

William Penn Newsletter 26th February 2018

Staff News

Sadly we must say goodbye at the end of the this term to Mrs Carver who has been a teaching assistant at William Penn for almost 26 years. We send Mrs Carver our best wishes for her retirement. If you would like to contribute to Mrs Carver's retirement gift, Mrs Jackson is organising the collection.

Mr Phillips has been with us for a couple of years now, firstly as a teaching assistant and more recently as a trainee teacher. We have very much enjoyed having Mr Phillips in school and will miss him as he continues his training in a contrasting school setting.

Snow Procedures

Given the weather forecast, please be reminded of our procedures in case of snow.

Our aim is to keep the school open but in doing so we must ensure everyone is safe. In order to remain open, our pupils and staff need to be able to travel to school safely. This can depend on weather conditions across a wide area on account of where people live.

If we do need to close we will put a message on our school website. We will also aim to email parents. We will inform West Sussex County Council (website) and local radio station (BBC Sussex).

If we need to close we aim to make an early decision. If we have snow overnight this might be as early as 6.00am so please be ready to check emails and the school website early in the morning. Where possible, please do not telephone the school office before checking the sources mentioned above as we may need to keep the lines open.

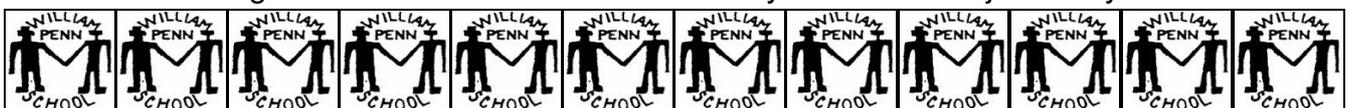


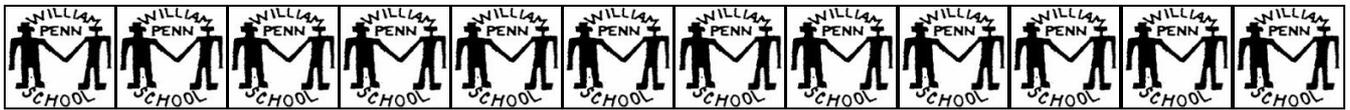
World Book Day 1st March 2018 - Reminder

We are celebrating World Book Day on the 1st March 2018. The Magazine Club will be organising World Book Day this year and there will be fun activities including a KS1 and KS2 costume competition! You can dress up as a book character of your choice (or come to school in non-uniform). We would like you to donate £1 to support the charity www.bookaid.org.

Open Day – Wednesday 7th March

This term's Open Day, an informal opportunity for parents/friends and visitors to visit the school, will take place on Wednesday 7th March. You are warmly invited to join us in school at a time of your choice and for as long or short a time as is convenient to you. We would just ask you to be mindful





that the teachers will be teaching and unable to discuss your child's progress with you on this day. If you find that a lot of parents are in one class, it would be appreciated if you could spread your attendance out so that the children can carry on with their learning with minimal disruption. Having said this, we are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the 7th. Please enter the school via the front office and ensure that the gate is closed when entering or leaving the site. If you have time, we would welcome your comments in our Visitors' Book which is available in the office.

Safeguarding Update - NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online

We would like to remind you about Net Aware. This has been created by the NSPCC and is a really fast and useful way for parents to check out specific sites their children may be using. You can then read advice such as age recommendations, privacy and content info for that site.

The purpose of [the guide](#) is to provide parents with the information they need to understand their child's online world and help them [keep their children safe online](#). The NSPCC are encouraging parents to explore what other parents and children are saying about the sites, and form their own views about the appropriateness of popular sites.



This is the URL to use it: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Lukas Basso-Pearson who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 4 and Luana Basso -Pearson who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award Level 2. 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

