



William Penn Newsletter 6th December 2019

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone that helped to put on the Christmas Fayre last week and also to everyone that attended. We would particularly like to thank Father Christmas for joining us. Mrs Ritchie has calculated the totals and the profit reached £915, which is fantastic. In addition the profit from the Christmas cards was £118.70 and £270 has been received from Terracycle as a result of recycling efforts. The PTA has therefore been able to forward a cheque for £1300 to the school. This will be spent in line with PTA spending criteria and publicised accordingly. Thank you again to everyone for supporting the school.

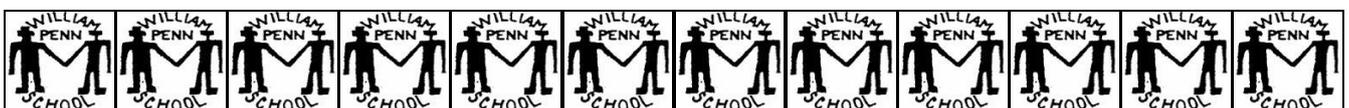
Christmas Event Reminders

Please see below information regarding events over the next 2 weeks.

- Thursday 12th December 2019 - Christmas Jumper Day. Voluntary contribution towards Save the Children.
- Friday 13th December 2019 – Chartwell's Christmas Lunch. Children may wish to wear their Christmas jumpers for this event.
- Monday 16th December 2019 - Christmas Disco. Tickets available for purchase from the school office prior to the event and cost £2 (to include a drink and a snack). Entry and exit for Key Stage 1 is through Cadbury and for Key Stage 2 through Fox.
- Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Nativity at Christ's Hospital.
Our Carol Service is fast approaching; taking place on Wednesday 18th 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 18th 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 Friday 20th 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
- Thursday 19th December 2019 - Christmas Party Lunch. Children are invited to bring in contributions towards this lunch. Lists will be held in the school office for parents to sign up to their food choices (to avoid duplications). The Chartwell's booking service is closed for William Penn on this day.
- Friday 20th December 2019 - Last Day of Term. Children may wish to wear their Christmas jumpers.



Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.





JBB Visit Newhaven Fort

Phoebe, Year 6 writes:

On Monday 2nd December, JBB class, from William Penn Primary School, paid a visit to Newhaven Fort. It was an hour journey until they arrived, and the children were eager to get started. To begin, JBB class were lead to a room where there was a presentation all about Newhaven Fort during World War II. "We also had to identify who all the artefacts on each table belonged to. There was a Women's Land Army, air-raid wardens and a families table," Sophia, Year 6 explained.

After the introduction the Year 5 and 6 children excitedly strolled into an air-raid simulator and experienced what it would be like waiting for the all clear siren. "Suddenly the lights started to flicker on and off and then we heard bombs outside. It was really terrifying," Imogen, Year 5 stated.

Soon enough, it was time for JBB to eat their World War II packed lunches. These included: A spam/jam sandwich, carrots, a hard-boiled egg and an apple. When they had finished, everyone was allowed to go on the playground, whilst others were still eating. "The zip wire was really cool. I went on it 3 times!" Jessica, Year 6, explained.

After lunch, everyone was split off into groups of 4. They all went to different rooms and explored the site. One group started with Dieppe and D-day and others went on the machine guns. For Seraphina, Year 6, her favourite part was when, "We went into the shell storages. I also enjoyed going down the narrow passages and 74 steps of the caponier."

JBB discovered so many new facts about World War II. They also found out where the soldiers were positioned and who actually built Newhaven Fort. The whole day was a fantastic experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 6 Christmas Card Post box

The Year 6 pupils are planning to create a post box for Christmas cards. The box will be in the school hall and children will be told when it is ready to welcome their cards for delivery later in the day.

Safeguarding Update

Please be reminded to park carefully and considerately when picking up and dropping off your child. This has a definite benefit for the safety of your child and other children too.



Whilst we are aware that some parents have arrangements with school neighbours to park on driveways. Please be reminded, however that if no such arrangement is in place, neighbours will require access to their driveways at all times. We do like to keep on good terms with people in the school locality and your help with this would be much appreciated.

Pupil Achievements

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

