

William Penn Newsletter 5th November 2014

William Penn Christmas Fayre – Thursday 13th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm



Come along to William Penn School's Christmas Fayre in Coolham and enjoy a relaxing evening of festive food, refreshments and an assortment of sparkling stalls to get you in the Christmas spirit. The Christmas Fayre is the perfect evening for the entire family, featuring a 'kids only' room where children can buy a present for their parents/grandparents and have it gift wrapped at just £3 for one present or £5 for two gifts. Parents can then take some precious time out to unwind and enjoy a relaxing neck massage whilst they savour a glass of mulled wine. There will also be the ever popular Tree of Fortune, Raffle and Bottle Tombola plus a great selection of stalls brimming with Christmas treats. Stall holders will be selling hand crafted jewellery, children's toys, handmade sweets and beauty products, with Phonenix cards, Usbourne books and Alan Wright photography also in attendance along with a unique Eco stand. Taking place at William Penn Primary School, Brooks Green Road, Coolham on Thursday 13th November from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, entrance is just £2 for adults and free for

children. Admission includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for the adults and a cup of squash and mince pie for the children.

William Penn PTA

Please be reminded that Thursday 13th November is a non-uniform day and in return children are asked to bring in items for the produce stall such as cakes, pies, biscuits and other homemade food items including chutneys.

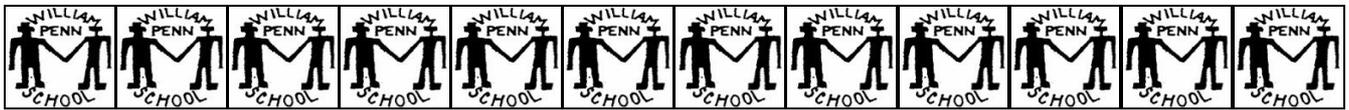
Football – Picking Teams

As you know, we have fielded a team in some of the recent football matches and tournaments that have taken place between schools as part of our commitment to add to the existing opportunities for inter-school competition. In order to clarify the process for picking teams, we have liaised with other locality schools and whilst there is no one approach, we are aiming to be generally consistent. It follows that the core of the team will be Year 5 and 6 pupils with some Year 3 and Year 4 pupils accommodated if the particular event allows (for example if two teams can participate etc). The team will consist of more able footballers as a way of extending their talent but the aim will also be to include as many children as possible as a way of developing skills and rewarding enthusiasm. The usual after school football club will run independently of the matches unless advised otherwise. If your child does play, we would ask that kits are washed and returned promptly as this will help when matches are scheduled close together.

ASTEROID X

On Thursday the 23rd of October 2014, JBB class had an 'Asteroid X Maths Morning'. The children and Mrs Ritchie dressed up as silly space characters. We had to use our imagination, I.C.T, geography and maths skills to complete a space mission.





Some of the parents came in to help. One of the mums said, "I can't believe how the children persevered in this mission!" Louis suggested, "You need to use know your times tables to solve some of the problems." When we got to school there was a completion for who could crack the code first and also who finished the mission. We all had an amazing time and we hope the parents did too. All thanks to Mrs Ritchie!

By Kayleigh and Isabelle S

Miss Richardson and Fox Class

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Helen Wimpenny will be teaching Fox Class for the duration of Miss Richardson's maternity leave. We are expecting Miss Richardson to commence her leave on December 8th. We are hoping to arrange for Mrs Wimpenny to spend some time in school before this date, although she has already spent some time with the class.

Children in Need – a message from the School Council

Hello everyone! We are writing to you to let you know that we are going to have a Pudsey Bear day on Friday 14th November, to help raise money for Children in Need. We would like everyone to wear something spotty (as much or as little as you want) and in return to give a donation. We will then send this to Children in Need. This year school council have arranged some afternoon Pudsey related activities. You are welcome to bring in a soft toy that can also be involved in these activities. Thank you for helping us.

The School Council:

Cadbury: Reception: Imogen L, Owen L
Fox: Year 1: Hector L, Phoebe P
Year 2: Anna L, Adam C
Fry: Year 3: George C, Maya R
Year 4: Bella P, William R
JBB: Year 5: William C, Annie D
Year 6: Theo F, Emilia S

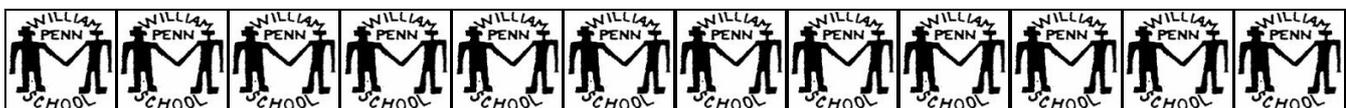


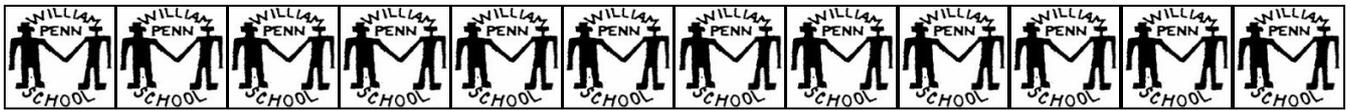
Ebola Virus - Advice for Schools and Parents from the Government

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa, and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Ebola to the UK remains low. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting Ebola-affected countries. Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching the Ebola Virus. Public Health England advice:

- The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.
- Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.
- It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.
- There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school or their early years setting as normal.

Further information on the Government's response to the Ebola virus can be found on GOV.UK.





School Photographs for Next Year

Many thanks for returning your photograph orders. We have now forwarded these to the company. In a previous newsletter we asked for your views on the style of photograph etc. We only received 3 responses and given the number of orders submitted, this indicates that the general view is one of satisfaction. However, we will ask the photographer to include the school logo on the jumper next year. We are also very happy for you to attend the sitting with your child next year so that you can adjust hair etc to your liking.

Pupil Achievements

Barney Reid and William Cartner, members of the Slinfold Cubs pack, have been awarded a Chief Scout's Silver Award - the highest award available in the Cub Scout Section. The award is given once the cub has completed his or her challenges in the following categories: Creative, Community, Fitness, Global, Outdoor and Promise. Congratulations also to Zac Wright who has won a silver medal in the Chichester Rugby Tournament. Aurelia Hall-Palmer has been awarded both Level 1 and 2 ASA swimming certificates. Well done to you all. 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

