



## William Penn Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As this will be the final newsletter of this term and this year, everyone at William Penn would like to send best wishes for Christmas and the new year. We look forward to seeing everyone rested and safe on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Fantastic Achievement for Pupils in SATS

You may be aware that the performance tables for schools have been published this week. Pupils at William Penn have achieved brilliantly and that is testament to their hard work and that of their teachers and teaching assistants. There are 285 schools in West Sussex. Some of the highlights are included below:



Overall performance and overall progress in Reading – top 14% of schools in West Sussex

Overall performance and overall progress in Mathematics – top 10% of schools in West Sussex

Pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined – top 20% of schools in West Sussex

Pupils reaching the higher standard in Reading – top 6% of schools in West Sussex

Pupils reaching the higher standard in Mathematics – top 5% of schools in West Sussex

**Pupils reaching the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 285 schools in West Sussex**

**Pupils reaching the higher standard in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – 1<sup>st</sup> of 285 schools in West Sussex**

**William Penn Christmas Carol Service – 18<sup>th</sup> December at Christ's Hospital Reminder**





Our carol service is fast approaching; taking place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at Christ's Hospital School Chapel. Please remember that we would like to welcome you and your relatives as we will have ample seating and parking space. **Please refer to the previous newsletter for details of changes to the usual car park access arrangements.**

On the morning of December 14<sup>th</sup> we would ask you to bring your children to the chapel between 8.45am and 9am for a rehearsal. We have arranged transportation back to school in time for lunch and school will finish at the normal time at 3.15pm. In the evening, we will be ready to receive the children at 5.40pm but no earlier. Please ensure that children have been to the lavatory before they leave home in the morning and the evening as facilities are not easily available at the chapel. The service will begin at 6pm and should be finished by 7pm. Children who have been given costumes will not need to wear them for the rehearsal but should come dressed in costumes in the evening. We would ask that costumes are returned promptly by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, washed and dried ready for use next year.

We have decided not to ticket the event or charge for entrance. We do, however, have to hire the chapel and hope that you will consider making a donation towards these costs on the evening. Thank you

### **Christmas Bazaar Thank you**

Thank you to all those parents and pupils that contributed to the Christmas Bazaar making it an enjoyable social occasion prior to Christmas. In addition, the event raised £834.05 which is a tremendous achievement. Thank you everyone.

### **School Disco**

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas disco yesterday. We would like to thank Mrs Bamsey for taking the initiative with organising it and to Mrs Cort for acting as first aider. Credit for the music goes to Charlie Bamsey and Arabella Bamsey and Madeleine Storey did a great job for motivating the dancers.

### **School Clubs**

Clubs letters will be coming to you shortly for the Spring Term.

### **Safeguarding Update**

Please see the BBC news link below regarding the safeguarding of children and young people online.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-422241488>

Further advice can be found under [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) or [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) as well as the NSPCC and childline.

### **Pupil Achievements**

Congratulations to Sebby Davies who has gained a swimming certificate in recognition of achievement at progression one level. 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)

