

William Penn Newsletter April 20th 2020

A New Term

Welcome to the Summer Term everyone although a very strange start it is. Everyone at William Penn has been thinking about how you all are and hoping everyone is well, having had some sort of Easter break. Now that term has started again there is access to more online learning in the same format as last term. We hope that more news on this will follow as further resources become available and we investigate new ways of helping our children to work at home.

Whilst William Penn staff have been working hard to plan and upload online learning, continue with administrative work, supervising pupils of key workers at Billingshurst Primary and planning for our eventual return to school; we have heard about how children are missing their teachers and wondering how they are. Some of teachers have sent messages below ...and hopefully more will follow. Also below is a link to an excellent video of some of the staff learning new skills whilst in lock down. They have certainly been using a 'Growth Mindset' and proving that we are all learners every day, whatever age we are!

http://www.william penn.co.uk/website/teachers_try_home_schooling/473254

I have set up a makeshift office in my dining room and have at least as many office admin tasks as before, although with possibly less in the way of interruptions (often welcome respite from paperwork whilst at school). I did, however find the time to read a little over Easter (in Mrs Kear's hammock)!
Mr Kear

Hello Everyone,

I hope you've been having fun outside and enjoyed your latest week at home. We have been having lots of fun in my house... doing lots of Lego (there

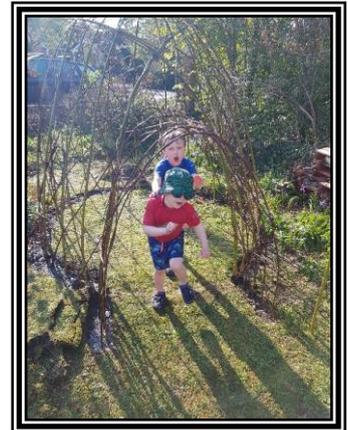
always seems to be pieces missing!), playing swingball and going for cycle rides. I have been helping my boys with their learning and we have been doing a different art activity each day.

Fry class will be very pleased to hear that I have been practising my drawing with Rob Biddulph and you can see my attempt at 'Eugene the Owl'.

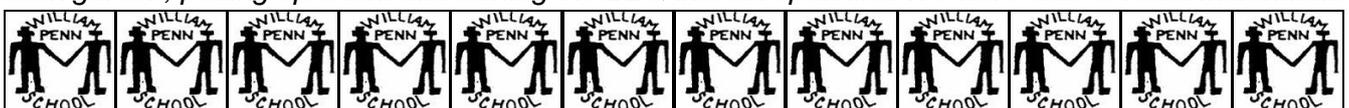
My favourite family activity so far has been building our willow den. When it grows it will

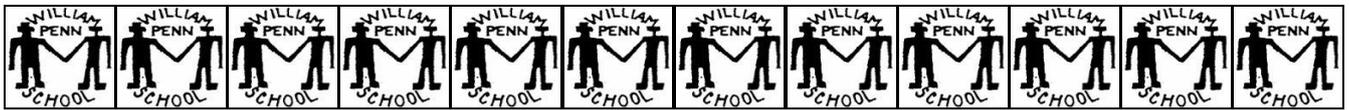
be a secret garden hideaway. I hope you have been enjoying lots of family time too.

Missing you all lots. Stay safe and be good for your new 'teachers' at home. Love Mrs Sillett



In the Constable household, the Easter holiday has been a strange couple of weeks. Thank goodness for the glorious weather! We were meant to be staying in this beautiful house, on the beach front in Whitstable with my parents... This was not to be. Instead we set up a Quarantine Campsite in the back garden, putting up a tent and turning the BBQ into an open fire. We were able to roast marshmallows





and tell stories around the campfire. The great thing about camping at home was that Purdy, our cat, could come too!

We also decided to have a "Come Dine With Me" experience where everyone had to cook a meal and then score each other. This provided lots of entertainment away from screens. My husband does the majority of the cooking in our house, so this task felt quite daunting. My meal was Mexican themed and got a resounding thumbs up.

I hope you've all been enjoying the sunshine too and good luck with the home schooling.

Mrs Constable



Hi all,

I really hope you all had a fun Easter with your family.

I have been busy at home with my children doing lots of activities, lots of learning and lots of eating! My son has managed to get the whole family into Lego which is great. We find it one of our more calming and peaceful activities! We also seem to spend the majority of our time making garden potions, something I loved to do when I was a little girl.

During the week, we try to start our day with Joe Wicks PE session, as I am sure many of you do too. Although, I must admit, I am usually the first to sit down with my tea and biscuits! We also love to watch Maddie Moate's - Let's go Live at 11am on YouTube, if you haven't seen it yet I really recommend it.

*Hope you are all keeping in touch with each other, really missing you all and can't wait to see your smiley faces soon! ☺
Mrs Peters.*

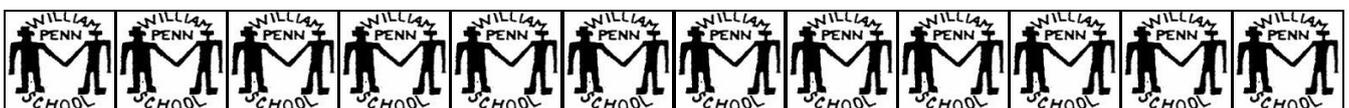
Home Learning - Uploading Children's Work

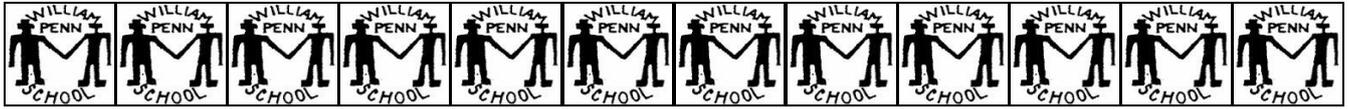
Children's Home Learning is once again available on the William Penn website using the link below:

<http://www.william penn.co.uk/website - online learning resources>

To celebrate the amazing home learning that is taking place, we would like children to submit a maximum of 2 pieces of work each week, that are to be displayed in their year groups folder in the Online Learning section of the William Penn website. During the first week of term, the folder for this work will be called Children's Work 20.4.20 and will be found within each year group folder. Every week, a new folder will be created so that more work can be added without it becoming unwieldy. This will not only motivate the children to produce high quality work, but also inspire them, as they will be able to enjoy looking at each other's creations.

<http://www.william penn.co.uk/website/online learning resources/458500>





If work has been completed in an exercise book or on paper, a photograph can be taken on a mobile phone and then sent to the office by email. If a video or PowerPoint has been made by the child, this can also be attached to an email and sent to the office. The office email is office@williampenn.co.uk

To ensure that the child's work is forwarded to the correct teacher, please include the class name followed by the child's name in the subject bar of the email.
Thank you for your continuing support.

Children in Employment – A message from West Sussex County Council

Previously it was our advice that all West Sussex County Council Child Employment Licences were suspended based on advice from the Department for Education. However, we and the Department for Education have since been approached by newspaper distributors with a request to review the decision for those delivering newspapers. They drew attention to the value of newspaper delivery as a 'key activity' – referring to the benefits to the community, especially the vulnerable and isolated, of receiving daily newspapers and the removal of risk from having to travel to obtain a newspaper where delivery through other means is not available.

The County Council has therefore given this due consideration and has partially lifted the suspension for those undertaking this activity. We have written to those employers we have recorded as being in receipt of a Child Employment Licence for a specified child in the last three years. We have advised that they must reconsider the risk assessment for this activity and any potential exposure to the disease, which pays attention to all of the government's social distancing and hygiene measures. However, you will need to satisfy yourselves that the risk assessment put in place by your child's employer fully reflects the current situation and protects your child from harm or potential harm.

You will also need to pay attention to your own unique family circumstances and whether the daily activity of your child's work will place your family at any greater risk, for example should there be a family member who is shielded or perhaps particularly vulnerable to the disease.

We will continue to follow government guidance and keep the situation under constant review.

Should you have any queries in regard to this, please contact the Child Employment Team by emailing: CYPSCChildEmploymentEntertainmentTeam@westsussex.gov.uk

Safeguarding Update from Mrs Sillett (with resources accompanying newsletter)

Dear Parents

I hope you had a very happy Easter and have settled in to a very different time at home.

Every child and family will face different daily challenges during this time and I have attached some resources that you may find helpful.

- Anxiety Workbook for Children

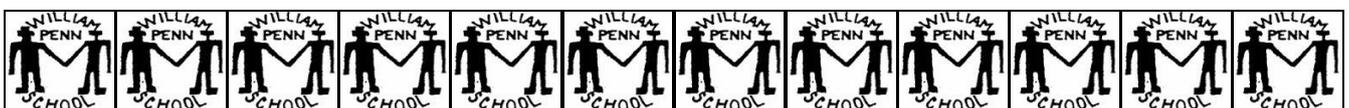
This workbook tells the story of Mighty Moe who is struggling with his feelings. There is a story about Moe and then a number of resources at the end of the pack. It should be approached together and there are instructions at the front. It may be helpful to use the whole pack or dip-in when you feel there is a relevant issue.

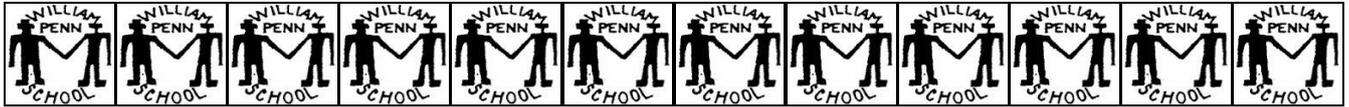
- EPS Tips for Families

This document is from West Sussex and contains a number of links to supporting websites and organisations.

- Pandemics and the Coronavirus

A short story about the coronavirus, aiming to explain the current situation to children.





- SW Region Mental Health and Wellbeing resources

This document has been sent on from the West Sussex Learning and Behaviour Team. It is a very detailed resource that provides links to a wide range of resources. The resources have been organised by age and there is also a section for parents and school staff.

- Beacon House Resources

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/covid-19-support-resources/>

Resources for children and adults.

- Reaching Families

<https://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/>

Reaching Families continue to update their website with a wide range of resources, for example on managing challenging behaviour.

- Learning Resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

A helpful list of online learning resources organised by curriculum area. There are specific sections on wellbeing and SEND.

- School Nursing Team

A ChatHealth messaging service. The details for this service have already been sent to yourselves.

I hope you find some of these resources helpful. If you need signposting to a specific resource or need additional support, please contact the school office.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in school very soon. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Rachel Sillett SENCo

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

