



March 5th 2021

Welcome Back!

Whilst some pupils have been in school throughout the lockdown period, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back the entire school population on Monday morning. We realise that it will take a few days for us all to get back in to routine, especially with timing of journeys to school etc. However, we have the benefit of past experience this time. We know that in a few days, routines will settle and a familiar family routine will emerge.

Please remember that we are here to help during this transition time and beyond. You are welcome to email the office on office@williampenn.co.uk or telephone if there are any issues that arise. Similarly,

class teachers will be able to deal with questions relating to work in class etc. Please remember, however, that the teachers will have much less flexibility with time to read and respond to emails that we have all become used to in the last few weeks. **It remains essential that the office email is copied in on all communication so that we can make sure that essential communication is not missed.**

INSET Days

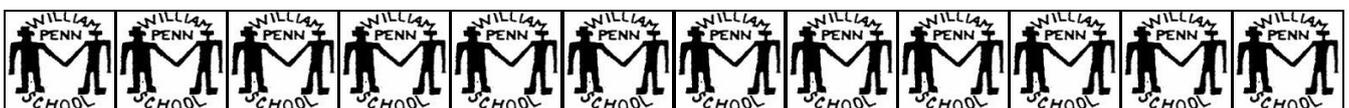
As you will know, we were unable to hold our scheduled INSET days this term. These days are statutory and do need to take place this academic year.

We have considered the timings of these days carefully as they are really important to the professional development of staff, so need to be accessible to as many members of staff as possible. However, we are mindful that parents often find it more convenient if INSET days are as near to a weekend as possible and that they have as much time as possible to make arrangements. Added to this of course, we are conscious of the time that many children have been away from school and our aim is to have as much face to face teaching time as possible in the Summer Term.

The new dates are, Monday July 19th and Friday July 23rd 2021. Both of these dates are in the last week of the Summer Term, which will hopefully minimise disruption to learning. The school will be closed to all pupils on these two dates.

Red Nose Day: Funny is Power - Friday 19th March Reminder

Children at William Penn would like to celebrate Red Nose Day. This year, more than ever, we would like the day to be full of fun and laughter and our focus will be on the 'Power of laughter!'





It is so important that we find times in the day to raise smiles and have a laugh so this will be our 'Superpower' on Red Nose Day. We will be playing quizzes throughout the day that the children have made up and they will have opportunities to tell jokes they love.

All donations on the day, no matter how small, will make a huge difference to Comic Relief. Comic Relief is a charity that continues to make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world.

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

Access to School Site and School Office

- We ask that children are brought to school by **one** adult, wearing a face mask.
- Parents are asked to queue 2 metres apart before entering the school via the pedestrian gate and following the directional loop around the playground.
- No parents are allowed on site further than the double gates between the playground and the carpark.
- Parents and pupils will enter via the pedestrian gate and leave via the main double gates.
- Whilst we appreciate that parents may wish to self-distance and 'catch up', we ask that they leave the area promptly to allow for the safe arrival of subsequent families.
- School office access will be via email or telephone but there will be no entrance to the school building for any reason.
- Access to and from classrooms will be via external doors only (except in an emergency).
- There are no bag storage facilities available in the school office. School bags can be brought in to school with personal belongings being kept to a minimum.
- Children should each bring a filled pencil case to school, which will remain in school.
- **Parents are asked to update any safeguarding/medical information (including checking that medication held in school is in date) and inform of any developments that may not be known to the school.**

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

