

William Penn Newsletter 14th December 2018

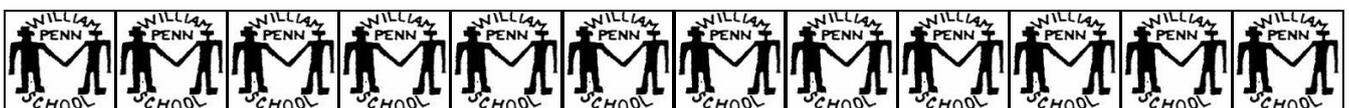
Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

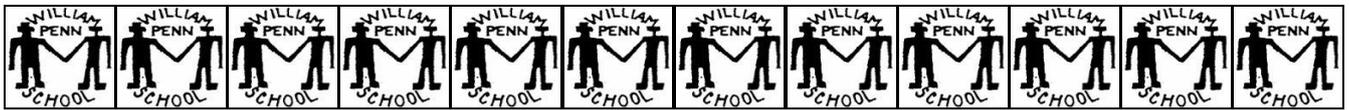
Everyone at William Penn would like to pass on their best wishes to you for Christmas and for the New Year. We hope that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming you back on 3rd January 2019.

Continued Academic Success at William Penn

At William Penn we care deeply for our pupils in a 'whole person' sense, meaning that we want the best for all children socially and academically. At this time of year, the spotlight falls on the academic achievement of our pupils achieved through their hard work and that of their teachers and teaching assistants and the school governors with the support of parents. Once again this year, the school reported results are impressive. Please see the highlights below based on 283 primary schools in West Sussex at the end of Key Stage 2:

- Percentage of pupils attaining the higher than expected standard (greater depth) in Mathematics
= 1st in West Sussex
- Percentage of pupils attaining the higher than expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined
= 2nd in West Sussex
- Percentage of pupils attaining the higher than expected standard in Reading
= 8th in West Sussex
- Percentage of pupils attaining the higher than expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
= 10th in West Sussex
- Percentage of pupils attaining the higher than expected standard in Writing
= 17th in West Sussex
- Average score of pupils in Reading
= 2nd in West Sussex
- Average score of pupils in Writing
= Top 10% of schools in West Sussex
- Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
= Top 14% of schools in West Sussex
- Pupil Progress in Reading
= Top 3% in West Sussex
= Top 10% nationally
= Top 10% nationally 3 year trend





William Penn School – Quaker Recognised Body

As you know, William Penn School is unique in being the only primary school in the UK to be set up with a Quaker foundation in this way. Our Quaker Values – friendship, peace, simplicity, reflection, integrity and equality underpin the way that the school works.

We are very pleased that William Penn Primary School has been included as a Quaker Recognised Body and the entry can be viewed on the following website: <http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/quaker-groups>

Ancient Ancestors Museum Held in School



On Wednesday, Fry Class held a museum showcasing all their learning about ancient Britain, from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Imogen, year 4, writes - At this exciting event, there were stands such as Iron Age torcs, a replica Iron Age hill fort, cave paintings, weaving, book mark making, bread tasting and even the chance to watch a Newsround report, presented by the children. The children all had their own roles in the museum either as stewards or as experts on each stand.

Sebby, a year 3 pupil said, "I worked on the book marking stand. I enjoyed it because it was the most popular stand. We always had a big queue of people wanting to make book marks."

Emma explained, "I loved my job as the hill fort guide because people asked lots of questions and were really interested in our answers."

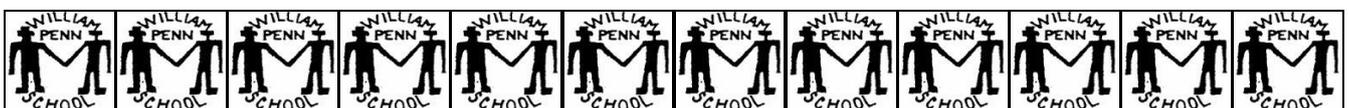
Peyton-Marie, a year 4 pupil, said, "I enjoyed my dad leaving work early to come and see our work."

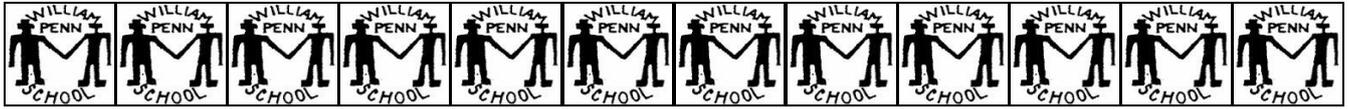
The parents and teachers were impressed by the range of work on display and the knowledge of the pupils in Fry Class. Mrs Martin, a parent of a year 4 pupil, said, "I think the museum was really fantastic. The children really engaged with the topic and understood how people lived then."

Joe, a year 4 pupil said, "I really enjoyed teaching children how to use the celtic alphabet. But most of all I liked how we made everyone feel so happy and welcome."

The museum was a great success and it

enabled Fry to show the wide breadth of knowledge they had acquired about their ancient ancestors.





William Penn Christmas Carol Service – 17th December at Christ's Hospital Reminder

Our carol service is fast approaching; taking place on Monday 17th December at 6pm at Christ's Hospital School Chapel. Please remember that we would like to welcome you and your relatives as we will have ample seating and parking space.

On the morning of December 17th we would ask you to bring your children to the chapel between 8.45am and 9am for a rehearsal. We have arranged transportation back to school in time for lunch and school will finish at the normal time at 3.15pm. In the evening, we will be ready to receive the children at 5.40pm but no earlier. Please ensure that children have been to the lavatory before they leave home in the morning and the evening as facilities are not easily available at the chapel. The service will begin at 6pm and should be finished by 7pm. Children who have been given costumes **will not need to wear** them for the rehearsal but should come dressed in costumes in the evening. We would ask that costumes are returned promptly by Wednesday 19th December, washed and dried ready for use next year.

We have decided not to ticket the event or charge for entrance. We do, however, have to hire the chapel and hope that you will consider making a donation towards these costs on the evening. Thank you

Christmas Party Lunch Reminder

Tuesday 18th December is our Christmas Party Lunch. For KS1 sandwiches through Chartwells will be provided. KS2 hot meals should not be ordered for this day and alternative arrangements/party food should be provided. For both KS1 and KS2 children are invited to bring food contributions towards a party lunch. Lists for parents to sign up against contributions will be available at the school gate from Monday 10th December. This will guarantee that a sufficient range of food is covered. We will provide fruit squash. We would remind that we are a nut free school. Should you have any queries, please contact the School Office. **Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers/non-uniform on this day.**

Safeguarding Update

Please be reminded that all visitors to classrooms must come through the front office. This is an essential part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Dylan F who has passed his next level of Kung Fu, achieving his dark blue belt. Also, Faith B has passed her piano prep test. Well done to you both.

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

