



## William Penn Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### William Penn School Open Day and Admissions to School September 2018

This term's Open Day will take place on Monday 9th October. You are warmly invited to join us in school at a time of your choice and for as long or short a time as is convenient to you. We would just ask you to be mindful that the teachers will be teaching and unable to discuss your child's progress with you on this day. If you find that a lot of parents are in one class, it would be appreciated if you could spread your attendance out so that the children can carry on with their learning with minimal disruption. Having said this, we are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the 9th. Please enter the school via the front office and ensure that the gate is closed when entering or leaving the site. If you have time, we would welcome your comments in our Visitors' Book which is available in the office.

If you have a child starting school in September 2018, or if you know someone who does, please make them aware of the poster included below. This gives details of how to apply for a school place as part of the September intake in to reception. We would like encourage prospective parents to visit William Penn and would be very happy for you to pass on our contact details so that they can arrange a visit through Mrs Jackson in the school office (01403 741274). Miss Passfield, our reception teacher will be visiting pre-schools so please look out for her.

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Was your child born between  
1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?**

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2018.

**Apply online!** It's simple, convenient and timesaving, plus you get an instant email acknowledgement that your application has been received.



Apply online from 2 October. If you would like further advice or information contact:

**03330 142 903**


Free internet access to apply online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries;
- Children and Family Centres.

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**Deadline: Monday 15 January 2018**



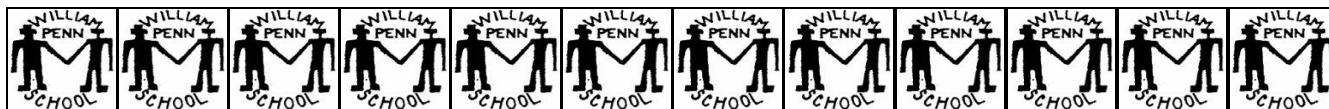
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## School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Individual portraits will be taken during the morning. If you would like to include siblings that don't attend the school, please bring your children to the hall straight away when dropping off as these portraits will be completed first.

## Parents' Consultations – New Log Ins for All Parents

As you know, our first Parent Consultations of the year are approaching on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We operate an online booking system and **all parents** will receive new log in details and instructions to enable them to book on. If you do have any difficulties please see Mrs Jackson in the school office. Appointments will go live for booking at 6.05am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please be reminded that parents of pupils in Fox class should book one appointment only as the class teachers work closely together and can comment on all areas of learning.

## Purple Mash

We have recently subscribed to Purple Mash, which is a creative educational website for children. Purple Mash is a cross-curricular resource covering art to science and all subjects in between. Your child can access Purple Mash from home on a laptop, desktop or a tablet.



Purple Mash is a safe environment that does **not** require any downloading or allow interaction with people online and children **cannot** make any financial transactions.

We will be encouraging the children to continue their learning at home and Purple Mash is a great resource for this. Your child will be taught how to use Purple Mash in school and will be able to use it without supervision, but you may want to take a few minutes to explore it yourself so that you can help them with their work.

Mini Mash is the area of Purple Mash specifically designed for children in the 'Early Years'. Inside, you'll find a virtual classroom packed full of activities for children aged 5 and under.

There are 20+ open-ended tools inside Purple Mash. They range in complexity from simple painting programs to sophisticated coding tools.

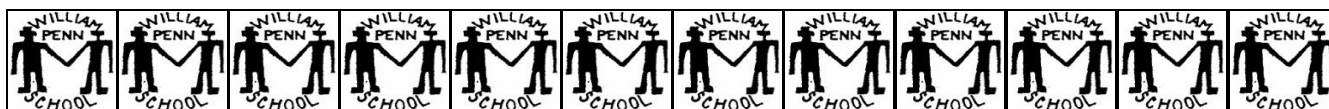
Purple Mash has over 1,500 ready-to-use writing and painting projects. They cover everything from aliens to the Victorians. You can use the 'Topics' tab to browse by subject or, alternatively, use the search bar at the top right of the screen to look for something specific.

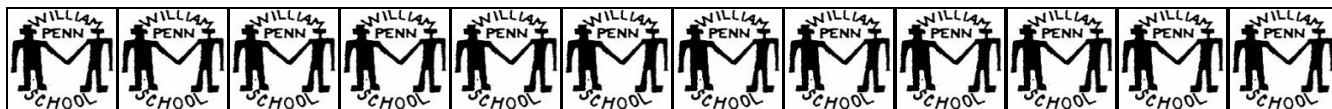
There are a variety of games that are really fun to play but also help children practise their maths & English skills. They are a great way to re-enforce learning outside of school hours.

Serial Mash is all about getting children to read for pleasure. New books are released over the course of a half-term in the form of a weekly serial. The chapters come with a range of fun and educational activities. Serial Mash is great for solo or guided reading and can be read on tablets.

Purple Mash lets your child save their work online. It's very easy, just look out for the floppy disk icon on the toolbar and follow the simple instructions. To access saved files, go to the 'Online Work' tab. Once saved, you can also 'share' work. Just look out for the globe icon on the toolbar. This will share work to one of our school's "display boards" or create a link so your work can be viewed online by people that don't have Purple Mash.

The vast majority of Purple Mash is accessible when using iPads or Android tablets.





If you have any questions about this initiative, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Constable who leads curriculum development in computing.

### **The Weald School Open Evening**

This term, the Open Evening at The Weald School is on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Two talks will be given but as these are the same, please don't rush to attend the first at 6pm as it is often over full.

### **Christmas Cards Reminder**

One of the school governors, Mrs Farncombe is very kindly organising the children's Christmas card production this year. Please look out for a pack which will come home with your child later in the week. This will contain instructions for your child to produce a design at home which can then be returned to school. There is no obligation to take part or to purchase cards, although we know that many families like to do this.

### **Safeguarding Update**

'Young carers are young people under 18 who help to look after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or misuses drugs or alcohol.' Safeguarding in Schools – Andrew Hall

To find out more about young carers and support available to help them, please follow the link below:

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/young-carers/>

### **Pupil Achievements**

Congratulation to Conor Mallon-Roberts who has undertaken his grading in Choi Kwang Do and achieved his Gold Senior Belt. 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)

