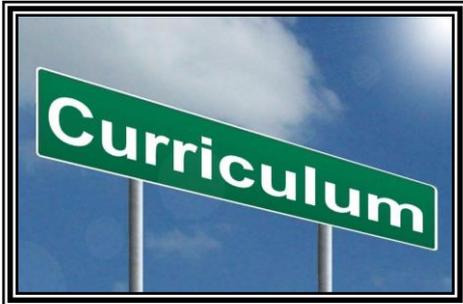


William Penn Newsletter

Welcome back

Thank you for sending your children back so ready to learn. We have enjoyed hearing about what you got up to over Christmas and hope that you have managed to avoid the illnesses doing the rounds at present. Thank you to the parents who have offered to give up their time to hear children read. Once all the DBS checks are completed, Mr Phillips will be in touch with a time table.



Curriculum Update – Curriculum Webs and Week by Week Overview Sheets

The latest webs and overviews are available on the school website. Please remember that they are working documents and subject to change. Take a look at the topics being covered by your child this term. Use this link below:
http://www.william penn.co.uk/web/spring_2024/676043

Dates for the diary

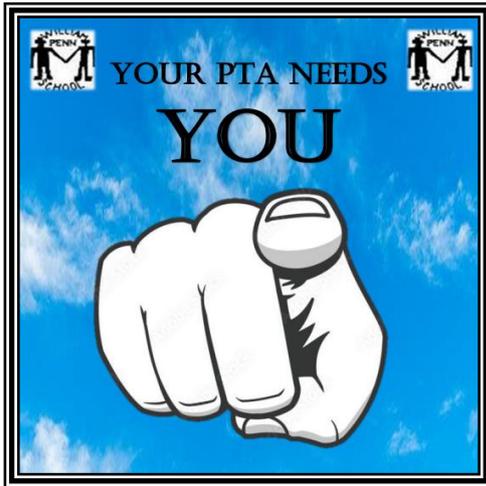
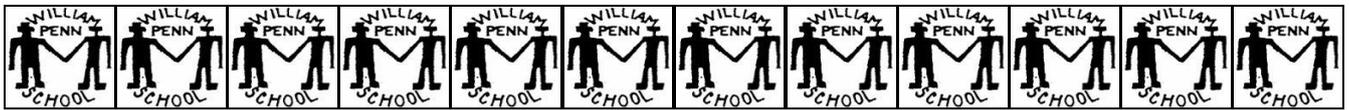
As a reminder, please find below, an extract from the school calendar.

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| February 2024 | |
| 6 th | Safer Internet Day |
| 12 th – 16 th inclusive | Half term |
| 19 th | INSET DAY school closed to pupils |
| March 2024 | |
| 7 th | World Book Day |
| 11 th – 13 th | Science Week |
| 19 th and 21 st | Parent Consultation Evenings 3.30pm-6pm |
| 28 th | Last day of Spring Term and Parents' Assembly 2.15pm |
| April 2024 | |
| 15 th | Summer Term commences |
| May 2024 | |
| 6 th | Bank Holiday |
| w/o 13 th | Test Week for Years 5&6 |
| 17 th | May Day Celebration 1.30pm |
| 24 th | May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm |
| 27 th – 31 st | Half term |
| June 2024 | |
| 5 th | Open afternoon for parents to visit school 2:00pm – 3:15pm |
| 5 th | Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm |
| 6 th (pm) and 13 th (am) | New intake taster sessions and school transition times |
| 17 th | INSET DAY school closed to pupils |
| 28 th | Sports Day 1.30pm |
| July 2024 | |
| 5 th | Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm |
| 12 th | Annual Pupil Reports to Parents |
| 17 th | Parent Consultation Evening 3.15pm-6pm |
| TBC | Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol |
| 23 rd | William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly 2:30pm – last day of term for pupils |

Your PTA Needs You!

We will be holding our annual PTA AGM on Monday 29th January at 3:30PM at school. A film will be screened in Cadbury class for children of parents that wish to attend, although we promise to keep it as brief as possible.





This is your opportunity to find out more about the PTA, how you can get involved, how funds are being spent and hear more about our fun-filled plans for 2024. If you are interested in a formal role, then please grab one of our friendly PTA members in the playground – Angela Blackman, Kathy Haines, Neil Gallaher, Roger Lewis, Lucy Huggett, Miriam Jarvis or email: williampennpta@outlook.com to find out how to apply. You can get some further information on specific roles by clicking on the below job titles.

- [Chair](#)
- [Secretary](#)
- [Treasurer](#)
- [Committee Member](#)

Additionally, we hope to appoint at least one parent from each year group as 'class rep'. Their job is to pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class.

Our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff,

parents and friends together socially in support of the school and enhance the school's community. Even if you only have a small amount of time to spare, we welcome everyone to get involved. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

The PTA

News from Carrie Cort from Sussex Green Living

New Year and new eco plan for clothes! On Wednesday, children enjoyed an assembly about how pre-loved clothes help our planet & raise money for William Penn. This was delivered by Carrie Cort from Sussex Green Living and Karrie Mellor from Coolham textile recycling company Bags of Support.

On the 17th and 18th January (next Wednesday and Thursday) families and staff can bring in textiles, they no longer want, to be rehomed as ethically and locally as possible by Bags of Support and raise money for the William Penn School. This textile recycling also benefits children in a primary and secondary school in the remotest part of SW Uganda through [NECS](#). Donations should be put by the school reception at morning drop off in cardboard boxes or in bin liners (these will be reused). Donations should include clean, **dry and good quality clothes, shoes (tied together), bags, belts, hats, gloves and swimwear** - not pillows, duvets or bed linen thanks.



Healthy lunchbox

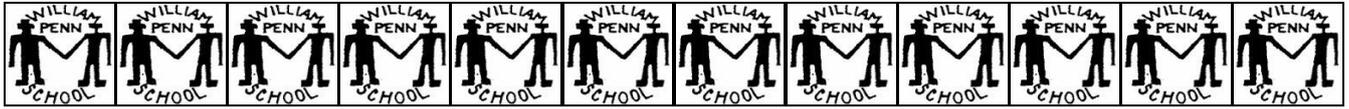
Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. It can be hard during the week to think of suitable items for them to bring in to school, but we are aiming, with the help of the children, to not only support them in making healthy choices regarding snacks, but to also reduce food packaging and waste.



Here are some suggestions of what a healthy snack could include:

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.





- Homemade snack - flapjacks or other oat/whole grain based snack. These must be nut free.

Try to keep it healthy by avoiding chocolate, sweets or crisps. This will also protect their teeth, as well as help them to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life. We need the children to stay hydrated and so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted. More information about healthy diets and the local wellbeing hub can be found online at <https://www.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/>

Help with emotional wellbeing and mental health from West Sussex County Council

Life can be tough, and we all have our ups and downs, but sometimes we might need extra support. It could be you or someone you know is struggling with loneliness, bereavement, or a relationship breakdown, addiction, debts or suicidal thoughts. Help is at hand and there are people who care and who will listen.



[Your Mental Health West Sussex](#) and [West Sussex Wellbeing](#) have useful online resources and contact details of people you can speak with.

Domestic abuse can happen in any relationship. It can involve a single incident or a pattern of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading or violent behaviour. If you are concerned about your own, or someone else's situation, [our domestic abuse advice page](#) has more information and links to support services.

[Every Mind Matters](#) has tips for improving your mood, sleep and dealing with stress.

[Our cost-of-living advice pages](#) include information on practical and financial help available to help you and your family manage the pressures.

School Uniform

Polite reminder: It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and you can find more detail in our School Uniform Policy at the bottom of the webpage. See the links below for more information. There has also been an increase in the number of smart watches being worn in school since Christmas, which include games that can be played. Please can these remain at home, as they have proved to be distracting in the classroom.



<http://www.williampenn.co.uk/web/uniform/74>

Invitation to apply for a grant from the Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund

This fund was set up to help young people enhance talents that they would otherwise have found difficult to develop due to lack of funds. The talent could be musical, artistic, academic or sporting.

Do you have a child, or are you a young person under 25, who finds themselves in this position?

You must live in the ecclesiastical parish of Shipley which includes Coolham, Brooks Green and Dragons Green or if not, must attend or have previously attended Shipley C of E Primary School or the William Penn Primary School in Coolham, or be a current or past Scout or Explorer Scout in the Shipley 1st Scout Group. If so, you may be eligible for a grant and applications should be made to Nick de Zoete at nick@nickdezoete.com. The fund has limited resources and it may not be possible to fund all applications but we promise we will consider them all.

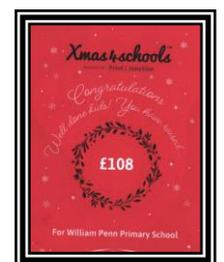
Pupil and Staff Achievements Outside of School

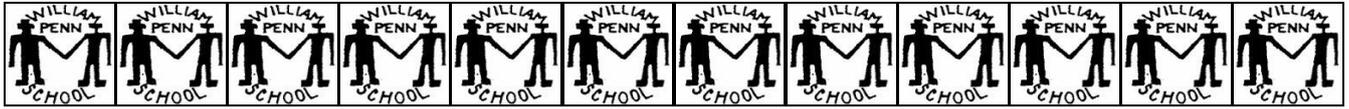
Indie – Well done for being awarded the Star of the Week trophy for excellent football skills, superb attitude during training and scoring 2 goals to win the match!

Mr Phillips – Congratulations on being Rudgwick Men's Doubles Champions 2023. He spends over seven hours a week playing tennis but the effort has paid off!

Ms Passfield and the parents – Well done for raising £108 for our school through the Christmas Card sales last term!

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





Friday Golden Assembly Awards 5.1.24

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Golden | <p>Ellie For having, a great start to the new year, by contributing really well in class, especially in our maths lessons. Great job, well done Ellie!</p> | <p>Fraser For such an enthusiastic and positive approach to learning. He is always so keen to whizz through the Power Maths activities and show his understanding with his fellow classmates. Well done Fraser!</p> | <p>Arthur For being engaged so quickly with our new topic this term. He has excelled in our English and Geography lessons this week and he loves sharing his new learning with everyone around! Well done Arthur!</p> | <p>Arlo For having a super first week back. You have had a brilliant attitude towards your learning. You have also shown an improved growth mindset when things don't go quite the way expected. Fantastic Arlo!</p> | <p>Dexter For being able to re-tell the story of Romulus and Remus during English this week. You remembered so many of the key details of the story and worked really well with your group to create your story string. Brilliant work Dexter!</p> | <p>Grace For always going above and beyond in all areas of her learning. She is a fantastic role model for her peers and her effort is exemplary. Well done Grace!</p> | <p>Michael For always being ready to learn and enthusiastic about his learning. He works independently with a mature and determined attitude. Well done Michael!</p> |
| Star Writer | <p>Francesca For having such a fantastic week in all things writing! You have done a brilliant job in your word writing during our phonics lessons, and can now write your full name all by yourself with perfect letter formation.</p> | <p>Beaux For always taking such pride when completing her phonics and handwriting. Her incredible focus and desire to succeed is admirable to watch. Super effort Beaux!</p> | <p>Maisy For her fantastic effort during phonics this week. She has really taken the time to think about the sounds and letters in the words before she writes them beautifully. Keep it up Maisy!</p> | <p>Besty A For a beautiful Gaudi fact file. You focused on using Gaudi inspired colours for your decorations. You really took pride in your work. Well done Betsy!</p> | <p>Indie For a brilliantly presented Gaudi fact file. You spent so much time seeing how your work could be made even more amazing. It is a beautiful piece of work and one you should be super proud of. Well done Indie!</p> | <p>Rory For his outstanding research about the Amazon Rainforest. His interest and enthusiasm for the topic is clear to see and is an example to others. Well done Rory!</p> | <p>Alfie and Rufus. For their fantastic slide show about the Amazon Rainforest. Their research was very thorough and detailed. Well done boys.</p> |

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 12.1.24

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| Golden | <p>Oscar For showing such a positive and inspirational approach to all of his learning this week. He has gone above and beyond expectations so he should feel very proud.</p> | <p>Grace For such a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. She has followed instructions and listened carefully to what she needs to do. Keep it up Grace!</p> | <p>Pippa For being a shining light in Fox class. She always leads by example, encouraging others around her to follow her lead. Pippa brings a ray of sunshine into class every single day. Thank you for everything that you do, Pippa.</p> | <p>Layla B For working so hard collaboratively with your peers this week. You have been a great support to others in maths. Thank you for always being so ready to help. Well done Layla B</p> | <p>Elliott For persevering in all your lessons this week. Particularly focusing on your spelling across all your lessons. Well done Elliott!</p> | <p>Clayne For always trying his best. He never gives up and tackles everything with a smile and a positive attitude. He is a fantastic example in JBB. Well done Clayne.</p> | <p>Maisie For her outstanding work in maths this week. She has mastered the formal method for multiplying large numbers!! Well done Maisie.</p> |
| Star Writer | <p>Poppy For writing beautiful full sentences, whilst remembering finger spaces. You have really wowed Miss B this week by adding an extra part to your sentence at the end. Brilliant work Poppy!</p> | <p>Zachary For really applying his phonics knowledge and skills to his writing this week. He always makes sure his handwriting is the best it can be and takes time over his presentation. Keep it up Zachary!</p> | <p>Violet For always making a wonderful effort with her presentation. She has a keen eye for detail which helps her to make sure her presentation is of the highest standard. Well done Violet.</p> | <p>Theo For working so hard during your independent writing this week. You wrote a lovely story about your new puppy and worked well using the chrome book to write it.</p> | <p>Bethany For writing a wonderfully descriptive retelling of Romulus and Remus. You used the chrome book to make it look beautiful as well. Well done Bethany!</p> | <p>Andrew For his very detailed information about the layers of the rainforest. He has included subheadings and details about the animals that live in each layer. Well done Andrew.</p> | <p>Reggie For his excellent research on a country with a rainforest. He found out about the population, climate and rivers of Brazil. Well done Reggie.</p> |

