

William Penn Newsletter

11th February 2022

Polite Request – Picking Up and Dropping Off Pupils

Could we please ask that when dropping off pupils in the morning, we are unable to admit pupils prior to 8am, even if they are booked to join the Friends Club. Similarly, the gates open for pupils generally, at 8.35am.

In the afternoon, we would ask that pupils are collected promptly at the end of the school day, or at 4.15pm/5.30pm when clubs finish. Thank you



Half Term Activities for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium

Accompanying this newsletter, is a list of half term activities available to those pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium. Parents should contact providers directly, if they have questions or wish to book places.

Pupil Premium Eligibility

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you could access financial, and other forms of support. This includes some school clubs, holiday food assistance and access to holiday club facilities.

The main, but not the only, way to qualify for Pupil Premium is by being eligible and claiming Free School Meals.

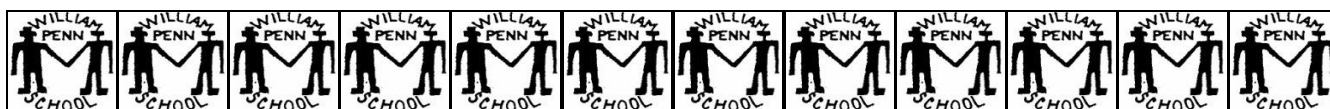
Any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards enhancing their child's education. A child's family circumstances are taken into account when determining whether or not they qualify for free school meals. To be eligible, they must be receiving one or more of the following benefits:

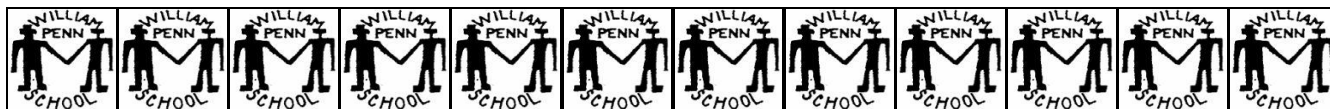
- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

It's also worth noting that if a child receives these benefits directly, rather than a parent or guardian, they are also entitled to free school meals. This can be the case if the child is in care or some form of guardianship programme.

For further information, please use the following link to West Sussex County Council Free School Meals pages:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>





Staff Update

We would like to welcome Mr Mike Watson to the school staff. Mr Watson has taken the role of caretaker and we are very pleased that he has joined the team.

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

Children's Mental Health Week



It's Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Growing Together'*.

**Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt. Trying new things can also help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.*

Your Mind Matters

[Your Mind Matters](#) is a county council led campaign which aims to ensure young people, parents and professionals across West Sussex know where to get help with their emotional wellbeing and mental health, both in general and in times of crisis.

The campaign brings together partners including local authorities, NHS providers, charitable sector, community groups and police. It is a collaboration with [Foundations For Our Future](#), which is part way through a two year programme to bring about significant improvement.

[Your Mind Matters website](#)



Useful resources

[Recipes 4 Wellbeing cards](#) are easy-to-read guides with advice on issues including anxiety, bullying, exam stress, gaming and body image, among others.

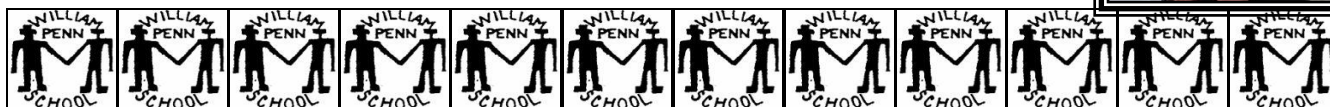
The NHS's Every Mind Matters website also offers [tools to help manage and improve mental health](#).

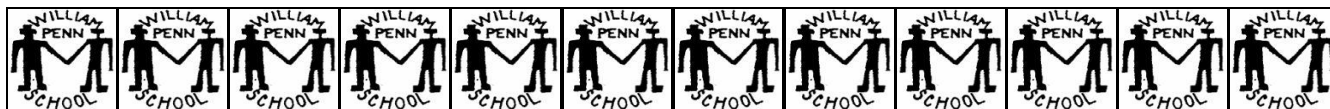
For more organisations, training and resources see the [Your Mind Matters website](#).

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Jac H who received the Player of the Season trophy at his football club for his efforts in goal. Well done Jac.

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





Friday Golden Assembly Awards 04.02.2022

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	Betsy For really trying your best in your learning this week and having such a 'can do' attitude on your face. Great work Betsy!	Harry For being a helpful member of Fox class and for applying himself in maths this week. Well done Harry!	Jenson For always being so eager to learn and showing such a positive attitude to everything he does, always with a huge smile on his face!	Tilly For having a great attitude to learning. You try hard, you are focusing on your presentation and you are always keen to do your best! Well done Tilly!	Alfie For applying yourself in all subjects. Your presentation is always good your attitude to work is excellent and you always try your best. Well done Alfie!	Isabelle C For your mature approach to all subjects. You work well alone, in pairs or in groups. A real asset to JBB.	Faith For your fantastic attitude to new learning. You give everything a go, never phased by new challenges and always learn from mistakes.
Star Reader	Glen For always doing his best when he reads and really enjoys what he reads. He tells us all what the story is about and the interesting things in the book.	Henry For showing such passion to read challenging books independently and showing to others how exciting reading can be.	Buddy For applying himself when reading at school and at home. He also loves sharing his passion with all of Fox class.	Jonny For working through the reading scheme books with real enthusiasm. Your reading and comprehension is really improving! Well done Jonny!	Sam R For being an enthusiastic reader! You have a passion for reading, it is great to see your love of reading! Well done Sam!	Lucas For being such an enthusiastic reader. You always have a book on the go and love reading a range of different genres.	Ben For being so enthusiastic about whatever you are reading. You set a great role model for your peers.

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Golden	William For doing so well in our phonics lessons. You have really applied yourself, sounding out all the words. Well done William.	Harper For applying yourself in all your learning this week. Your presentation in RE was excellent. Thank you for always trying your best.	Ava For your excellent illustrations in RE, showing attention to detail and understanding of the Exodus story. Well done Ava!	Sophia For having a great growth mind-set this week. Your attitude to learning has been great! Well done Sophia!	Maisie For always coming into school with a smile. You always try your best. Well done Maisie!	Esme For her incredibly mature attitude to her work. She is also a really kind and considerate child - an absolute asset to JBB.	Jasmine For offering to support others and working brilliant in small groups and paired work. She has an excellent mindset when approaching new challenges.
Star Writer	Bella For showing real tenacity in writing her words and her number sentences. You have really done well and tried your best!	Layla B For producing excellent, consistent handwriting, making the letters the same size and neat.	William For producing excellent uniformed letters in handwriting. Well done William.	Caleb For creating a brilliant and informative Roman fact poster. You included lots of interesting information! Well done Caleb!	Josh T For writing a brilliant diary entry with added feelings and adjectives. Well done Josh!	Jaiden and James For beautiful poetic writing about the senses that really conjured up vivid images in the readers mind.	Max For using his imagination to write about his favourite taste and then performing the poem in front of the green screen. Great attitude.

