

William Penn Newsletter 1st March 2017

Saving Money for the Families (possibly in excess of £500) and the School

Given the huge financial pressures on the school and some families at this current time, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of some significant economic savings that can be made. This is particularly vital in the light of recent developments relating to Free School Meals eligibility.

Free School Meals:

If students are to work to the best of their ability, concentrate and make good progress, it is vital they eat regular healthy meals which fuel their learning. The school meals provider offers a wide selection of healthy meals which cater for a range of tastes. Some children are eligible to receive these meals for free; children are eligible if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State 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



Children who get any of the above benefits in their own right (ie they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be able to get free school meals.

To access these savings, you need to fill out a simple form in confidence and we can help you check it and send it off. Please call at the school office for further information.

If a school meal costs £2.30, over 40 weeks of the school year that is a potential **saving of £460.00**. There could be further savings with financial assistance for school trips and clubs.

The government has identified Free Schools Meals as a useful indicator for increasing support for children who may come from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. They have provided additional funding to schools based on the number of students who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Consequently for every child that is registered as eligible for Free School Meals we as a school receive proportionally more funding and are able to provide support and challenge for a wider range of students. This of course, benefits everyone, as more students make better progress, are more engaged and successful at school then the whole community is able to enjoy the benefits.

If you are eligible please make sure you complete the paperwork and register. Please use the link below to access the form online, or download an application form via this newsletter on our website.

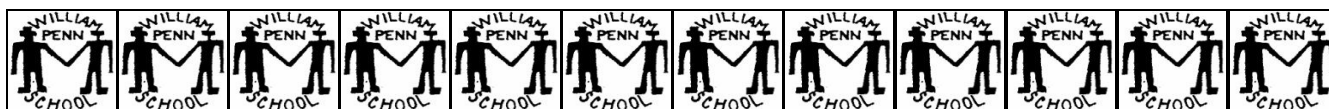
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools_ages_4-16/free_school_meals.aspx

Sussex Police Survey – A message from PC Angie Keeley

Dear All

Sussex Police are hosting a 2 week digital engagement project from 20 February – 5 March to help us to understand what young people want from digital engagement with the police. We have developed a survey for anyone under 24.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tellthepolice>





Many thanks for your support.

Angie

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Poster for Peace Last Chance to Enter – Closing Date Thursday 9th March

The Billingshurst Lions want you to design a poster promoting peace in the world
The theme is 'My Peaceful World'.

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 Club, 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 9th of March, 2017

Considerate Driving – 3 Point Turns

A concerned parent has asked that we forward a message asking people not to make 3 point turns in the road outside the school. It seems that in doing so, some cars are mounting the pavement which is an obvious danger to pedestrians including pupils. Thank you

Open Day – Thursday 9th March

This term's Open Day, an informal opportunity for parents/friends and visitors to visit the school, will take place on Thursday 9th March. 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.

Pupil Achievements

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