

William Penn Newsletter

11th January 2019

Welcome to the Spring Term 2019

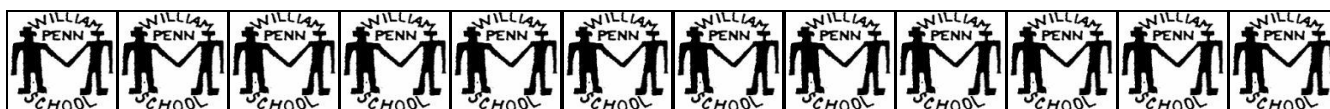
Whilst it seems like Christmas was a very long time ago, we are only at the end of the first full week of term. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and new year and have managed to avoid the illnesses doing the rounds at present.

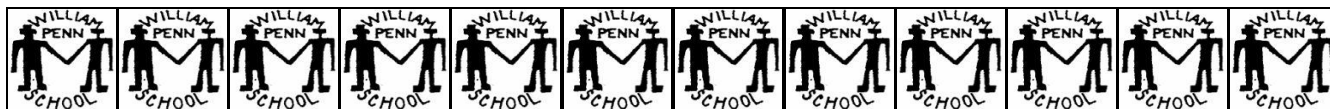
Should you have misplaced your key dates list for the year, please find a reminder attached below:

January 2019	
3 rd	Spring Term commences
23 rd	Open Day for parents to visit school
February 2019	
15 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
18 th – 22 nd inclusive	Half term
March 2019	
April 2019	
2 nd and 4 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.15pm-6pm
5 th	Last day of Spring Term and Parents' Assembly 2.15pm
23 rd	Summer Term commences
May 2019	
6 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 13 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
24 th	May Day Celebration 1.30pm
27 th – 31 st May inclusive	Half term
June 2019	
7 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
11 th	Open Day for parents to visit school
11 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm
12 th (pm) and 18 th (am)	New intake taster sessions and school transition times
24 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
28 th	Parents' Assembly at 2.15pm
July 2019	
5 th	Sports Day 1.30pm
10 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
12 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
w/o 15 th July	Bikeability
17 th	Parent Consultation Evening 3.15pm-6pm
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
23 rd	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly
23 rd	End of Term

William Penn Christmas Carol Concert in Christ Hospital

I was so pleased to hear that so many of you enjoyed the Christmas celebrations at Christ's Hospital. Below are some thoughts from pupils:





On Monday night, the pupils, at William Penn, sang to a packed audience at Christ Hospital Chapel. Year 6 confidently compared the evening's events which included a musical interlude with JBB class playing *Silent night* on the glockenspiels accompanied by Ms Ritchie on the cello. Toby, year 3 writes, "I felt so nervous as I walked into the chapel as all the parents were staring at me." The children sang beautifully and for Scarlet, Year 3 the hard work paid off because "my mum and granny were so proud of me."

Key Stage 1 dressed up in traditional costumes and created the nativity tableau. Elizabeth, Year 4 enjoyed all the "adorable and cute costumes that were worn."

To finish, the children really got everyone into a festive mood, with a whole school rendition of "I wish it could be Christmas every day." Owen, Year 4 said "I really loved it so much as my mum, dad and sister came to watch me to perform." A great evening was enjoyed by one and all.

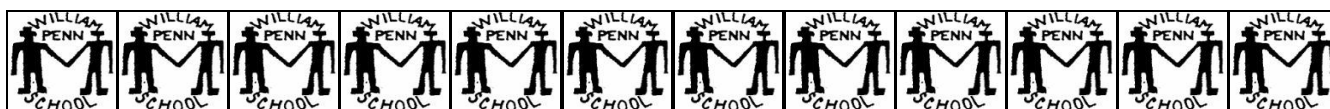


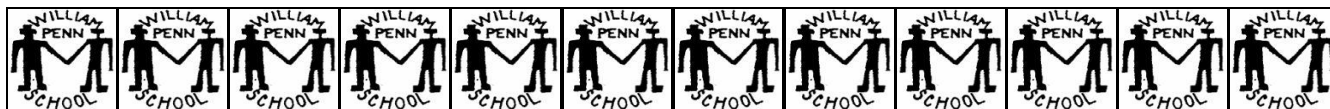
Staff News

We would like to congratulate Ms Passfield and her husband who are expecting their first child later in the year. Ms Passfield plans to take a short maternity leave commencing towards the end of next half term and intends to be back in Cadbury before the end of the summer term. Mrs Julie Spooner will be joining the staff whilst Ms Passfield is away and will work with Mrs Anderson so that continuity is maintained. Mrs Spooner has worked as an Early Years Advisor in Surrey and will carry on with the curriculum without interruption as Ms Passfield has fully planned the time in advance. We will also arrange for Mrs Spooner to meet parents and pupils before the maternity leave commences. We will keep you up to date with news of the new arrival in due course.

Dropping off children in the morning to Cadbury Class

Our Reception children have settled in to school very quickly this year and are growing in independence every day. As part of this process, we feel that they are ready to be dropped at the gate to the Key Stage One area in the mornings rather than being brought in to the classroom – just like children in Years 1 and 2. Please support us in helping your child to grow in independence. We will be around to help them pick up the routines with coats and bags etc. Thank you





Author visits school

On Tuesday before Christmas, Pauline Emsley, children's author shared her beautifully illustrated book, 'Rag Doll Lost' with all the children in assembly. They were captivated as she read the tale of Georgie and her wayward rag doll that gets left behind.

Pauline's passion is up-cycling. She went on to teach the children how to up cycle a pair of old tights that no longer fit, turning them into a rucksack to carry a doll or teddy. Pauline also played a game to see which animals the children had spotted in her story.

Elizabeth, Year 4 said, "I really liked all the onomatopoeic language she'd used like bang and creak." For Joe, Year 3, he really enjoyed, "When something happened in the book, she had real expression." Ethan, Year 4, added, "I liked the up-cycling ideas as you don't have to just chuck something in the bin. You can reuse it."

For Emma, she enjoyed meeting the writer, "I've never seen a real author before. It was really exciting."

There is a copy of the story Rag Doll Lost and The Tear Dragon in Fry class. Please let the office know if you would be interested in reading either book. Orders made through school will be at a discounted rate. Paperback - £4.25. Hardback - £7.99



Poster for Peace Competition 2019

The Billingshurst Lions want you to design a poster promoting peace in the world

The theme is 'Kindness Matters'.

The best poster in each class will win a £10 token to be spent in WH Smith, plus a certificate. The runner-up in each class will get a certificate, too.

The best poster from each class will also be sent to the South East Headquarters of the Lions Clubs, where it will be entered for another competition. The prizes will be:

1st - a £30 art voucher + £100 for the School

2nd - a £25 art voucher + £50 for the School

3rd - a £20 art voucher + £50 for the School

What you need to do:

Design a poster promoting peace in the world

Do it on paper or card no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4

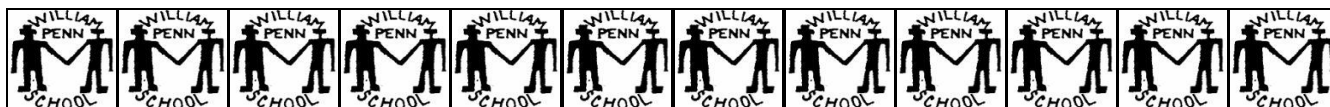
Make sure you put your name, class, year group and school on the back of the poster - which must not be folded

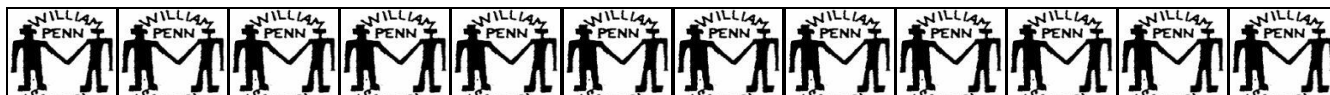
When you need to do it by:

Your poster must be handed in at School by Thursday the 14th of March, 2019.

Updated Recycling Facilities at William Penn

We have new facilities for collection of waste resources for recycling in school. Please see the list below for an update on items that can be recycled via the school (including crisp packets and pet food packaging.)





SINGLE-USE RECYCLING SCHEME

Our public drop-off bins are at:
William Penn Primary School, Coolham,
Nr Billingshurst RH12 8GR (school hours)
Quaker Meeting House, Worthing Rd,
Horsham RH12 1SL (24/7)

In our special scheme you can recycle:

- All pet food plastic pouches (clean) and flexible plastic bags
- Ballpoint pens, felt tips, biro, correction fluid, markers & highlighters
- Flexible plastic from sweet biscuit, cake & cracker wrappers and crisp packets
- Fruit & vegetable baby food pouches - Ella's Kitchen & any other brand
- Plastic milk bottle tops - 2, 02, 4 or 04 displayed
- Plastic air fresheners, cartridges & plastic air freshener packaging
- Inkjet cartridges - only HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung, Neopost
- Toothpaste tubes & caps, toothbrushes, heads from electric and battery toothbrushes and all associated packaging
- Personal care & beauty products - plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps, tubes, roll-on-deodorant & flexible plastic wipe packaging
- Home cleaning products plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps & cleaning wipe packaging
- Aluminium ring pulls (can be recycled in your bin, but we collect for the Philippines)

Other recycling accepted:

- Laptops, notebooks, netbooks & tablets, iPads - working or broken
- Aluminium ring pulls (can be recycled in your bin but we collect for the Philippines)
- Mobile phones - working or broken
- Unwanted neck ties



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Safeguarding Update

Mrs Constable is currently arranging an online safety workshop for some pupils and also a parents' meeting to support safeguarding at home. Please watch this space for further details as they are confirmed.

Pupil Achievements

Dylan F has just received the annual kung fu "grand master" award for demonstrating the school core values throughout the year including dedication and integrity. Well done Dylan

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

