

February 5th 2021

Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health week, Isabelle has been expressing herself through art. She has made this beautiful and detailed picture of a bird, using pictures of other birds.

Mrs Sillett would love to put together some photographs for 'Children's Mental Health Week' to show how you 'Express Your Self'. We will be sending some of these photographs to the County Times, and they may be published. Please send your photos to office@williampenn.co.uk

Half-Term Break Reminder Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

The DfE has recently released guidance to the effect that schools will not remain open over February half term. Schools will not be expected to provide care for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers or provide and distribute meals for those eligible for a FSM (outside of the voucher scheme).

Please use this advanced notice, should you need to make alternative arrangements for that week. Thank you

Free School Meals Reminder

We are aware that the coronavirus pandemic may have changed financial circumstances for some families. This is a reminder that some pupils are entitled to free school meals. If you think your child might be eligible please fill in the form or contact us at school for further guidance. There is a link to the form below. If you would like help with applying please contact the school office (01403 741274).

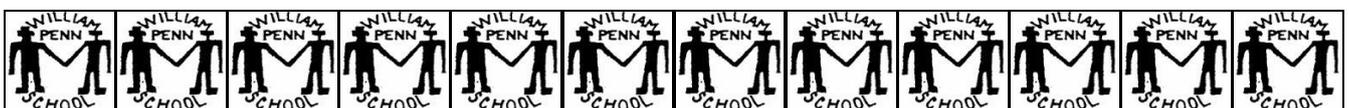
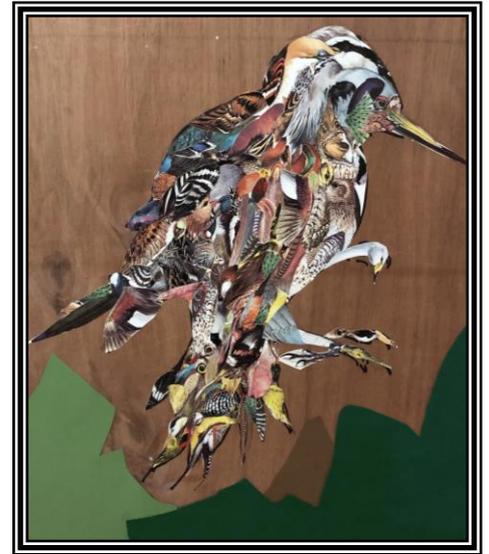
Children are eligible to receive free school meals (FSM) if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

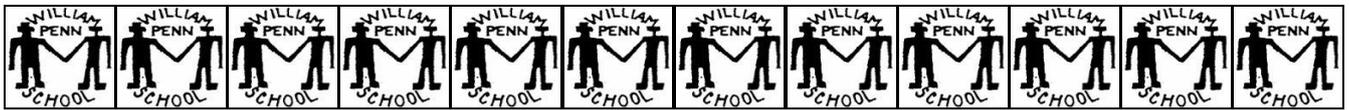
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

During lock down, vouchers are sent out to help with providing food while students are at home. You can apply for FSM directly online or we can help you by checking the form and sending it for you. If you would like assistance, please contact the school.

The government provides additional funding to schools based on the number of students who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Therefore by applying for FSM you also help secure extra funding for the school which enables us to provide extra support for a wider range of students.

It is important to apply for FSM even if your child receives a free meal as they are in Year R, 1 or 2, as the entitlement can bring assistance with other aspects of school provision such as school clubs and trips.





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

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update



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We are here to help you if you or anyone you know is struggling with domestic abuse.

If you are not sure whether it is domestic abuse, please call our friendly and trained staff, they are here to help.

Lockdown rules do not apply if you need to leave home because of domestic abuse, support services are still open and can help. If you are in immediate danger, please dial 999.

PLEASE SEEK HELP
Our helpline is available Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm call us on 01903 896202
Online Chat is available Monday to Friday 12.30pm to 2.30pm via our website www.safeinsussex.org

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

