



William Penn Newsletter 22nd September 2015

Parents' Consultations – Online Sign Up

Following a successful introduction last term, we are once again using an online sign up system for Parents' Consultations (which take place on Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 1st October). The aim is to allow all parents the opportunity to choose the time slot of their choice. In order to do this, every family will have a log in username and password. This will have come home with your child last term or today if they are new to the school. The e-schools letter gives the website address, username and password. When you have logged in, please follow the straightforward instructions. The system will go live at 6pm on Tuesday September 22nd. If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office and we will assist you in booking an appointment. Please let us know your thoughts on the process so that we can improve the service for subsequent events if necessary.



The PTA will be selling second hand uniform during the parent consultations. If you have any spare small coat hangers and/or could help on the evenings or to sort the uniform on 29th at 2.45pm, please see Mrs Cort.

Head Lice/Signposting to Resources

We would like to thank all our families who regularly check hair for head lice as this makes a real difference to containing an outbreak. The children here are very used to hearing that 'Friday night is nit night' as a reminder to ask an adult to check hair, and if needs be treat promptly, on a weekly basis.

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11 years. It's difficult to know exactly how common head lice are because the problem is often treated at home, with people only visiting their GP if treatment is unsuccessful. However, it's thought that up to one in three children in the UK may get head lice at some point during the year.

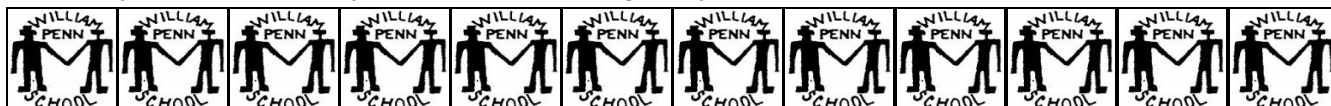
As you know head lice can be effectively treated with medicated lotions or by wet combing using a specially designed head lice comb, and treatment is the responsibility of the parents or carers. The local authority would like to highlight that parents and carers can use the NHS choices web site, where advice on detection and treatment can be found at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx>

PTA AGM

Please be reminded that the PTA AGM will take place tonight in the school hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

School Surveys

This academic year, the Governing Body will be distributing the annual survey to parents during the autumn term. There are a variety of reasons for this change but the aim of the survey, to identify key school improvement points to focus on, remains the same. These views will link with the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection to inform the strategic development of the school. There will be an opportunity to fill out a survey form at the parents' consultation evenings and forms will also be sent home at the end of next week. You will notice when you see the surveys, that the Governing Body has reviewed and streamlined the number of





questions on the survey in order that parents' views are clearly identified and that the task of completing the forms is less time consuming.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

West Sussex County Council has an application form for parents to check Free School Meal Eligibility. Registration for Free School Meals can bring additional funds to the school and eligible **parents should register whether their children receive a meal because they are in Key Stage 1 or not**. In order to make this process easier the County Council has updated the Free School Meals page on the West Sussex County Council website and revised the application form that enables the council to check parents' eligibility for free school meals.

Here is the link to the website and the revised application form:

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools>

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Phoebe Payne who has achieved honours in her Primary Ballet Grade and her level 3 in Gymnastics and also to Bella Payne who has passed her ASA level 9 in Swimming and received 2 medals and 4 Personal Bests in a swimming competition recently. 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

