

William Penn Newsletter 1st December 2016

Christmas Fair Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that gave up their time to put on the very successful Christmas Fair this year and also to those that attended. The Christmas Fair was a lovely and friendly occasion. The excellent news is that £1255.83 was raised for the school and we are extremely grateful for this.

PTA Thank You to Departing Committee and Closure of PTA

We would like to thank our PTA members for their hard work as the PTA closes at the end of this term.

Unfortunately, with no chair and a very small committee, the PTA is not able to carry on which will mean that there are no further PTA events, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Fair, after the end of this term. Mrs Claire Ritchie, the treasurer, has offered to stay in post for the time being so that if a group of parents wishes to hold a social/fundraising event, whether under the banner of PTA or otherwise, the facility is there to do that. If any parents wish to effectively restart the PTA, the school would welcome this and it should be remembered that any new PTA might look very different from the old one in terms of routines and events. Please see Mr Kear if this is something that you would like to discuss further.

Christmas Tree for School Funds

We have been donated a Living 4ft Christmas tree which we would like to sell to raise money for the school (suggested offers in the region of £30). Contact Carrie Cort cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or 07768 212833 if you are interested.

Staff Update and Informal Meeting for Parents

We are pleased to welcome Miss Moreton who is teaching in Cadbury and Mrs Wadey who is teaching in Fox (Monday-Wednesday). Whilst some of you have been able to say hello, we are holding a brief and informal after school meeting on 7th December for Cadbury and Fox parents. This is not a parents' consultation and there will be no presentation; simply an opportunity to make introductions. Parents of children in Year R will be able to collect their child's Individual Learning Plan, free book and free Numicon mathematics equipment at the same time.

Christmas Arrangements

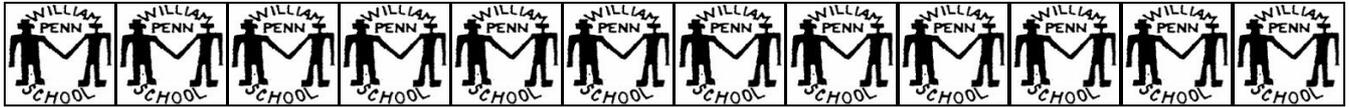
William Penn Christmas Carol Service – 12th December at Christ's Hospital

Our carol service is fast approaching; taking place on Monday 12th 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.



On the morning of December 12th 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 (usually the end of the previous week) 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 15th December, clean and 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

Parking Politeness

Please be considerate when parking outside the school. Our relationship with our neighbours is very important and it causes considerable distress to local residents when driveways are blocked. Please also be reminded that it is not permitted to park on the yellow zig-zags ...even for the shortest of times. I am reliably informed that parents have been reported to the police recently for parking infringements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Childminder Availability

We have been contacted by Lynn Grinstead of the Early Childhood Service regarding possible childminder provision. Please find the details below of two childminders who currently pick children up from school and would be willing to do drop-offs if there was sufficient interest. The telephone numbers are 07889756007 or 07939944062. The childminders work together from the same premises.

Email address is sharlottebrewster82@gmail.com

Community Event

***Shipley Christmas Singalong & Refreshment~
Saturday 17th December
11am in the Andrew Hall***

***A chance for local residents to get together for a festive singalong with refreshments and chat
Bring your family, friends and maybe a neighbour to join in with our Christmas celebration, all
welcome.***

***For further information please call Village Agent Jane Cullum
07747 293382***

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Aurelia Hall-Palmer who has been presented with her Level 1 BAGA gymnastics award and medal - the top level of that stage. Well done Aurelia!

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

