is becoming so much more confident when using a part whole model and can find lots of different number sentences as a result. Well done Elena!	Isaac For such a positive week this week. He has been looking out for his friends and encouraging them to succeed in every lesson. Keep up the excellent effort Isaac!	James For trying really hard with his writing this week. He used some lovely adjectives to describe the characters in our book. Well done James!	Bethany For a beautiful piece of writing this week. It was well thought out and presented to a very high standard. She was really able to get into the character of Iris the mermaid. Well done Beth!	Caleb For his enthusiasm and energy for absolutely everything! He has been a wonderful member of JBB. Good luck in your new school Caleb!	Michael For always working incredibly hard and trying his best in all areas of the curriculum. He is a very conscientious member of the class. Well done Mikey.
Star Writer	Bear Well done for having such an animated retelling of the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We loved hearing him retell this story as part of our topic!	Max For his fantastic writing of a diary in the style of Little Green Rain Cape. He engaged and contributed to the whole class discussion, suggesting super adjectives. Well done Max!	Eliana For her beautiful presentation in English this week. She is following the presentation policy incredibly well and should feel very proud of her efforts. Keep it up Eliana!	Charlie S For having a fantastic growth mindset towards his writing this week. He wrote a brilliant diary entry and was able to write in the first person throughout. Well done Charlie!	William For producing an excellent piece of writing this week. It was presented neatly. It was written with a fantastic sense of humour and his use of different punctuation was amazing. Well done William!	Violet If this person could read 24 hours a day, I am sure she would! With her nose stuck in a book at every opportunity, she is a wonderful role model to her peers.	Maisie For having the confidence to participate in the Weald Book Awards this year. She is working hard with her fellow class mates to read and understand the texts, well done Maisie.

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

- Bethany has achieved a Rise Gymnastics, Explore Working Together 2.
- Jaya has been awarded a Distinction in her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1.
- Layla S has completed her Recorder Stage 2.
- Fraser ran and completed the Barnes Green Run.
- William J was player of the match on 23/09/23 The under 9's Southwater Swifts won 8-3. Everyone was really proud of his determination in this game; 'never give up' is the coach's mantra!
- If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office: office@williampenn.co.uk

