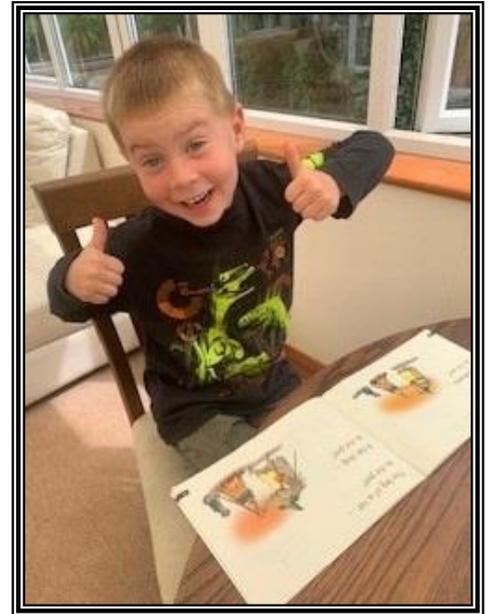




## William Penn Newsletter June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

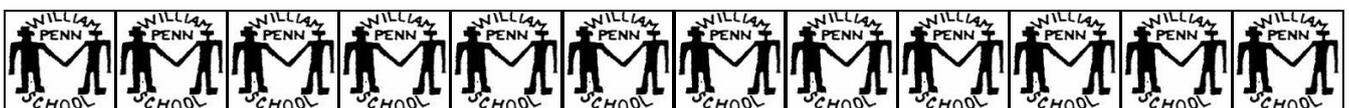
### Home Learning Reminder – Digital Provision and Emails from Teachers

We are aware that some parents have asked questions about digital provision of lessons for those children working at home. We recognised that schools have been able to provide a wide range of types of provision according to the resources that they previously had access to, or those that they have been able to develop at short notice. At William Penn, we have been investigating a range of options and it is likely, although not absolutely certain, that we will use the Google platform. We are aware that this is used by The Weald and it would seem a natural way to ease transition for our pupils. Having managed to secure training for the staff with the aim of rolling out safe, effective provision, this has now been delayed until the penultimate week of term. Unfortunately, this will not give us time to use this technology this side of the summer holidays. However, given the amount of work and time already put in to the project, the intention is to proceed and incorporate in to future provision. At this stage, we do not have a clear picture of what school will look like in September. We know that the government intend all children to be back in school, but as yet not how this will be facilitated, or indeed whether attendance will be full time for all pupils. We will, of course, update as soon as the picture becomes clearer.



In the meantime, and whilst we have many more children in school now, our teachers remain very conscious of those pupils not in school. With this in mind, they will be emailing parents with a message for pupils at home this week. This message will congratulate pupils on work that has been sent in and encourage and help pupils where there has been a barrier to sending work in. **From now on, and in a change of procedure, we would request that photographs of pupils' work are sent directly to the class teachers using the staff email addresses as per the message that you will receive from them.** Don't forget to use the name of the child and class in the subject line. You are in receipt of copies of the school Acceptable Use of ICT agreements which we would ask you to share with your child as part of this process and send back in to school completed and signed. In order to keep the use of this email exchange safe and manageable, we have established some ground rules below:

- **Staff will email a parental email address. Staff will not send a message to a child's personal email or accept any emails from a child's personal account.**
- **All urgent matters should continue to be directed via the office.**
- **Staff will be teaching in school so will not be able to respond straight away, should a response be appropriate. They will aim to email back at the end of the day or following day if in meetings etc. after school.**
- **If your child has more than one teacher, it may not be necessary to email both and any response is only likely to come from one of them.**
- **Emails will not be monitored outside of normal office hours, at weekends or on days when part time staff are not working.**
- **Emails will not replace the Home Contact Book/School Office, which will remain the prime means of efficient communication. There is simply not the capacity to deal with a large group of emails on a daily, routine basis.**
- **Staff e-mails are not an appropriate means of making a complaint and the existing channels remain the correct ones.**
- **The use of staff emails is subject to review**





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.williampenn.co.uk/website - online learning resources](http://www.williampenn.co.uk/website-online-learning-resources)

**In a change of procedure, please return children's work to the class teachers via their school email addresses (as per the email that you will receive – see above).**

The work featured this week was done by Clay in Year R and Imogen in Year 65. Clay is obviously enjoying his fantastic reading (and the hair is great – a match for Mr Kear thanks to his daughter). Imogen's bread looks so tasty too!



### **End of Term for All Pupils (Reminder) – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Further to an earlier communication regarding INSET days for this term, we can confirm that June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a 'normal' Monday with the school open to those pupils currently attending.

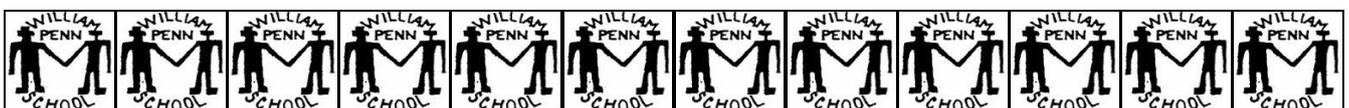
However, as INSET days are a contractual requirement and they are not transferable from one academic year to another, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 will now be an INSET day and the school will be closed to all pupils. The last day of the Summer Term for pupils at William Penn will, therefore, be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

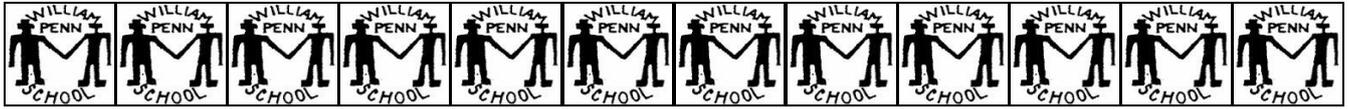
We have given the maximum notice available to us to notify you of this change, but appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience for which we apologise. Unfortunately, there is no precedent for this

situation.

### **My Child Is Now Back at School (Reminder) – Is Their Place Guaranteed Until the End of July?**

**Whilst the current numbers of children attending school remain manageable with the number of staff and rooms that we have available, we are aware that in some schools, numbers are rising. This is leading to difficult decisions being made about which pupils are offered or continue to be offered school places. Our understanding from the local authority is that should the numbers of vulnerable pupils or those of key workers rise, the procedure would be to close the Year 6 bubble, followed by the Year 1 bubble and Year R bubble in that order of priority. Whilst this is not being considered at the moment at William Penn, it is important to understand this procedure, should we need to put it in place.**





## Safeguarding Update

### Water Safety Update from West Sussex County Council



*We are already seeing an influx of beach goers in the past few weeks following the lifting of some restrictions. In a normal year the RNLI, alongside other water safety partners help thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water. Throughout the summer term, their local team of trained volunteers and lifeguards do their best to visit as many schools, colleges and youth groups in the region. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak they have not been able to engage with school communities as normal.*

*They have taken time over the last couple of months to carefully condense and design their resources which are aimed at primary and secondary school children, whilst also ensuring they are appropriate to be taught from home or through online classrooms. This can be done by a parent, guardian or teacher.*

- [Water Safety from Home Resources](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on keeping safe this Summer.
- [RNLI & MCA's Beach Safety Campaign](#) with parents, guardians and your wider network.
- Our [beach safety resources](#) are also available for download to use on social media and online.

## Hot Weather

Please remember to send your child to school with plenty of water to drink and apply sun cream at home if possible. Thank you

## 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)

