

William Penn Newsletter – 8.11.24

Children in Need – Friday 15th November



On Friday 15th November, William Penn School are planning to celebrate Pudsey Day once again. This year, School Council have collected ideas and have decided to celebrate by having a PJ day. The children are invited to wear their pyjamas/onesies to school for the day. If your child has Children in Need/Pudsey clothing or accessories, they are also welcome to wear these to school. JBB will arrange some fun games/circuits for everyone to enjoy at lunchtime. If your child chooses to wear slippers, please bring school shoes/trainers to change into for playtime. Pyjama day is optional and if your child does not wish to wear pyjamas they are welcome to wear home clothes.

Remember to bring in a donation (a suggested donation of £1 but any donation will be greatly received). All money raised will go to the charity Children in Need.

School council

News from the PTA

🌸 Harvest Festival 🌸

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Harvest Festival singing as much as we did, and the opportunity to see Forest School at the end of half term. Thank you to all the children and staff for a lovely afternoon (despite the rain!).



We are very appreciative of everyone that was involved in helping and attending, for the cake donations, raffle entries and refreshment purchasing! We raised **£319.82** which is a great achievement for our first event of the academic year. With feedback from staff and children, we will be discussing at our next PTA meeting, how best to utilise the funds raised and shall keep you updated!



Over the holidays, Zachary and Evie took the food donations that had been collected at the Harvest Concert to Horsham Matters Food Bank. They were very grateful for our donations and said it will help lots of families over the holidays.

🌸 PTA Meeting & Class PTA reps 🌸

Monday 11th November 3.30pm at school, everyone welcome!

Reception - Rachel O

Year 1 - Claire

Year 2 - Steph M-H

Year 3 - Natalie L

Year 4 - Myf

Year 5 - Rachel K

Year 6 - Harriet B

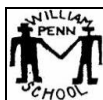
🎄 Christmas dates 🎄

Thursday 12th December - UV Disco

KS1 (Reception - Year 2) 5 - 6pm

KS2 (Year 3 - Year 6) 6.15 - 7.15pm





Friday 13th December- Non-uniform day for **donations** of items in 'like new' condition for the pop-up shop. So please keep hold of any suitable unused items, such as games, toys, chocolate boxes/ bars, biscuit selection tins, books, toiletry sets, novelty socks etc.

Wednesday 18th December - Whilst children are at the nativity rehearsals at Christs Hospital, we will be busy setting up the '**Christmas Pop up shop**'. On their return to school, children will be able to buy gifts for family members with their own money and we will help them to wrap them. The cost of each gift will be a minimum of 50p, up to a maximum of £2. Please speak to Mrs Constable with any financial concerns and we can discreetly make sure that every child is included.

Forest School

We have now moved to the new timetable where children have whole class sessions that are always on the same day each fortnight. Cadbury – every other Friday, Fox/JBB – every other Tuesday; Fry – every other Thursday. It is getting increasingly wet so please make sure you send your child in with a change of clothes including wellies or sturdy boots and waterproofs. Forest School will take place whatever the weather.

Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 11th November – 22nd November

Tuesday 12.11.24	JBB
Friday 15.11.24	Cadbury
Tuesday 19.11.24	Fox
Thursday 21.11.24	Fry

Also, a reminder about PE days. For Key Stage 1, PE is on Wednesday and Thursday. For Key Stage 2, PE is on Monday and Friday. Children should come into school in their PE kits.

Chartwells Nutritionist, Faye Murton, runs workshops on healthy eating



On Wednesday 23rd October, all the children at William Penn enjoyed informative workshops that included food tasting as well as learning lots of interesting facts about the benefits of having a healthy diet. Here are some of the reactions from the children.

Ellie, Year 1, "I liked eating healthy foods like carrots, sweetcorn and cucumber."

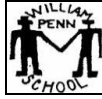
Ioana, Year R, "If we eat healthy foods, it will make us strong,"

Harrison, Year R, "I made my fruit into a caterpillar."

"I ate an actual leaf and it was actually quite nice and I would eat it again,"

Bella, Year 3.





"I am definitely going to get my mum to buy brown bread next time we go to the shops. It was yum!" Maisy, Year 3.

"I learnt that to have a proper portion of fruit and veg, it must be the size of your palm," Charlie, Year 4.

"My wrap looked like a rainbow – I loved the colours and taste of it!" James, Year 4.

Summer, Year R, "It was super fun, because we got to eat the food we made."

Violet, Year 6, "Carbohydrates give you energy."

Beth, of the Eatwell plate, "That shows you all the amounts of the different food groups you should have."

William, "If we only ate junk food, it would be bad for your teeth and give you less energy than healthy foods."

The workshops proved to be fun, informative and delicious for all. Thank you Faye!

Barns Green Christmas

Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival: We need YOU!

Final Call! We already have a few children signed up to represent William Penn at the **Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival** in December. We're looking for a few more eager singers, keen to perform some of our school Christmas songs to join Mr. Hindhaugh, Ms Passfield, Mrs Constable and other school staff at the event at Summers Pond Fishery & Campsite from 10.30-11.30am on the morning of Saturday, 14th December 2024. If you're keen to join us, you can sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/6hTxqsGQWVLPxwDu5>

Family members will be able to purchase tickets for the event, with more details to come soon once we can confirm those taking part.

For further details please speak to Mr. Hindhaugh or Ms Passfield.

Thank You!



Sports Leader Training for JBB

Children in JBB completed their 'Sports Leader Training' this week, run by Horsham Sports Services. The children were taught how to plan and deliver sports sessions, including thinking about safety, correct equipment and how to adjust different activities. This training will allow for Year 5 and 6 children to lead physical sessions at break and lunch times, helping children across the whole school to become more active. Everyone had enormous fun trying out a vast range of different games and sports that will be relayed to children in all classes. Make sure to ask our new Sports Leaders about the array of activities they plan to lead!

Piano Keyboard Lessons with West Sussex Music

There are spaces available for Piano Keyboard lessons at William Penn Primary School. Weekly lessons take place during school hours.

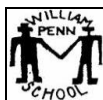
Lesson options available are: group or 10-minute individual length lessons, 20-minute or 30-minute length lessons. Further information can be found on the West Sussex Music website. The cost for lessons: £9.50 for group lessons or 10 minutes allotted for each pupil, £15.60 per 20-minute individual lesson or £23.30 per 30-minute individual lesson.

If you would like to apply for lessons you can do so at:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/> If you have any questions, please email janet.beale@westsussexmusic.co.uk

West Sussex Music also deliver wind instruments with the possibility of guitar lessons being provided on site if there is enough interest. Please go to the West Sussex Music website (see link above) to register your interest.





Health and Safety

Please can all parents keep the 2 gates clear when parking in the layby. This allows drivers to then use the space to complete three point turns safely. The lower speed limit of 20 miles per hour is helping to keep the children safe. It is really important that you are keeping to this new speed. Thank you for your cooperation.



Recycling and Sistema Win a Playground Contest

Joy Carter writes: News on the Sistema Playground Competition.

The school that collects the most food storage containers and re-usable water bottles (any brand accepted), including baby bottles, has the chance of winning a playground made from recycled plastic. We are currently sixth in the country so we need to keep collecting! The last date to receive these for the competition is the 10th December. An article about William Penn's involvement can be read in the Sussex Express on the link below: <https://www.sussexpress.co.uk/community/get-involved-help-william-penn-primary-win-a-playground-made-from-100-recycled-materials-4851531>.

Recycling old plastic bottle tops:

Did you know you can bring in all your plastic bottle tops and they can be exchanged for outdoor play equipment through this scheme? Last week we sent off 47kg giving us 11,750 Earth Points. This is already enough to purchase an outdoor table made out of recycled bottle tops. Just pop them in a bread bag and put them in the bins to the left of the school gates. For more information or ways you can help please contact Joy Carter at recycling@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or speak to a member of the PTA. Thank you.

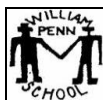
Attendance

There has been a real improvement on children arriving in time in the morning over the last half term. This is fantastic as it allows the children to not miss out on activities that are organised for the beginning of the day. It is also excellent for ensuring a settled start to the morning. Thank you for your continued efforts – they are greatly appreciated.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Delfina For always being ready to start her learning, following our class rules and having such kind manners.	Poppy You are amazing. Your phonics this week was sensational, your bubbly personality is too – and I love the effort you are putting in across all lessons. Well Done!	Lilly Something has really clicked. You are more focussed and your responses are always spot on. Well done for all your hard work this half term!	Marnie L For your excellent standard of work. You always make sure that your work is completed to the highest standard and it shows in the high-quality work in your books.	Layla S You could have this award every single week for just always being an impeccable role model. You set a good example, work hard and are kind and considerate of your peers.	Elliott For really applying yourself across all lessons this week. It is clear you have enjoyed writing a playscript in a group as you have thought carefully about how your character acts. Well done!	Violet For becoming such a fantastic role model in JBB. You are becoming much more resilient and starting to believe in yourself so much more! Keep up this amazing attitude Violet!
Presentation stars	Lincoln Wow! You concentrated so hard with your sounds and have been able to write down what you saw in the Autumn picture. Super effort.	Lavinia You produced a very neatly piece of learning about the Creation Story! I love your artistic talents.	Lola-Rose A very well-presented piece of learning about the Creation Story. You really took your time to produce a high-quality piece.	Pippa For creatively capturing a selection of leaves – using continuous line art inspired by Tyler Foust.	Layla B For a beautiful poster about Benjamin Zephaniah. You thought carefully about how to use all of the space on the page and make it engaging for the reader.	Ollie For taking time to consider how to best present your work. You are beginning to take pride in your work and you should keep this up! Well done.	Clayne For always thinking about your presentation when writing, even in art when evaluating your final piece. Well done Clayne!

Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 24.10.24





	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Evie Well done to Evie! You continue to show your friends how to follow the golden rules and always set a brilliant example.	Kingsley Thank you for really increasing your focus and energy in class. You are growing up and showing you can really do it!	Sonny You have been brilliant this week. From completing lots of learning, listening well and using manners. Thank You!	Carson For consistently striving to give 110% on every piece of work. You have a great attitude to independent work and this is clear in every book of yours	Fabien For just being Fabien! You have such a kind, infectious energy that is always fun to be around. You are a brilliant asset to Fry class.	William For always showing such dedication to your work. You arrive, settle and crack on with your work straight away, each and every morning. Thank you.	George For always setting the example when it comes to behaviour. You lead by example and others look up to your conduct. Thank you, George.
Presentation stars	Zara-Grace You were able to form your letters well with your Jack and the Beanstalk story!	Oliver Look at the handwriting! Your role on the wall about Rapunzel this week is your best presented handwriting yet!	Max More brilliant presentation in your books, focussing on letter formation. Immaculate!	Violet For neatly presenting your findings about Billingshurst on an Ordnance Survey Map.	Theo For a great effort with handwriting and spelling in early morning work!	Bethany For always considering how to best present your work. You not only take time to ensure it is of a high standard, but also encourage others to apply themselves to presentation. Well done.	Clayne For consistently presenting your work to the highest standard possible. You should be incredibly proud of your efforts, as you are leading the way! Well done.

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Achievements Outside of School

Well done Sonny for completing his stage 2 in swimming and receiving a badge and certificate. Congratulations to Elena for earning her Rise and Explore Gymnastic awards for Stage 1. Well done to Marnie L and Bethany for earning their Rise and Explore Gymnastic awards for Stage 3. Finally, congratulations to Fraser for earning his Rise and Explore Gymnastic awards for Stage 2.

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

Diary dates for this term:

November 2024	
15 th	Children in Need
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
25 th	Flu nasal spray vaccine
26 th	Fox Class visit Lewes Castle
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	Barnes 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

