

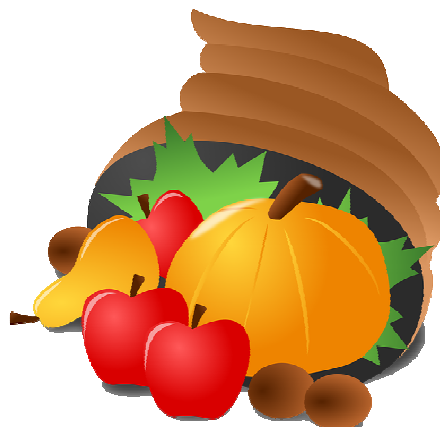


William Penn Newsletter 15th October 2015

Harvest Parents' Assembly

On Monday 19th October we will be holding our Harvest themed Parents' Assembly at 2.15pm. This will be followed by the sale of produce. On the morning of Monday 19th October, we will be putting together a display of produce and would kindly ask for donations such as flowers, cakes, preserves, groceries, fruit, vegetables, bread or similar such items that you can spare.

In addition to the usual celebration, Mrs B has organised a competition for pupils to make a person or animal out of fruit and vegetables. Prizes will be given for the most creative entries. We look forward to seeing the entries on Monday.



After the Harvest Assembly, you are invited to buy the produce at our Harvest sale in order to raise funds for our charity Kids for Kids. We look forward to welcoming you

Eligibility for Free School Meals – with new link information

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_ages_4-16/free_school_meals.aspx

On-line Payments to School for Trips etc

Many parents have found online payments an easy way to make payments to the school. Therefore, we would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use the online payment procedures when paying for school trips etc. The procedure is that parents setup the William Penn School Fund account in their own online banking system initially using the following information:

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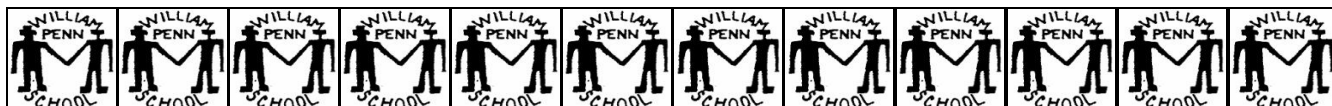
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Ref: YOUR CHILD'S NAME (please include their surname i.e. 'Bobbie Smith' or 'Tom & Megan Jones')

Thereafter, when an email is sent informing you that a school trip is planned and a voluntary contribution is requested parents should access their own on-line banking system if they wish to make an online payment.

INSET 23rd October

Please be reminded that next week is the last week of this half term. Friday 23rd October is an INSET day which means that the last day in school for pupils is Thursday 22nd October. The school will reopen on Monday 2nd November.





Non-Uniform Day for PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 22nd October is a non-uniform day at William Penn. Please can you bring in any bottles or a donation for the Tree of Fortune.

Billingshurst Lions Book Gift

As mentioned previously, the Lions have once again donated a book from their charity book shop in Billingshurst to each child in the school. We would like to reiterate our thanks to the Lions for their generosity. The books are the children's to keep but they are also welcome to exchange them or return them to the bookshop in Billingshurst if they are no longer required.

JBB and Fry Mums Night Out

An evening social has been arranged on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30 p.m. at the 'Essence of Asia' Jengers Mead, Billingshurst on half price night. Please let Araminta Barlow know by 2nd December if you would like to take part. Everyone is most welcome. aramintabarlow@btinternet.com 07786 513359

Textile Recycling to Raise Money for the School

About every 6 months Mrs Cort arranges a textile collection to raise PTA funds for the school. On about Monday 19th October the children will be sent home with a Bags of Support branded bag for you to use for any unwanted textiles. We would be grateful if over half term you can have an autumn clothing sort out and then please return your bag on Wednesday 4th November for collection by Bags of Support. You are welcome to use extra bin bags if you want to.

Between collections please feel free to bring in any unwanted textiles, shoes or bags and either place them in the Bags of Support bin in the playground or leave them in the office for one of the PTA to put in the garage. Mini collections between the 6 monthly collections can be arranged with the charity.

Unwanted Fancy Dress Costumes to Raise Money for the William Penn

At the Christmas Fair the PTA thought they would try a new stand to raise money for our children and recycle outgrown fancy dress costumes. If your children have any unwanted fancy dress costumes give them to Mrs Cort anytime between now and the 12th November and then she will offer them for sale at the Christmas Fair. We plan to ask for a nominate amount depending on the complexity of the costume.

Any other fundraising suggestions for the Fayre or another event/date most welcome.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Aurelia Hall-Palmer who has been awarded her BAGA (gymnastics) Level 4 award and her ASA Swimming Level 5 award. **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**

