



## William Penn Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### PTA AGM Reminder

You are warmly invited to our annual PTA AGM on 14.11.17 at 3.30pm. As you will probably be aware, the PTA has not functioned in its usual 'active' sense in recent months but it does still exist and continues to play a role in school life (all be it a much quieter one). The PTA exists as a social and fundraising vehicle and is very much shaped by the people involved in it. There are no expectations in terms of time commitment or events to be run – the only requirement is imagination. Please come and find out more on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Non-Uniform Day Reminder

Thursday will be a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolates and sweets to be used for the Chocolate Tombola and Sweet Stall at the School Christmas Bazaar. We would also like to invite parents or friends who have any unwanted and unused gifts that they are happy to donate for use at the Bazaar (candles, bath goodies etc.) to please leave at the School Office. Many thanks for your support.

### What is the connection between our school and the Tower of London?



Those of you with keen eyes will have noticed a question posed on the noticeboard as you leave the school. Two of the pupils, Naomi and Jack Farncombe have solved the puzzle? William Penn himself was held as a prisoner in the Tower of London on more than one occasion as a result of his religious beliefs and refusal to compromise on the

Quaker views that he felt fundamental to his integrity. Well done Jack and Naomi!



### Poppies for Sale in School

This week, we will have poppies available in school in the run up to Remembrance Weekend. Our Year 6 children will be bringing the poppies to the canopy on the front playground on a daily basis where they will be offered in return for a donation. This year we have the traditional red poppies as provided by the British Legion and the white peace poppies provided by the Peace Pledge Union. The white poppies recognise the school's Quaker origins and 'peace' being one of the core Quaker Values of the school. In order to cover costs, we must ask for a donation of 50p for the white poppies. Poppies will be available in the school office for those parents wishing to wear them this year.





## **National School Meals Week – A message from Chartwells (our school meals provider)**

*National School Meals Week(s) (13<sup>th</sup> till 26<sup>th</sup> November) are fast approaching and that means it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how we're doing with the provision of the children's school meals. It is a requirement of West Sussex County Council that we carry out annual surveys of the school meal service and the data we collect is used to further improve what we offer.*

*Our 'We're All Ears' parent survey will be running between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The link will only be live from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.*

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## **Safeguarding Update**

As you know we have a defibrillator in school. The vast majority of staff members have now been trained to use this vital machine with the latest training taking place on Monday of this week.

## **Pupil Achievements**

Congratulations to Conor Mallon-Roberts who has achieved his Orange belt in Choi Kwang Do. Well done Connor.

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