

Governor Newsletter Summer 2014

Parent Workshops

Over the last 2 years, the school has planned a number of parent workshops. The subjects covered have included: Expectations, Assessment and Homework; Behaviour; Reading and Spelling and the new Curriculum. The number of parents who attended these workshops has been quite low and in fact, some have had to be cancelled altogether due to a low take-up. As a governing body, we want to ensure that we are providing information on the subjects you are interested in and delivering this to you at a time that suits the majority of people. To this end, we would appreciate it if you could complete the reply slip below and return this to the school office to aid our planning.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent survey last term. We received 38 responses, which has been helpful in getting an understanding of the opinions of our parent body. However, as this represents less than 50% of the children in school, we cannot be certain that the responses received accurately represent the feelings of the majority of parents. The replies show that parents are very happy with the school with all parents who completed a survey agreeing with the following statements:

- I am happy with the school
- I would recommend the school to another parent
- The school has a happy, purposeful atmosphere
- My child is usually happy at school
- My child is well cared for at school

We understand from the surveys that some parents are not happy with the parking arrangements. The school has been working hard on trying to improve this and has been awarded the Travel Mark Award Level 3. We will continue to work to alleviate this shared concern and have included parking arrangements within the School Improvement Plan for the next academic year. We will give further consideration to all options open to us in trying to improve this for our parents, pupils and neighbours.

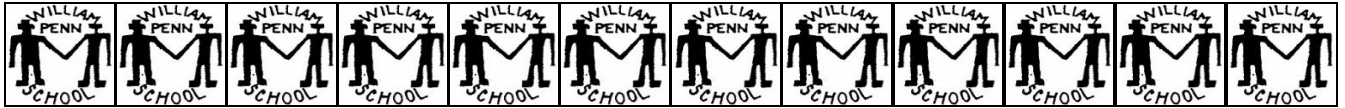
Over the last academic year, we have increased our provision in terms of after school sports clubs and it is clear when comparing the survey results from the last 2 years that this has been appreciated. Some parents would also like the school to offer more competitive sports where children have the opportunity to compete against other schools. Currently, we enter teams for the swimming gala, cross country and take part in inter-school events at The Weald School such as the Mini Olympics, in order to give children the chance to compete with other schools in the locality. The governing body will work with the senior leadership team over the next academic year to try and find a way to provide more opportunities for competitive sport.

The governing body welcomes your feedback at all times of the year and the views of parents at William Penn help to inform the school's improvement plan for the next academic year. Your input is both welcomed and valued.

Kind regards

Nicola Waters
Link Governor





Parent Workshops

Please indicate your preferences below.

- ☐ I am interested in attending parent workshops
- ☐ I am not interested in attending parent workshops
- ☐ I am interested in attending parent workshops but realistically don't have enough time

I would prefer to attend a workshop held:

- ☐ During the school day (9.00-3.15)
- ☐ After School (3.15-4.15)
- ☐ In an evening

I don't want to attend workshops but would like information to be sent home:

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I would be interested in knowing more about:

- ☐ How key subjects are taught (eg maths, reading, writing, science)
- ☐ What my child is learning at school
- ☐ Attainment, progress and expectations
- ☐ Key policies (eg homework, behaviour)

Please use the space below to let us know about any other topics which you might be interested in knowing more about, or any other information relating to parent workshops:

