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# William Penn Primary School



## Governor Newsletter

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### Autumn Newsletter 2015

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2015-2016 academic year. As always its really nice to see all of the children settle into the new term and to warmly welcome those just starting out on their school journey at William Penn.

The governors have been very busy since our last newsletter participating in the recent Ofsted inspection, hosting our first Governor's summer barbecue, partaking in the end of year inset planning day (focusing on school improvement alongside school staff), and undertaking a board skills audit in preparation for new legislation requiring changes to the Governing Body.



## Changes to the Governing Body

The Department for Education have introduced new legislation making it compulsory for governing bodies to 'reconstitute', completing a review of their structure and membership (ensuing they are 'fit for purpose' with the necessary skills to discharge the roles and responsibilities of being a school governor), by September 2015. One of the prerequisites of this reconstitution is that future governing bodies should be no bigger than they need to be to have all the necessary skills. We have now completed this review and attach a document entitled 'Governing Body Roles & Responsibilities listing the changes we've made with the William Penn Governing Body. Please refer to the table at the bottom of the table for the full list of governors, or to our website under the 'Governors' section where you will find lots more information.

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## Governors BBQ

The inaugural Governors Summer BBQ was a fantastic success raising £1,773 towards our new build project. Thank you to everyone who braved the rain and made it an enjoyable evening of music, food and FUNdraising and especially to the band 'T-Slammers' for kindly supporting this event. We look forward to announcing a date for our 2016 event very soon.

## Sport in School

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide a variety of sports within the school curriculum, we are pleased to announce that this term Key Stage 2 students will have the opportunity to play hockey and netball whilst Year 1 students are benefiting from a visiting tennis coach. We are hopeful that we will be able to put together a netball team and participate competitively with other schools in the local area. Many thanks to Mrs. Jacques for her continued support and hard work as our Sports subject leader.

## School Surveys



As a governing body we recently took the opportunity to review the content of our school survey questionnaires, re-wording questions which were unclear and removing some which essentially asked the same thing in a different way. This means that we have reduced the number of questions to just 28 although the aim remains - to identify key school improvement points to focus on. Your responses will be used to help inform the strategic development of the school, therefore your feedback is invaluable. The surveys will be sent home by the end of next week and will also be available for completion during the parents' consultation evenings.

## Members of the Governing Body:

### Parent Governors:

Mrs Emma Farncombe  
Mrs Sarah Storey

### Foundation Governors:

Mr Colin Hope  
Mrs Susan Richardson

### Local Auth. Governor:

Mrs Nicola Waters

### Staff Governors:

Mrs Sophie Peters  
Mr Stephen Kear

### Associate Governor:

Mr Jamie Coad

### Clerk:

Mrs Michelle Campbell

### Co-opted Governors:

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

*Should you wish 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).*

*Kind regards, Kirstie Flood (Link Governor).*