



## William Penn Newsletter November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

### End of Day Pick Up – Change to Timings

We would like to pass on our thanks to the parent body for the safe and efficient way that pupils are being collected from the playground at the end of the day. The system is working smoothly now, and it is taking far less time to reunite pupils with the person collecting them. In fact, almost all our pupils are now being collected within a short time of the gates opening.

With this in mind, and with regard to our commitment to maintaining learning time in school, we will be reverting to our usual end of day pick up time of **3.15pm** for **all** pupils. This will take effect as of **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** as we appreciate that this might require some variation in routine for those coming to collect.

All other aspects of the pick-up arrangements will remain the same:

- **Maintain Social Distancing**
- **Enter through the pedestrian gate and leave through the car park gate**
- **Space out along the hedge behind the table tennis table so as to ease congestion at the gate area**
- **Only one person to collect each child**
- **Please don't linger, so that we can keep the collection pace going**
- **Remember to inform the school office if anyone new is collecting your child.**

Thank you

**Children in Need 2020** - Written by Imogen and Sakina



*We are writing to let you know that we are going to have a Pudsey Bear day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, to help raise money for Children in Need (CIN). We would like everyone to wear something spotty (as much or as little as you want) and in return to give a donation. All year groups will also be joining in with the Joes Wicks CIN Ultimate Feel Good Friday workout. Children in Need is a charity which helps children who are less fortunate than us. All donations, no matter how small, will make a difference to all the children's lives across the*

*country. Go to <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> to find out more about this amazing charity and the impact it is having on young lives.*

### Poppies for Sale in School

From tomorrow, we will have poppies available in school in the run up to Remembrance Weekend. These will be available within the bubbles and will be offered in return for a donation. This year we have the traditional red poppies as provided by the British Legion and the white peace poppies provided by the Peace Pledge Union. The white poppies recognise the school's Quaker origins and 'peace' being one of the core Quaker Values of the school. In order to cover costs, we must ask for a donation of 50p for the white poppies.

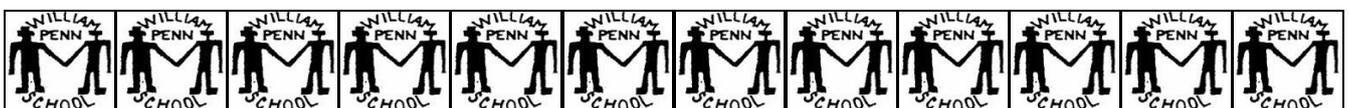
The Royal British Legion have also provided remembrance merchandise priced between 50p and £1.50 which will also be available for purchase within bubbles.

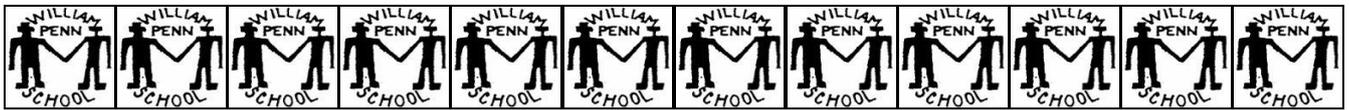
Zip pull – 50p

Poppy reflector – 50p

Wristband - £1.00

Snap band - £1.50





## Can You Help Our Pupils' Physical and Mental Well-Being? – We Are Fundraising for a Running Track

We are seeking funding, towards a total of approximately £15,000, to install an all-weather surface track around our school field (220m). We believe that this will have a positive impact on the school community, as it recovers from COVID 19.

The running track will provide exciting new opportunities for PE lessons and will help to instil in the children the notion of a healthy and active lifestyle. We very much value physical education and understand that physical health has wider implications for the community in general.

Not only will the running track contribute to physical wellbeing, but mental wellbeing as we recognise the positive impact exercise has on mental health. Importantly, exercise can provide opportunities for play and creativity. We believe play is a vehicle for teaching and learning and often integrate game play, role-play and drama into lessons. The running track will therefore provide an excellent space for active gameplay and expression.

The track will also transform the school's outdoor facilities by allowing the children to enjoy the outdoors, not just in the spring and summer months, but also the autumn and some winter months.

**So how can you help?** We have had some success by working with local charities to get the ball rolling in terms of funding. However, there is a long way to go and we are hoping that, as a parent body, you may have contacts that we don't have access to. For example, do you have a business or know someone in business that would be interested in sponsoring this venture? Do you have links to any further charities that might be able to help us? Please contact the school office, if you can offer any assistance or would like further information. **Please remember that no amount is too small in helping us to reach our target.**

### School Uniform Message from Broadbridges

We write to advise you that following the recent government announcement, we are having to close our stores with effect from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

We will however continue to manage our online store and we encourage parents who are needing to purchase any items during the 'lockdown' to visit us at [www.broadbridges.co.uk](http://www.broadbridges.co.uk) where you can order at your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns during this period we will be happy to help and would ask that you email [sales@broadbridges.co.uk](mailto:sales@broadbridges.co.uk). Please do not contact us by telephone as the shop numbers will not be monitored whilst the stores are closed.

With Kindest Regards  
Julie Green, Accounts Manager

### Chartwells Christmas Lunch at William Penn

Our Chartwells Christmas lunch this year is on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the poster for details of how to order if you have a child in Years 3-6. Children in Years R-2 will have a Christmas lunch provided.

### Safeguarding Update

Please see information about picking children up from school above.

### 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](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)

