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# William Penn Primary School



## Governor Autumn Newsletter 2016

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2016-2017 academic year. As always it's really nice to see all of the children settling in to the new term and we would warmly like to welcome those just starting out on their school journey at William Penn Primary School.

### Changes to the Governing Body

The autumn meeting of the Board of Governors offered the chance for the Governing Body to reevaluate roles and responsibilities including committee membership, committee chairs, and other positions. This meeting saw the appointment of Mrs. Nicola Waters as the Chair of the Governing Body as Mrs. Margaret King-Tours stepped down following a ten year term as Chair. The Governing Body will retain Margaret's extensive experience as she will stay on as Curriculum Chair. A full breakdown of governor roles, responsibilities and profiles is available on the school website under the 'Governors' tab.

### New Build Dates

The governors are very excited about the imminent arrival of the new class and group room and would like to thank the school community for their support in achieving this. Preliminary preparations have already begun with the building being delivered on 1<sup>st</sup> November and official handover scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### School Surveys

Prior to the October half-term break, we will be conducting our annual stakeholder surveys which are circulated to all pupils, staff and parents.

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The Governing Body uses the results of these surveys to inform our School Improvement Plan and we would very much like to receive as many responses as possible to ensure that the views of our entire parent body are fairly represented. Members of the Governing Body will attend the parent consultations to give parents the opportunity to complete a survey while they wait for their appointment. The survey will also be sent by e-mail to ensure everyone has a chance to share their views. The deadline for returning surveys is Thursday 20th October 2016. Governors will also be conducting pupil surveys during the school day and a summary of the results will be included in our Spring Newsletter.

## Breakfast Club

Thank you to those who responded to our recent breakfast club survey. We received a total of 25 responses with nine parents expressing an interest in using a breakfast club. However, from these nine families, only two would use the club every day with many people only needing the club two or three days per week. Having assessed the survey responses and following a meeting with an Early Years and Childcare Adviser from the Early Childhood Service, the governors felt it would not be financially viable to offer a breakfast club at William Penn. The school is currently offering a sign posted service for external child care provision, please contact the school office for more information. The governors would also be very interested in hearing from breakfast club providers that could use the school as a venue.

## Members of the Governing Body

### Foundation Governors:

Mr Colin Hope  
Miss Vanessa Young

### Chair of Governors:

Mrs Nicola Waters

### Parent Governors:

Mrs Emma Farncombe  
Mrs Sarah Storey

### Co-opted Governors:

Mrs Margaret King-Tours  
Mr Andrew Bernardi (V-Chair)  
Mrs Kirstie Flood  
Mr Jim Smith

### Staff Governors:

Mrs Sophie Peters  
Mr Stephen Kear

### Associate Governor:

Mr Jamie Coad

### Clerk:

Mrs Michelle Campbell

*If you would like to contact the governing body direct, you are welcome to use our dedicated e-mail address: [governors@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:governors@williampenn.co.uk).*