

William Penn Newsletter

21st May 2019

Half Term

We are already in the last week of this short half term. Next week the school will be closed for half term and will reopen on Monday 3rd June.

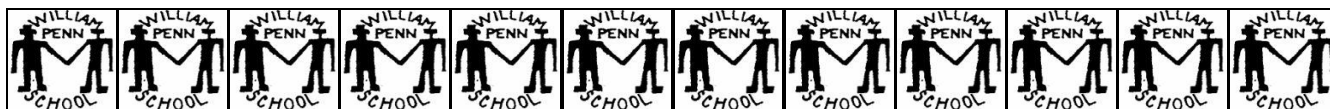
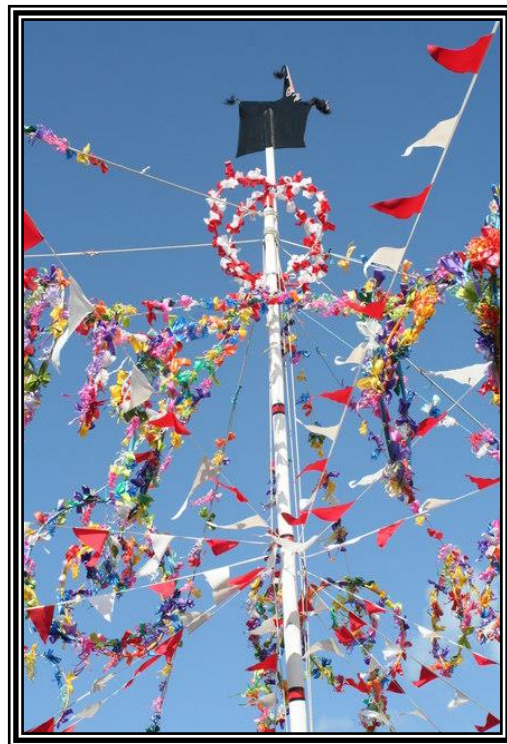
Staffing Update and Arrangements for 2019-2020

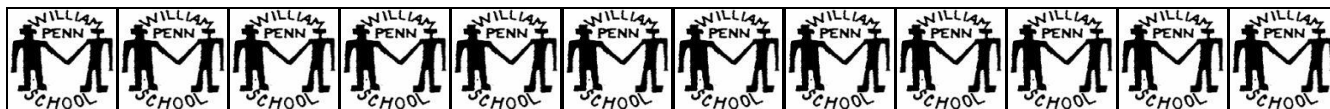
There have been interviews at William Penn over the last two days and we are therefore able to update you with regard to new appointments and arrangements for the new school year in September. We have been very fortunate to appoint Mrs Gemma Enticknap who is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher. Mrs Enticknap is moving to the area and we hope to be able to introduce her when she is living nearer to the school. Mrs Enticknap and Ms Passfield will each be in school for three days a week and will lead the Key Stage One team. As you know, for the majority of time we have been able to give a very tailored and personalised learning experience for our Key Stage 1 children with most of the learning focussed on smaller cohort groups rather than in classes. We are able to continue this next year with Ms Passfield/ Mrs Enticknap overseeing a Key Stage One Team comprising of themselves, teaching assistants, higher level teaching assistants. Cadbury and Fox classes will still operate as class bases, although in real terms the children will spend the majority of their time in their cohorts or in focussed work appropriate to their learning and social needs as enabled by the greater cooperation and fluidity across Key Stage 1. Following Mrs Enticknap's appointment, we are now able to begin the process of class placement for the new school year and parents of pupils in current Year R should expect communication on this subject shortly.

In further news, at interview yesterday, Mrs Anna Constable was appointed to the position of Deputy Headteacher at William Penn School. We interviewed a strong field and offer our congratulations to Mrs Constable and look forward to working with her in a new capacity.

May Day Update – New PA System

As you know, our May Day celebration takes place this year on 24th May at 1.30pm if dry and on 7th June if wet, although the forecast is currently looking favourable. We would like to offer refreshments on the day and would be most grateful for donations of cakes on the day as well as flowers for the May Day bower. In order to proceed with our May Day celebration this year we needed to invest in a new PA system and in return for refreshments, there will be a collection with proceeds offsetting the cost of the system. Children are welcome to wear colourful dresses/shorts/Tshirts. At the end of the afternoon, children will return to class and then to the playground with their teachers for collection. Please inform the school office if someone else is collecting your child on the afternoon as without this information, children will remain in school for collection at the end of the school day as usual.





Music Festival Tickets on Sale (Reminder)

Tickets are on sale for 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' at The Hawth on June 17th 2019, with 46% already sold so please don't delay booking your seats. The Music Festival is an extremely enjoyable performance of popular music made special through the collaboration of the majority of children from locality schools. This event is self-funding and its future is dependent on parental support in terms of ticket sales.

All tickets are available only through the Hawth Theatre Box Office and the following link gives information on purchasing options:

<https://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth/Show/b80d82d5-aa6b-e911-a991-e4b78015cdca/make-your-own-kind-of-music>



Summer Cream Tea

Please remember that the Summer Cream Tea is on Saturday June 15th from 1pm-4pm. Please remember that the first Monday after half term, June 3rd is a non-uniform day for which we would gladly receive raffle prizes and good quality unwanted toys. Should any parents wish to help in the running of a stall on the day, for as much or as little time as available, please contact the School Office.

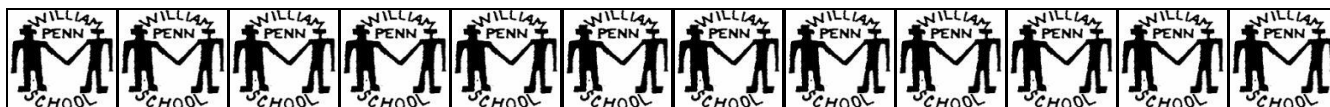
PTA Opportunites

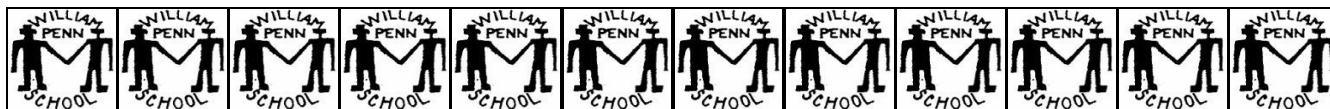
Please remember that whilst 'dormant' our PTA does still exist and parents who might be interested in taking a greater role in promoting and fundraising for the school are welcome to discuss this with Mr Kear. We would be most grateful for help in this direction and the PTA is there to be shaped by its members – there is no fixed pattern of events or expectations! In addition, please look out for the next PTA AGM date which will take place in September, when the future direction of the PTA will also be discussed.

Blue Idol Events

In view of the school's close links with The Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House and its members, we would like to bring to your attention some upcoming events. Families and friends of the school are always welcome

- **June 8th** Open Day: Caring for Our World, 12 – 4pm
- *An afternoon to explore sustainability. Children warmly welcome.*
- **June 29th** Retreat Day: Sustaining and





Nurturing Ourselves

- **July 20th** Workshop: Exploring Integrity, 2 – 4pm
- **August 10th** A Play about Living with Peace, 2 – 4pm (TBC)
- **Sept 7th** Retreat day: Connecting with Our Senses in Nature
- **Sept 21st** Family Fun Open Day, 11 – 4pm
- **Sept 28th** Retreat day: Reflecting on what it means to be human
- **September 28th - October 6th** Quaker week

All events are free, please book to reserve your space.

Find further information and book on our website: www.blueidol.org

Facebook @BlueIdolQuakers

You can find us just off the A272 between Coolham and Billingshurst.

Oldhouse Lane, Coolham, RH13 8QP

Safeguarding Update

Parking ETC

Please be reminded to park carefully and considerately when dropping off or picking up your children. This is respectful to our neighbours and crucially important to the safety of your children.

- Please park considerately and take up only the amount of space that you need.
- Please do not perform three point turns in the school entrance.
- Please do not drop off or pick up children in the school entrance (unless with prior arrangement for specific reason).
- Please do not park on the zig-zags at any time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sun Caution

As the weather improves we will be advising the children regarding staying safe in the sun. For example, we will encourage children to eat in the shade and drink plenty of water. Please ensure that your child has a full water bottle each morning and an application of sun cream before leaving home.

Pupil Achievements

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office:

office@williampenn.co.uk

