



## William Penn Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

The staff and governors at William Penn School would like to send you all our best wishes for a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We were so pleased that such a large number of families and friends could join us for the Nativity Service on Monday to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas with us. We were extremely proud of all our children and very pleased with the appreciation shown by the audience. The children really enjoyed the experience too with Freddie saying, "I was a bit nervous but really enjoyed it." Leo added that, "it was fun and exciting. We sang like angels."



We look forward to seeing our pupils as they return for the start of the Spring Term on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### School League Tables

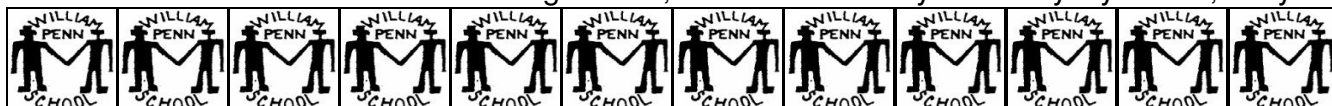
We are proud of all the work that our pupils and teachers and staff do at William Penn both of an academic nature and otherwise. However, we are pleased to share with you the news that children at school achieving the national expectation for the end of Key Stage 2 for reading, writing and mathematics in the year 2013-2014 attained a particularly high standard. This has resulted in William Penn School being ranked in the top 10% of primary schools in West Sussex using this measure of achievement.

### Disco Reminder

Please be reminded that the school discos will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children in Cadbury and Fox should arrive at 5pm and be collected at 6pm from Cadbury classroom. Children in Fry and JBB should arrive at 6pm and be collected at 7pm from Fox classroom.

### Ancient Ancestors Museum – Fry

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the Year 3 and 4 children in Fry Class, at William Penn Primary opened their doors inviting in parents and pupils to their Ancient Ancestors museum. They showed artefacts from as far back as the Stone Age, with a selection of carefully crafted replica Stonehenges. The children also showed a vast hoard of Iron Age Torcs, necklaces worn by Celtic royalty over 2,000 years





ago and a model Hill Fort. Alongside videoed news reports, the children offered bookmark making with the Celtic alphabet. Each child had taken on a role, from ticket office, expert guides, welcoming stewards and even specialist bookmark makers. The parents were very impressed by the children's historical knowledge as they talked passionately and eloquently about the various exhibits. Fry class really enjoyed showcasing all their hard work this term.

Phillipa Malins, the Curator at Cuckfield Museum who advised Fry class on how to run the museum commented: *(The museum)... was all so clearly laid out – everything was to the point – I was never left wondering and your pupil guides were so able and well prepared – I felt they'd really lived the project – the diaries of children living in those times were convincing and beautifully expressed. The exhibits were varied and balanced text with objects really well I thought. The text was inviting and easy to read – single sheets nicely mounted. The news round film was beautifully made and the children looked very confident in front of the camera. Lastly, the children were so friendly and helpful to a little two year old making her book mark – they couldn't have been kinder or more patient! I thought it worked so well having an activity that could be enjoyed by all age groups - the Celtic bookmarks – I learnt something about the alphabet and those designs that you had for copying were beautiful and would be appreciated by everyone. Many congratulations!*

You can view a short film about the museum via a link on the home page of the school website:  
[http://www.williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/ancient\\_ancestors\\_museum/73465](http://www.williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/ancient_ancestors_museum/73465)

### **School Fund Account Auditor**

We would like to ask whether anyone has a contact that would be prepared to audit the school's School Fund Account. This job has been done for many years by Mr Steve Rose, a very kind ex-parent and we would like to thank him publically for his generosity. The auditor does not need to be a qualified accountant as only an independent verification is required. However, the auditor cannot be a current parent or member of the governing body. Please contact Mrs Bovis, the school bursar, via the school office or using the e-mail: [bursar@williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk)

### **Christmas Party – PTA Thank you**

The PTA would like to thank all the parents that kindly supplied items of food, including some fantastic cakes for the Christmas party lunch today. They would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped to organise the event. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the treat which went on to include a visit from a magician.

### **Eco Club – A message from Mrs Cort**

Could I ask children who are booked in to Pedro's Green Club after Christmas to PLEASE save your beautiful Christmas wrapping paper, Christmas cards, cracker decorations and Quality Street wrappers to bring to the club in January, for upcycling fun and games! Thank You

### **Pupil Achievements**

Congratulations to Joshua Bernardi who has achieved a 'merit' in his first and initial Violin exam at Trinity Laban Conservatoire. Well done. 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](mailto:office@williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk)

