

William Penn Newsletter

28th March 2019

Thank you for all your messages and best wishes for Mr Kear while he is absent from school. He is continuing to improve and is recovering well. I know he appreciates your support.

Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday next week will be our annual Easter egg hunt which has been kindly organised by Mrs Lutman. Children are encouraged to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on Tuesday morning. We have invited Mrs Richardson, one of our regular Quaker visitors, to judge the competition and know she is always particularly impressed by the children's original and homemade bonnets. The children will have the opportunity to show off their handiwork in the Easter bonnet parade.

Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evening will take place next week on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th April. If you haven't already made an appointment, the booking system will remain open until midnight on Sunday 31st March. If you have any difficulty in making an appointment, please contact Mrs Stephenson who will be happy to assist.

Uniform Sales

During parents' evening, there will be a good-as-new/second-hand school uniform sale for voluntary donations. These sales raise a little money for the school, offer cheap school uniform for our children and help the environment by reducing the amount of school uniform made and shipped all over the world.

Mrs Cort has run the 2nd hand uniform since 2012 but now needs someone to take over as her son, Adam, is in year 6 so moving on to secondary school in the summer. If you can help, please contact her on cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or call 07768 212833.

Textile collection to raise money for William Penn School

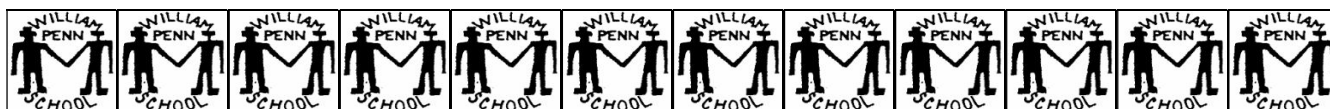
Over Easter, please sort through your clothes, in particular clothes your children have outgrown and cannot be handed down to a younger sibling or smaller friend. Please put any clothes and shoes (in pairs), bags, bedclothes and curtains in cardboard boxes or pre-used carrier bags/unwanted charity bags to bring into school on Tuesday 30th April. These should be left by the school entrance.

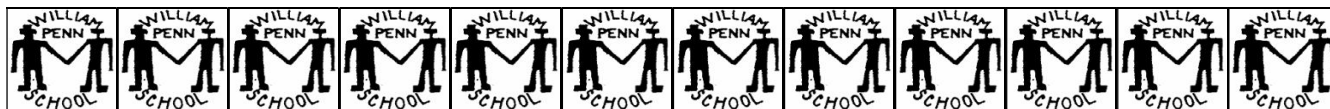
Bags of Support, a West Sussex textile recycling company, pay us 50p per kilo, which raises important funds for the school and their end beneficiaries are orphans in Romania and Uganda. Please note they are unable to take duvets or pillows.

Again, Mrs Cort is looking for another parent to take this activity over. It requires minimal time – if you can help please contact her on cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or call 07768 212833.

New Parent Governor

The governing body would like to welcome Steve Whitnall who has been appointed as a new parent governor. Steve has a daughter in year 2 and brings a range of skills as well as a real enthusiasm to the role.





Parents' Assembly

Please be reminded that this term, Parents' Assembly will take place on Friday 5th April at 2.15pm in the school hall. You are warmly invited.

Safeguarding Update – Governor Monitoring

The governing body is fully committed to its safeguarding responsibilities. Our safeguarding governor recently undertook a monitoring visit in school to ensure that robust safeguarding policies and practices are in place and being adhered to. As part of the visit, she reviewed policies, training records, e-safety and talked to staff and pupils to check their understanding of how they keep themselves and each other safe.

The children talked confidently about restorative practice and their comments included:

- it's good to see the other person's point of view
- it means you can sort it out then and there

They also talked knowledgeably and confidently about how they keep themselves safe online including the need to report issues to a teacher and the dangers of giving out personal details; they were all able to cite school rules relating to online safety.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Ethan Dalton-Akehurst who recently won a trophy for 'Player of the Course' following 10 weeks of football. Well done!

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

