

William Penn Governor Newsletter - Autumn 2014

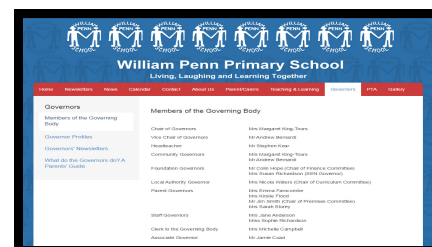
Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2014-2015 academic year. It has been nice to see the children, including those new to the school, settle in to the term so well. We would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Kirstie Flood to the governing body in the role of parent governor.

Parent Workshops

Thank you for the responses we received with regards to parent workshops. The responses showed that there was an equal split between parents who would prefer to attend workshops held during the school day, after school or during the evening. It was also evident that whilst some parents were interested in the content of the workshops; many found it too difficult to attend meetings. The subject most people showed an interest in knowing more about was attainment, progress and expectations. After discussing this feedback as a governing body and given the diversity of the responses, it has been decided that we will put together some information on this subject to be sent home to parents early in the Spring term.

School Website

We hope that you have had the opportunity to visit the school's new website and hope you will agree that the layout is clear and informative. As part of this website update we have expanded the governors section to include extended information about who the governors are, a profile for each and a summary of the governors' roles and responsibilities. We will endeavour to keep this section up to date and please feel free to let us know if you would like to see any other information included.



Competitive Sport



In response to suggestions from our last parent surveys, we are endeavouring to increase the provision of competitive sport within the school. Several inter-school football matches have been arranged and we are also looking into organising netball tournaments. Sarah Storey, one of our parent governors, is investigating this further.



Trial run – New arrangements for drop off in the morning

The parent surveys carried out earlier this year highlighted the parking difficulties at school. Although improvements have been made to the road layout, as a governing body we have discussed additional ways of easing congestion. As traffic flow is particularly difficult in the morning, we are introducing staggered drop off times for a trial period. From the start of the Spring term the following arrangements will be in operation.

- **Key stage 2** – Please drop off between **8.25am and 8.35am**. Children should go straight round to enter the hall from the back of the school where a supervised activity will be set up until they go into class at 8.35am.
- **Key stage 1** – Please drop off between **8.35am and 8.45am**. Children should go straight to their own class.
- **Families with children in both key stages** – We would encourage you to aim for **8.30am onwards**. Children in Key Stage 1 can also go into the hall with their sibling(s) if arriving before 8.35am.

Whichever time slot you arrive in, please bring your child into the school playground as normal. It is our intention to trial this system for the first half of the Spring term. We will monitor and assess its success before deciding if it should become permanent. We welcome your feedback and now have a new e-mail address: governors@williampenn.co.uk

Kind regards

Nicola Waters (Link Governor)

