

William Penn Newsletter 15th September 2023

Welcome to the Autumn Term

What a fantastic fortnight back at school! Thank you for sending your children back to school so ready and eager to learn. We have been very impressed with their ability to adapt to new routines when moving year groups and starting at the school for the first time. You can see what your child will be learning this term by visiting our website at www.william penn.co.uk and selecting Curriculum, Curriculum - Week by Week Overview, Autumn 2023. In this folder you will find Curriculum Maps and Weekly Overviews for each class. Please enjoy the photograph of some of our new Reception Year enjoying the sunshine.



Leadership status update

Mr Kear and Mrs Stephenson continue to be temporarily absent from school due to illness. I would like to thank Mrs Constable for continuing to deputise during this period, for finding innovative ways to keep the school running, and to ensure that friends club and the after-school clubs have started again as planned. Additional supply staff have been brought in to ensure that the children continue to receive the highest level of education and pastoral care.

The absence of 2 key members of staff has meant that access to certain systems has been challenging, and we hope that using Google classrooms and paper forms has enabled you to stay in contact with the school and book activities for your children. If you feel you have missed anything, please speak to a member of staff during drop off or pick up.

The school continues to receive support from the local authority, and other locality schools during this time.

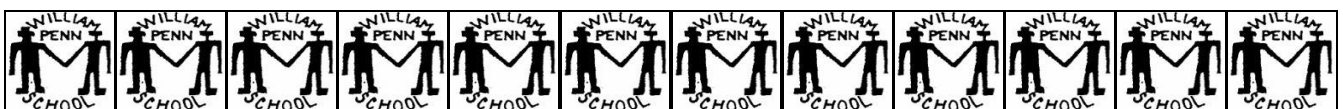
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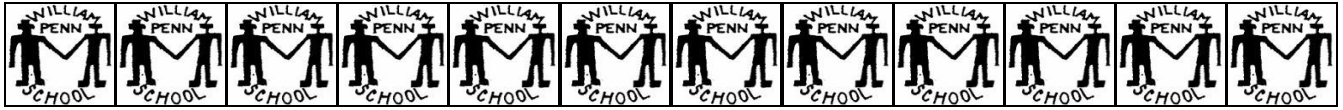
Mike Blackman
Chair of Governors

School Lunches and Census Day

Special Theme Lunch Menu – Thursday 5th October

On Thursday 5th October our lunch provider will be delivering a lunch menu offering a range of dishes as well as a chocolate brownie, to make it extra special! If your child has a special diet, please be assured that their usual menu will remain in place. We would respectfully ask that all children in Cadbury and Fox Classes (Year R,1,2) sample/have a hot meal on this day as the amount that the school pays for school lunches over time will be set according to take up on this day. A low take up will cost the school a great deal of money which we cannot then spend on resources and children's learning. Key Stage 2 pupils are very welcome to order the meal in the usual way. Each child will be given a meal, or the option to sample. If your child is used to having a packed lunch, you are very welcome to send this in as well so as to make sure that they have eaten sufficiently well.





Are You Eligible for Free School Meals?

Please consider whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Obviously the purpose of this fund is to provide meals for pupils. However, non identifying data is also used to allocate additional funding to the school and **eligible parents should register whether their children receive a meal because they are in Key Stage 1 or not.**

West Sussex County Council has an application form for parents to check Free School Meal Eligibility. In order to make this process easier, the County Council has a Free School Meals page on the West Sussex County Council website and an application form that enables the council to check parents' eligibility for free school meals.

Here is the link to the website and the application form:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Recorder lessons for Year 1 to 3 with Nick Chalk

There are a small number of spaces available for beginner recorder lessons this term (Years 1-3), allocated on a first come, first served basis. Lessons cost £9.10 per lesson. A bursary is available to cover the cost in some circumstances. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/> or email nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk.

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

A polite reminder that children should stay with their adult when they have been picked up at the end of the day and not use the gym. This ensures that the adults in school are able to safely return children to their parent/carer.

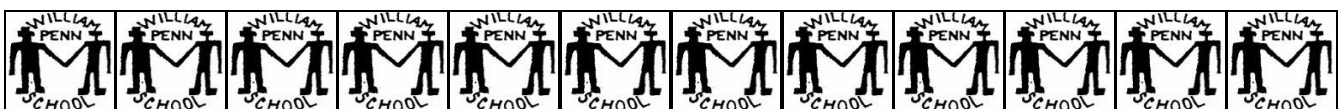
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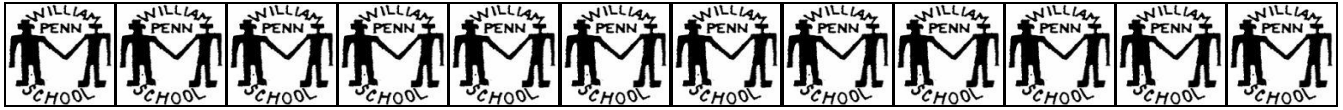
As we start the new year, please can I remind you that we are trying to be as nut free as possible in school. Pupils who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If a child has a nut allergy, it is not just eating the nuts that can cause the reaction. Just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts, or a product containing nuts, can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Please ensure that no nut products are included in lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks.

For example:

- Peanut butter sandwiches



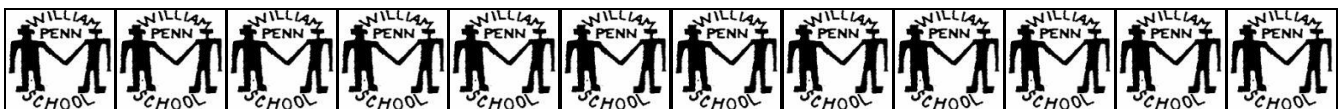


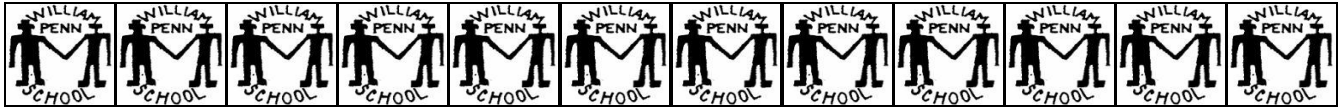
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits/Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging closely. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards

8.9.23	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	<p>Francesca</p> <p>For settling into Cadbury class so well. She is helping and sharing so nicely with her friends, of her own accord, even when she thinks no one is looking. She is such a sweet, lovely girl and it is a pleasure to have her in Cadbury!</p>	<p>Jessica</p> <p>For being so keen and eager to join in with the learning this week. She hasn't been daunted by joining a new class, and is already becoming a role model to her peers.</p>	<p>William</p> <p>For being so enthusiastic with his learning in his first week back. He has really enjoyed working with his friends and starting Year 2 maths! Well done William!</p>	<p>Betsy A</p> <p>For showing such kindness and compassion towards her peers. She is always ready to help and she is a real role model. Well done Betsy!</p>	<p>Jenson</p> <p>For returning to school with a "ready to learn" attitude. He has shown a really positive attitude to work. Well done Jenson</p>	<p>Sophie</p> <p>For showing maturity and a great attitude during her first week in JBB. She is always on task and willing to share her ideas in class. Keep it up Sophie!</p>	<p>Kasey-Rose</p> <p>For being a very helpful member of JBB. She has worked very hard in maths this week and has completed her work accurately and independently. Well done Kasey-Rose!</p>
Star Writer	<p>Henry-James</p> <p>For having a great first week in school. He has helped his friends and shown exemplary behaviour all week. What a fantastic start to the year Henry!</p>	<p>Sonny</p> <p>For focusing on his handwriting this week, taking time to ensure his letters are correctly formed and neatly presented. Keep it up Sonny!</p>	<p>Marnie M</p> <p>For independently recalling the story of the 'Gingerbread Man'. She has attempted to spell some difficult words and included lots of extra detail.</p>	<p>Layla B</p> <p>For working really hard on her presentation this week. She has remembered all the presentation guidelines and her work looks brilliant! Well done Layla B!</p>	<p>Indie</p> <p>For having a renewed sense of pride in her presentation since returning from the summer holidays. Her work has been beautifully presented. Well done Indie!</p>	<p>Jaya</p> <p>For her diary entry describing a scene from our class book 'Drop Everything Then Leave'. She showed a great understanding of the text through her use of emotive language. Well done Jaya.</p>	<p>Connor</p> <p>For his fantastic diary entry from our class book 'Drop Everything Then Leave'. It has been wonderful to see his enthusiasm and empathy for the characters come through in his writing. Well done Connor.</p>





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Golden	Poppy For being a role model to her peers, always following instructions and trying her absolute hardest in all of her work.	Sasha For adapting to her new class so well and following the class rules. She is already becoming a role model by showing such dedication to her work.	Violet For her polite and respectful attitude towards everyone in school. She is always incredibly kind to her friends and enjoys being relied on for support. Thank you, Violet.	Theo For having an amazing week this week. He has worked really hard in all his subjects. It has been lovely to see him contribute to whole class discussions too. Well done Theo!	Ollie J For showing such an amazing attitude towards work and school since returning from summer. He is an absolute role model towards his peers. Keep it up Ollie!	Kumudh For his positive attitude and consistent work ethic. He has worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum this week. Thank you for your positivity. Well done Kumudh!	Alfie For making positive choices to enable him to learn more effectively this week. His work is always of a high quality and his passion for history is evident through his knowledge and participation in class.
	Harrison For being so fantastic by reading at home. He has been so imaginative in the stories he is telling from the Lilac scheme books. Well done, keep it up!	Ava For completing her rewrite of the 'Three Little Pigs' story. She has followed instructions and thought about her phonics to help her. Well done Ava!	Betsy-May For independently writing the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'. She has used her phonics to help her spell some difficult words and made sure each sentence made sense. Well done Betsy-May!	Arlo For having such a positive attitude towards work this week. He has really focused on keeping his work neat and tidy and he has tried really hard with his handwriting. Fantastic work Arlo!	Ava For producing a beautiful water cycle poster. She has concentrated on her content and presentation. Her work looks brilliant and it is informative too. Well done Ava!	Oscar For his poem about Alfie, a character in our class book. He clearly enjoyed the task and showed a real understanding of the character through his writing. Well done Oscar.	Owen For his poem about Alfie, a character in our class book. His poem was emotive and really captured the feelings of the character and the atmosphere of the time. Well done Owen.

Pupil Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Bethany, Fraser and Betsy-May for completing the library challenge this summer.

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

