



William Penn Newsletter 1st November 2017

PTA AGM

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 14th.

INSET Days – What did the staff do?

On our recent INSET days, the teachers and teaching assistants met at school as part of their annual cycle of professional development. These days are always productive and provide valuable time for staff to come together and refocus for the benefit of all our pupils. The recent professional development was themed around Restorative Practice which is a positive approach to effective and long lasting management of behaviour. The approach fits very well with our Quaker Values and ethos and provides us with a route for further developing our effective school practice. Over the next weeks and months we will be taking forward the Restorative Practice approach in school with the children and keeping you up to date too.

Christmas Bazaar Mufti Day

There will be a non-uniform day next Thursday 9th November in exchange for chocolates and sweets to be used at the School Christmas Bazaar. We would also like to invite parents or friends who are able to provide a gift voucher or a gift valued over £5 or more for the Tree of Fortune to please leave at the School Office. Many thanks for your support.

Money from Recycling

Thank you very much to everybody for using the Sussex Greener Living recycling scheme bins at William Penn and at the Quaker Meeting House in Horsham. We will soon receive a cheque for £49 as a result of using the bins which is great.

William Penn School becomes Castle for a day!



Children in KS1 and Reception enjoyed a taste of the medieval lifestyle when they came to school dressed as lords, ladies, knights and peasants to find their school transformed. The teaching staff appeared dressed as lords and ladies and with the loan of props from Horsham's Theatre 48 the





school hall had become the great hall of a castle. Children then spent the day learning in classrooms that were now the castle kitchen, library and Apothecary. They were amazed to find out what was available to help medieval aches and pains including snails and had a go at making their own herbal remedies. In the library they painted illuminated letters and challenged their writing skills by using quills and ink to write in Latin. Meanwhile in the Kitchen children made gingerbread from a medieval recipe and decorated goblets ready for their celebratory banquet. Those children who had minded their medieval manners all day had their names put into a hat, from which the King and Queen of the banquet were chosen. (In true fairy tale fashion it happened to be a 'peasant' who was crowned Queen!) During the banquet in the Great Hall royalty and their guests enjoyed a little jousting - with sponge lances for safety- and were entertained by the court jester, music and dancing and of course there was plenty of food to feast on!

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards designed by the pupils will soon be ready for collection in school. If you have yet to pay for your order please drop your payment in to the school office as soon as possible in order to secure your purchase.

Poppies for Sale in School

Next 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 classrooms 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.



Safeguarding Update

Please be vigilant when parking and crossing the road outside the school at the moment. You will have noticed the sign on the crossroads and cones nearby limiting parking and this will obviously raise the need to take extra care. Unfortunately, we are unable to give any further details about the road works as none have been received at the school and we have not been able to obtain definite information.

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

