



William Penn Newsletter October 16th 2020

Harvest Assembly

Thank you for the donations received for Kids for Kids (more information below). Your generosity will be much appreciated.

Please join us in watching our Harvest Assembly online. We will be watching in school at about 2.30pm. If you can't watch at the same time, please don't worry – the assembly has been recorded so that you can watch at the same time, or with your children and also include friends and relatives by sharing the link (which will be live from this afternoon).



https://williampenn.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/515019



Harvest and Kids for Kids - Raising money for Kids for kids

By Sakina and Imogen (Year 6)

Kids for kids is a charity our school has supported for many years. It's an organisation that helps children in Darfur, Sudan. Many of the villages of Darfur have no water source, meaning that young children have to walk many miles each day to be able to reach some.

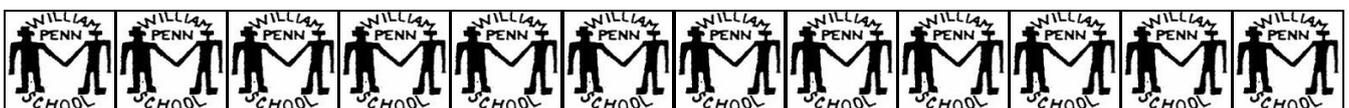
Families cannot afford to feed their children which means thousands of people go hungry. Kids for kids teach people to look after animals (goats) which enables them to wake up to milk every day.

This year William Penn are supporting Kids for kids as it is raising money to give soap to villagers desperately in need of it, in their battle against Covid. £20 will provide 5 bars of soap, illustrated instruction leaflets and transportation to the village for 10 families.

On Friday 16th October at 2:30pm, watch our online Harvest Assembly. The School Council will explain more about the work this amazing organization does. The assembly will also feature songs and poems from every class. Please visit the website www.williampenn.co.uk.

Fun Clean Up and Create a Bright New Future Eco Art

We would like you to know about a half term holiday Eco competition run by the South Downs National Park and The Botini Trust. Enter this competition will give the opportunity to win 1 of 16 £150 prizes and free art therapy. The deadline for the Eco artwork is 30th October. Watch the following video to find out how to enter the competition https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJ5AIY0tiPk&feature=emb_logo or visit the website for more details <https://www.southdownstrust.org.uk/clean-up/>





Are You Eligible for Free School Meals Reminder

Please consider whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Obviously the purpose of this fund is to provide meals for pupils. However, non identifying data is also used to allocate additional funding to the school and eligible **parents should register whether their children receive a meal because they are in Key Stage 1 or not.**

West Sussex County Council has an application form for parents to check Free School Meal Eligibility. In order to make this process easier the County Council has updated the Free School Meals page on the West Sussex County Council website and revised the application form that enables the council to check parents' eligibility for free school meals.

Here is the link to the website and the revised application form:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

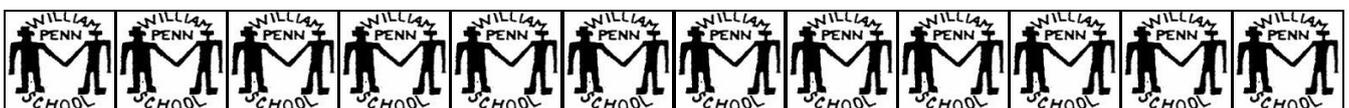
Message from West Sussex Parent Forum

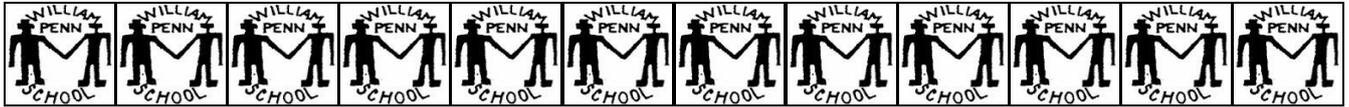
Good Afternoon,

I am one of four Participation Officers who cover the county for West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) and am looking to improve the engagement and participation of parent carers in the North of the county.

WSPCF is a community of parent carers with children and young people who have SEND. Together, we work in partnership with the Local Authority to help shape and improve the range of services in education, health and social care for families in West Sussex.

Covid has made life difficult for many of us, with many parents feeling isolated. It is also changing the way we work, with far more emphasis now being placed on virtual events via Zoom.





I am writing to draw your attention to 2 upcoming virtual events.

- **Wednesday 21st October** 10.30am & 7.30pm.
Meet the Team
A chance to find out who we are, what we do and how we can support you
- **10th November** 10.30am
Talking Heads - Robert Hayes, WSCC Benefits Adviser will be discussing Universal Credit and Tax Credits.
Available to answer your questions and help direct you with a range of benefit topics

Parents can access the meeting codes by joining our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/West-Sussex-Parent-Carer-Forum-357548895577/>.

They'll also find a host of additional information and support at our website -
www.wspcf.org.uk - or from the Local Offer - <https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>



Kind regards

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(please note I work part time and may not respond immediately)

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Free Webinar: Simple and Effective Multi-sensory Techniques Children Can Try at Home

The British Dyslexia Association is offering a free webinar on the 12th November:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events>

Susie will be presenting multi-sensory techniques based on her recent BBC Bitesize article on 'Five multi-sensory activities you can do with your child at home'. These will not only be centred around Early Years, but from key stages 1-5 across a variety of subjects.

Safeguarding Update – NSPCC Parents in Sport Week 2020

The NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit's (CPSU) annual campaign to raise awareness of the importance of parents' involvement in youth sport takes place this week (5-11 October 2020). The theme is 'Let's talk about keeping children safe in sport'. During the week the CPSU will be sharing guidance on the types of things sports clubs should have in place to keep children safe and how parents can get help with any concerns they might have.

Read the news story: [Parents in Sport Week 2020](#)

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

