



## William Penn Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Half Term and INSET Day

As we enter the last week of this half term we would like to wish you a pleasant half term break. Please be reminded that the school will be closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### Parents' Consultations and Book Fair

Please be reminded that this term Parents' Consultations will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February between 3.15pm and 6pm and appointments will last for 10 minutes. There will be no clubs on these evenings. Children's work will be available to view and the book fair will be in operation in the school hall.



### PTA Clothing Collection

The next Bags of Support clothing collection will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. We will be sending home bags for use prior to this date but please remember that you can use any plastic bag. We can also store ahead of time if this helps. The collection will raise money for the school whilst supplying clothes for a charity to distribute to orphanages. The charity would be grateful for: clothes, belts, bags, shoes (tied in pairs), soft toys and bedding (sheets, blankets but not duvets or pillows). Everything needs to be good, clean and in reusable condition. Please do not include items of general bric a brac or wet clothes.

### Head Lice/Signposting to Resources

We would like to thank all our families who regularly check hair for head lice as this makes a real difference to containing an outbreak. The children here are very used to hearing that 'Friday night is nit night' as a reminder to ask an adult to check hair, and if needs be treat promptly, on a weekly basis.

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11 years. It's difficult to know exactly how common head lice are because the problem is often treated at home, with people only visiting their GP if treatment is unsuccessful. However, it's thought that up to one in three children in the UK may get head lice at some point during the year.

As you know head lice can be effectively treated with medicated lotions or by wet combing using a specially designed head lice comb, and treatment is the responsibility of the parents or carers. The local authority would like to highlight that parents and carers can use the NHS choices web site, where advice on detection and treatment can be found at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx>

### Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Toby Lutman who has gained the Chief Scout's Bronze Award at Beavers. Well done. 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](mailto:office@williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk)

