



William Penn Newsletter June 5th 2020

Update on Partial Reopening

The pupils and parents, as well as the school staff all deserve a massive thank you for the way that they have approached the partial reopening of the school this week. Our three 'bubbles' have maintained their independence and the safety recommendations have been followed.

Whilst this has been the case, we are aware of further challenges on the horizon, especially those dealing with increasing the capacity of the school to open further (although no such directive has been received at the time of publication). At the moment, we are able to accommodate the existing number of pupils in Years R, 1 and 6 and our key workers. However, should numbers rise significantly, we will look at alternatives such as capping numbers in attendance, operating a booking system or putting attendance rotas in place. These are just some of the mechanisms being used in our neighbouring schools. We will, of course, keep you fully up to date and give as much notice as possible of any changes. The safety of pupils, parents and staff will remain the clear priority.

Friends Club Changes for September

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at how well the Friends Club has worked over the first two terms and how it could be better. Overall, we have been very happy with the amount of interest in the provision and pleased that it has helped so many of our parents, whether catering for their working lives or other appointments; or because pupils have enjoyed the activities on offer and spending social time with their friends. We have also listened to feedback from parents and pupils during this time and tried to incorporate these views in to the ongoing provision. Furthermore, in line with the terms and conditions, the financial viability has been looked at, as the provision is not and subsidised by the general school budget.

Taking all these considerations in to account we have reviewed and amended the terms and conditions and these and included a link to this and the booking form here.

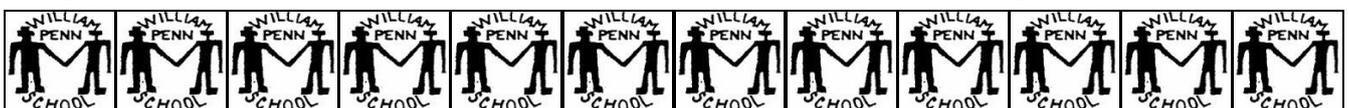
http://www.williampenn.co.uk/site/friends_club_-_before_and_after_school_provision/486648



You will note some changes to the structure, in terms of hours and prices, amongst these amendments, as well as a greater and more regular range of activities on offer. We hope that these changes will enable the Friends Club to continue to go from strength to strength, offering value for money wrap around care and good fun!

School Website Photo Update – please share this information with the pupils.

The front page of the school website has a slideshow of photographs showing some of the things that children do during typical days at William Penn. As we know, our current days are anything but typical and we would





like to reflect this in our picture gallery. We would like you to send pictures of your children doing work or demonstrating life skills – practical or on paper – that they are proud of. If these are sent to the school office, Mrs Stephenson will forward to Mr Kear, who will upload them and, technology permitting, add a comment to the pupil. First names only will be used in this case. Please include the name of the pupil, focus of the work and year group and use 'Website Gallery' as the email subject.

Home Learning

Character description

Jorfenhel is an amazing creature. He is the 4th child of Loki and the giantess Angrboda. He is part wolf, part horse and part eagle. He has piercing bright blue eyes that can hypnotise you which mean you could fall under his spell so he can get you to do whatever he wants you to do. He has teeth as sharp as daggers that can tear and rip through anything, a very good snout with amazing sense of smell and his hearing is incredible. He can hear a coin drop from 10 miles away. He has got enormous wings that are incredibly powerful. When he's angry he could send you flying miles away with just one flap of his wings. His long legs enable him to run as fast as a cheetah. He is vey hairy and has a multicoloured mane.

Jorfenhel is an evil and malicious creature, no one is more evil than him. He would happily kill humans, dwarves, gods and goddesses. He is a real trickster just like his father and doesn't care about anyone except himself. He is especially cruel to his parents which is very unusual. He is really arrogant, he does what he wants when he wants and is so crafty the gods and goddesses have to be very cautious. He is also fiercely independent.



Please remember that Home Learning is available on the school website. This provision mirrors that being received by pupils in school. To make accessing the work as easy as possible, the teachers are reorganising some folders within the areas for each year group. Planning and Children's Work should be located in order from newest to oldest. Some older planning and work will not be visible to those logging in at home, typically after about four weeks, so that locating current work is more straightforward.

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

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

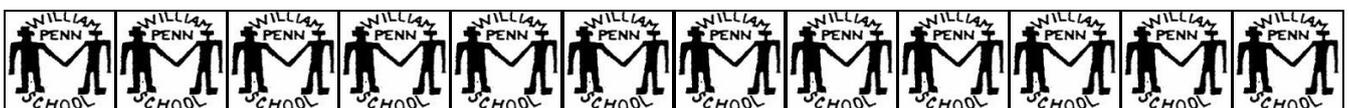
Please return children's work to the class teachers via the office email: office@william penn.co.uk

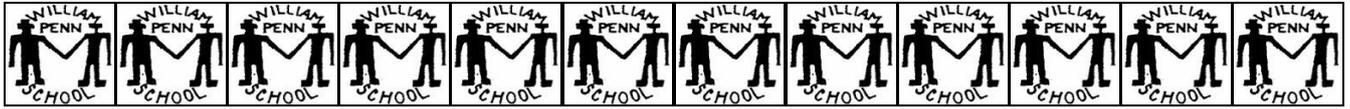
To ensure that the child's work is forwarded to the correct teacher, please include the class name followed by the child's name in the subject bar of the email.

The work featured this week was done by Ava D in Year R and William F in Year 6. We love seeing your fantastic work – thank you for sending it in.

Government Advice for Parents Updated

The existing document [What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#), has been updated to include current, "guidance on the curriculum, afterschool activities, repeating a year for pupils, transport and keeping children safe online. We have also amended information on if its compulsory to send pupils to educational settings and education for children at home. It also includes updated information for parents of children with special education needs." GOV.UK





Staff News

In addition to welcoming our new caretaker Robert Parker, Chloe Norgate has joined the staff as our new cleaner. We are pleased that Chloe has joined us at a time when cleaning the school is more important than ever. Chloe will be in school after the end of the school day so that she is not in contact with the teaching staff or teaching assistants, thus preserving the integrity of our separate 'bubbles'.

Safeguarding Update

With pupils back in school this week we have undertaken both fire and lockdown drills so that pupils and staff have practised either efficient evacuation or sealing of the building. Usual procedures had been revised as part of the risk assessment process prior to the school opening to reflect the need for some procedural changes such as separate assembly points

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

