

William Penn Newsletter 25th January 2018

Week By Week Overviews and Topic Webs on the Website

This term's week by week overview sheets and topic webs are now available on the school website. These sheets will give you a much better idea about what is happening in your child's class on any given week. They are working documents and subject to change but will help you to support your child's learning. The documents can be found under the Teaching and Learning tab.



http://www.williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/spring_2018

Eligibility for Free School Meals

West Sussex County Council has an application form for parents to check Free School Meal Eligibility. Registration for Free School Meals can bring additional funds to the school and eligible **parents should register whether their children receive a meal because they are in Key Stage 1 or not**. In order to make this process easier the County Council has updated the Free School Meals page on the West Sussex County Council website and revised the application form that enables the council to check parents' eligibility for free school meals.

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

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools>

Choir Club New Start Date

Please be advised that the start date for the Choir Club will now be Monday 5th February. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Brighton Science Festival

During half term there is a week-long science festival in Brighton with many events and workshops for primary and secondary aged children/young people. The events are either free or very reasonably priced and further details can be found using the following link

<http://www.brightonscience.com/events>

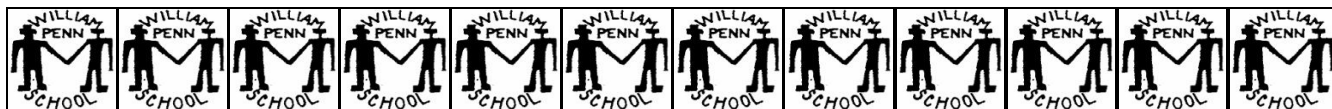
Pond Area

On Tuesday 20th February Sussex Wildlife Trust are coming to help us make some improvements to the condition of the school pond. The two members of staff from SWT will work with JBB in the morning and Fry in the afternoon.

The practical aims for the day will be to regenerate the school pond and create a green space to benefit the students, teachers and wildlife of William Penn School. This will include;

- use nets to take out some of the pond weed
- rake out the leaf litter and some of the sediment from the pond to allow more light in





- Cut back/crown raise some of the small trees and scrub around the pond to increase light levels and reduce leaf litter falling into the pond
- Use the arising's to build a beetle bank along one edge of the wildlife area.
- Use materials on site to create brush wood revetments as additional habitat for freshwater invertebrates
- Create an amphibian hibernacular onsite AKA a frog and toad abode.

At the start of the sessions, the SWT will introduce fresh water habitats, teach the children about the work we are doing and why we are doing it and give them an idea of what may be living in the school pond. They will demonstrate how to use any tools and make sure all work is conducted in a safe and sensible manner. Throughout the day we can have a look at any freshwater creatures we find and put them safely in holding tanks until the end of the day.

SWT will provide all tools and equipment needed for the day but recommend the children bring outdoor gear and wear old clothes which they don't mind getting wet or muddy. It would be a good idea to have a change of clothes with them and wellies if possible.

WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE SOME PARENTS TO BE INVOLVED – PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE CORT ON 07768 212833 OR CORT@SUSSEXGREENLIVING.CO.UK IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

Later in the spring, SWT will return to deliver a fun and educational day with Cadbury and Fox.

This project has been allocated Gatwick Greenspace Partnership funding.

Safeguarding Update - Disturbing YouTube videos: Factsheet for Parents

We have been informed that seemingly innocent videos, featuring children's favourites Peppa Pig and Elsa, are being used to show disturbing and violent scenes which are inappropriate and frightening for young children.

Please refer to this factsheet to parents to help protect children against online videos that are slipping through the net:

[Download factsheet](#)

Pupil Achievements

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

