William Penn Primary School

**Governor Spring** **Newsletter**

Welcome to the Spring newsletter which follows on from a meeting of the Board of Governors. The meeting included a review of policies and reports to the Governors from the Headteacher and all Committee Chairs. Additional agenda items included the National Funding Formula Update and a presentation by the School Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator as outlined below.

**School Funding**

In the recent full governors meeting, governors reviewed the impact of funding at William Penn following distribution of a spreadsheet to schools detailing the recent national funding formula consultation. This information allowed governors to forecast the impact of the implementation of the new funding formula which sees a significant reduction at a time when we are also faced with increasing running costs. Following on from this a meeting has been scheduled between governors and Jeremy Quin, MP for Horsham, at William Penn on Friday 10th March where we plan to discuss this crisis and the impact upon the school. We shall update parents of the outcome in due course.

**Dyslexia Aware Award**

During the meeting of the Board of Governors, Mrs. Burke, Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, presented her report which included the evidence she has been preparing for the William Penn 'Dyslexia Aware School Award' submission. This portfolio features an extensive amount of work including:

* Neurodiversity staff training
* Adoption of the ‘Rose Report 2009’ as a working model
* Dyslexia screening, YARC reading tests and monitoring
* Importance of being mindful of pupils’ feelings and motivation
* Areas of impact include spellings, timetables and homework
* Assisted technology and other resources

The portfolio will be submitted in May 2017 and parents/ carers can read more about the award here: http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/quality-mark.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

The school has noted one of the lowest ever take ups of after school clubs. Therefore, we would like to review our clubs offering by inviting all parents/children to complete the attached slip (one per child) at the end of the newsletter voicing which extra-curricular clubs they would like to see at the school. All responses will be collated with a view to investigating new after school opportunities for the children.

**Members** **of** **the** **Governing** **Body**

**Local** **Auth.** **Governor:** Mrs Nicola Waters (Chair)

**Foundation** **Governors:** Mr Colin Hope

Miss Vanessa Young

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Mrs Sophie Peters

Mr Stephen Kear**Co-opted Governors:**

Mr Andrew Bernardi (Vice-Chair)

Mrs Margaret King-Tours

Mrs Kirstie Flood

Mr Jim Smith

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Mrs Emma Farncombe

Mrs Sarah Storey

**Associate** **Governor:**

Mr Jamie Coad

**Clerk:**

Mrs Michelle Campbell

*Parents are welcome to contact the School Governors at anytime via our dedicated e-mail address:* [*governors@williampenn.co.uk*](mailto:governors@williampenn.co.uk)*.*

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**Extra-Curricular Clubs Preference Form**

Please write down up to three extra-curricular clubs that you/your child would be interested in along with your child's class. Please return the slip to the office.

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Child's Class: