

William Penn Newsletter 10th September 2021

Welcome to the Autumn Term

As we end the first full week of term, we would like to thank you for sending your children back ready for school. The children have impressed us with their ability to slot back in to the school routine and adjust to changes such as new teachers, classrooms, lack of 'bubbles' or even joining William Penn for the first time. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing a school filled with children enjoying their friends and their learning once again. Please enjoy the photograph of our new Reception Year.

School Lunches and Census Day

Special Theme Lunch Menu – Thursday 4th October

On Thursday 7th October our lunch provider will be delivering a lunch menu featuring some new dishes. We would respectfully ask that all children in Cadbury and Fox Classes (Year R,1,2) sample/have a hot meal on this day as the amount that the school pays for school lunches over time will be set according to take up on this day. A low take up will cost the school a great deal of money which we cannot then spend on resources and children's learning. Key Stage 2 pupils are very welcome to order the meal in the usual way. Each child will be given a meal, or the option to sample. If your child is used to a packed lunch, you are very welcome to send this in to make sure that they have eaten sufficiently.

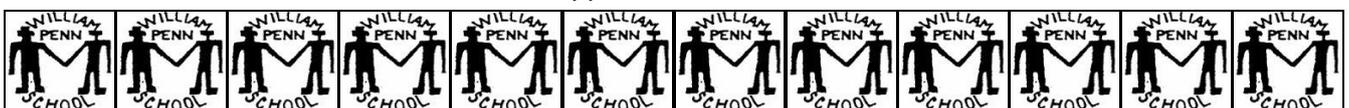


Are You Eligible for Free School Meals?

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

Left Luggage Reminder

Please be reminded that in accordance with our risk assessment, we are unable to store bags and car seats for pupils' use after school. We are taking every precaution to reduce the amount of items travelling between home and school. Also, we really don't have any spare storage space for such items and, as a result of this, it is very unlikely that there will be a change to this policy when restrictions are eased. Thank you for your understanding.

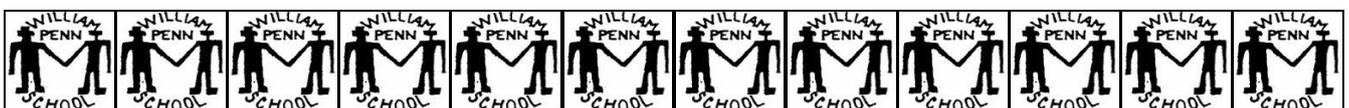
Second Hand Uniform For Sale

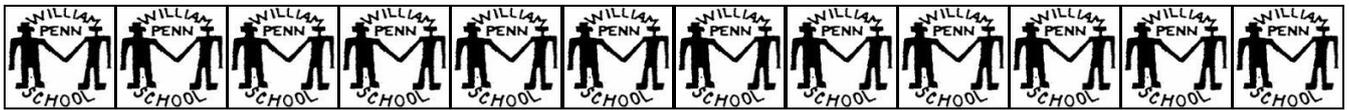
We are now in a position to offer second hand uniform for sale. We will be holding a sale of this uniform on Monday 13th September at school pick up time.

If you require second hand uniform at other times, please enquire in the school office.

Recycling at William Penn – A Message from Carrie Cort

We, Sussex Green Living Recycling have run single use plastic TerraCycle UK recycling at the school since 2012, raising huge amounts of money for the school. Over recent months our wonderful volunteer Rob has found bin liners full of council household recycling and waste in our bins and in front as seen here. The bins are extremely well labelled with what people can put in them on front and on the lids. They are to recycle specific hard to recycle plastic which would otherwise be sent by the council for incineration in Europe, crazy but true. Wonderful volunteers spend days every week hand sorting, packaging and dispatching these material and the money raised is split between William Penn, Sussex Green Living and Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance. If people keep dumping other waste/rubbish we will have to remove the bins, stop collecting at the William Penn and the school will lose this income. Please help us help the school, future generations and the planet! Learn more about what you can recycle here <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use/> thank you.





Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update



Keep safe as the seasons change

The tang of autumn is in the air, and as the seasons change, many of us will be spending more time indoors.

Covid-19 is still with us, so it's important not to let our guard down and do all we can to stop the spread of coronavirus as we head into winter.

Here's how to do your bit:

- Test regularly – order or pick up test kits, or have a supervised test at a local pharmacy. Testing info [here](#).
- Have both doses of the vaccination.
- Remember hands, face, space, let fresh air in.

Find the latest [local Covid-19 data here](#).

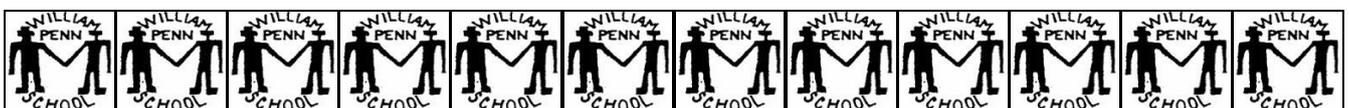
How to stay safe this autumn

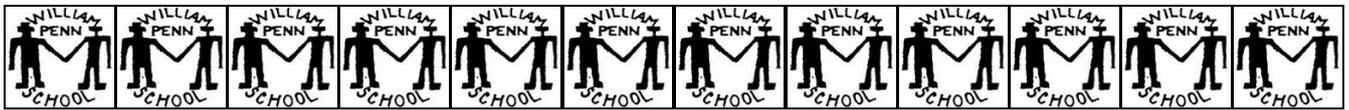


Improve your wellbeing

Coronavirus has had a huge impact on many aspects of our lives including our wellbeing and habits.

Increased stress, weight gain due to changes in eating habits and levels of activity plus changes to drinking and smoking patterns are all factors that may have affected our





wellbeing and ability to cope.

If you're looking for inspiration and practical tips to improve your health visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing](#) and [Better Health](#) websites.

This week is Know Your Numbers week which promotes blood pressure awareness. Keeping a check on yours could help reduce the risk of stroke and heart disease.

How to monitor your blood pressure

Pupil Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Jessie James A who has been awarded a football medal this week.

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office: office@williampenn.co.uk

Friday Golden Assembly Awards

10.09 2021	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	Pippa For always helping all the teachers and her friends clear away without being asked to. Also for ensuring nobody is left out at break time, so that everyone can count on her as a friend and always feel included.	Layla B For showing such kindness to her friends and helping them settle in to a new classroom.	Claudia For being a role model in Fox class, showing exemplary behaviour and always giving her best across all subjects.	Sophie For trying hard in all lessons. Even when you have found things tricky, you haven't given up. What a brilliant start to Year 3. Well done Sophie!	Poppy For having a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. You have been keen to try your best and you have produced some great pieces of work. Well done Poppy!	Jaiden For his very mature attitude to his learning. He is always engaged and ready to discuss ideas in class. He makes a good role model to his peers.	Scarlet For not only working incredibly hard across all subjects this week, but also for embodying our Quaker values. She has been on the lookout for children to support, to ensure they are as successful as she is with their learning.
Star Writer	Marnie L For writing fantastic letters- m, a, s and especially her letter 'd's.	Charlie S For completing the story of the Gingerbread Man, using his neatest handwriting and checking his spellings afterwards.	Oliver B For retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man	Jesse For working hard in all writing tasks this week. Focusing on spellings and keeping your presentation neat at all times. Well done Jesse!	Alfie For your writing on the water cycle this week. You have written some really informative work and tackled some tricky spellings. Well done Alfie!	Shannessa For really using her imagination when writing in role this week. She has written very descriptive and well-structured responses to all the tasks set.	Joe For working on his editing skills when producing really interesting writing based on our class text. He was also able to present it neatly for the display. Super attitude.

