



William Penn Newsletter 7th January 2015

Welcome Back

We hope that you all had a restful break and would like to wish you a Happy New Year! This is a relatively short term but there is still plenty to fill the calendar. Please be reminded that the major dates for the year have been published but are included at the end of this newsletter for your information. These dates can also be found on the school website www.williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk

Non – Uniform this Friday

There will be a non-uniform day this Friday January 9th. The PTA would like to collect unwanted Christmas gifts that might be suitable to use as prizes for the Tree of Fortune or other such fundraising opportunity and would gladly store these for use at a later date. The children are aware that this 'recycling' is the theme for the non-uniform day but also know that they are welcome to wear non-uniform whether they have a donation to bring or not.

Talents Photographs

We have a lovely display of photographs in our school library showing children demonstrating their talents. This is an excellent way of celebrating the achievements of our pupils that we don't always get to hear about in school and can play an important part in raising confidence. If your child is new to the school this academic year or has demonstrated a new talent, we would encourage you to send in a photograph so that we can update the display.

School Closure (Weather)

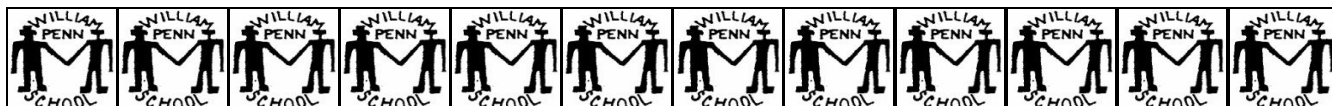
At William Penn, we will do our very best to stay open during the winter whatever the weather. However, if we do need to close, we will aim to take that decision as early as possible in order to give you time to make alternative arrangements. Please remember that we need enough staff present to open the school and attendance is dependent on weather conditions where members of staff live as well as at school. If you are wondering whether the school is closed, please refer to 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.

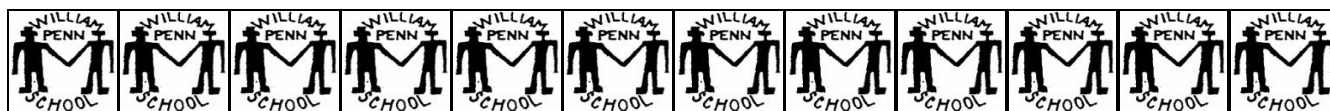
Lions Poster for Peace Art Competition 2015

William Penn School is once again participating in the Lions Poster for Peace contest. The Billingshurst & District Lions Club is sponsoring the contest at the 10 local Primary Schools in the Billingshurst area and, by entering this competition; your child will be joining many others in their vision of world peace. This contest is open to children aged 8, 9 and 10 by 31st



August 2015, and gives an opportunity for a discussion on the true importance of peace. The best poster in each class will receive a winner's certificate and prize - and will be submitted to the UK Lions South East regional competition, too. The runner-up in each class will receive a certificate of commendation. The South East District Prize Winner will receive an award to keep and tokens to the value of £30 for Art products. Their school will receive an award to keep for the year and a cheque for £100. The District runner-up will receive £25 of tokens and their school a cheque for £50. The District 3rd prize winner will receive £20 of tokens and their school a cheque for £50.





The theme is 'Friendship Brings Peace'. Art work must be no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4. The name, class, year group and school of the child must be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on flexible material, so that it can be rolled for posting: Don't fold it! Do not laminate artwork; however, fixative spray may be used.

Artwork must be original and the effort of just one child. Children entering the competition must be aged 8 – 10 years old on 31 August 2015 (ie currently in Years 3, 4 & 5).

The deadline for entries is Thursday the 19th of March 2015: The Lions will collect all entries from the School on Friday 20th of March.

Club Availability

There are still spaces available in the following clubs for this term:

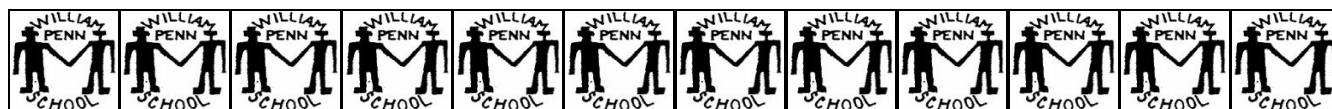
- Running Club – Tuesday morning before school
- Art Splodgers – Wednesday after school
- Chess – Wednesday after school

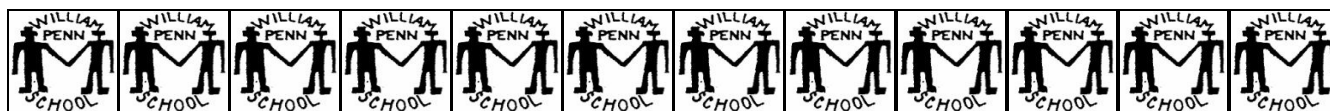
School Uniform - Suitable Clothing and Footwear

The majority of our children look very smart in their school uniform and we appreciate your support for school policy with this. If you are thinking of buying new uniform, please use the list below as a reminder of permitted uniform. Also, at this time of year, it is important that children have the correct footwear and a coat as they will go outside at breaktimes whenever possible (even if there is drizzle).

All pupils will need one item from each box although parents may choose more.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey shorts (minimum knee length) ▪ Grey trousers ▪ Grey skirt (minimum knee length) ▪ Grey pinafore dress (minimum knee length) ▪ Red and white summer dress (check or stripe and minimum knee length)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt (school logo optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red William Penn sweatshirt (with logo) ▪ Red William Penn cardigan (with logo) ▪ Red William Penn fleece (with logo)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White PE shorts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red William Penn T-shirt (with logo)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black plimsolls (all year groups)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainers for outdoor use (Years 3,4,5 and 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Track suit for outdoor, winter wear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PE bag
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art overall (old adult shirt, optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black school shoes (not trainers or boots)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey or white socks (not sports socks) ▪ Grey or red tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No jewellery (other than gold/silver, plain ear-rings studs and exceptions detailed in the Uniform Policy)





Pupil Achievements

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

William Penn Diary Dates 2014-2015

January 2015	
5 th	Spring Term commences
9 th	Non-uniform – unwanted gift donation
16 th	Parents viewing of Native American project work 3.15pm
February 2015	
10 th and 12 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.15pm-6pm (with Book Fair)
13 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
16 th – 20 th inclusive	Half term
March 2015	
10 th	Open Day for parents to visit school
23 rd	Parents' Assembly 2.15pm
27 th	Last day of Spring Term
30 th – 10 th April inclusive	Easter Holiday
April 2015	
13 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
14 th	Summer Term commences
May 2015	
4 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 4 th and w/o 18 th TBC	Test Week for Years 3&4
w/o 11 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
25 th – 29 th inclusive	Half term
June 2015	
5 th	May Day Celebration 1.30pm
12 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
10 th	Open Day for parents to visit school
10 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm
11 th (pm) and 16 th (am)	New intake taster sessions and school transition times
19 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
TBC	School Fete
19 th	Sports Day 10am
29 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
23 rd and 25 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.15pm-6pm
26 th	Sports Day Rain Off 10am
July 2015	
6 th – 10 th inclusive	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency 'Bikeability'
10 th	Parents' Assembly / PTA Assembly at 2.15pm
TBC	Years 2 and 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
22 nd	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly
22 nd	End of Term

