

William Penn Governors' Newsletter - Summer 2015

Stakeholder Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent survey last term. We received 46 responses, which has been helpful in gaining an understanding of the opinions of our parent body. The replies show that parents are very happy with the school with the overwhelming majority of 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
- I feel welcome whenever I come into school
- My child is well cared for at school



We have analysed the responses to all questions carefully and there are very few specific issues to pick out. However, a number of parents did disagree with the current policy on homework (commenting that there was too much or too little in fairly equal numbers) so this will be reviewed during the next school year.

The inset day on Monday is attended by the staff and governing body and the agenda is focused on school improvement planning and areas for improvement for the next academic year. We will use the valuable feedback we have been given by parents, staff and pupils to help us to determine the priorities for the year ahead and we will give further information on these in our Autumn newsletter.

As a governing body, we have also taken the opportunity to review the content of the 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 and we plan to send the revised surveys out in the second half of the Autumn term.

Governors' Summer BBQ

Our first Governors' BBQ is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a social event to celebrate the end of the school year whilst raising funds for the new build at the same time. Tickets are selling well and we are expecting an audience of 300-400 parents and children which should create a great atmosphere.

The set list from the T-Slammers is a mix of Motown, Stax, Atlantic & Disco and promises to get everyone on their feet with classics such as 'Play That Funky Music', 'Disco Inferno' and 'Mustang Sally'.

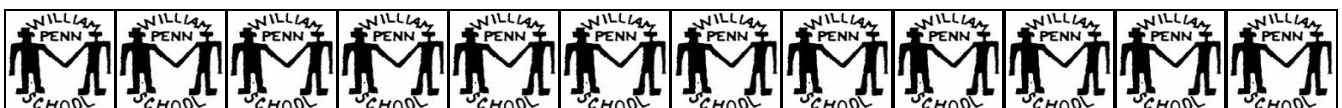
**William Penn School
Governors' Summer BBQ**
Saturday 18th July 2015
5.00pm - 9.00pm

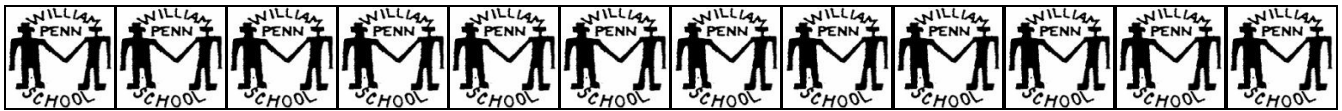
Adults £5.00
Children £2.50

**Live Band - T-Slammers
BBQ - Bar - Silent Auction**
Free parking on the field behind the school.
Bring along deck chairs/picnic mat and a torch.
No pets thank you. Ticket Admits One

We can now announce that your School Choir will be opening the Governors' Summer BBQ. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who haven't yet heard our KS2 choir to enjoy their singing led by Mrs Kear.

Come along, bring a picnic blanket or some chairs, and enjoy the entertainment. There will also be a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks. Tickets are only £5 per adult and £2.50 per child and include entrance as well as one item from the BBQ such as a hot dog or burger. Tickets will not be available on the door so please complete the form below and return with payment to the school office. Tickets will then be sent home via your child's red contact book.





New Build Update

Meetings with builders for Phase 1 of our New Build project have taken place as we tentatively move towards finalising plans for the design of our new classroom and group room. Mr Kear and Parent Governor Kirstie Flood also look forward to welcoming Graham Olway, West Sussex County Council Principal Manager, Capital Planning and Projects and Jeremy Hunt, Cabinet Member for West Sussex Education and Skills to the school on Friday 26th June to highlight our need for funding towards our new build project. Other good news is that our appeal will also be brought to the attention of Quaker friends when the Blue Idol reopens in July. Quaker Foundation Governor Mrs Susan Richardson has kindly offered to fundraise towards the new build during the launch. If any parents are planning to participate in sporting events such as the Barns Green Half Marathon, then please be aware that we do have a sponsorship leaflet available where you could raise funds towards the school as your chosen charity.

Should you wish to contact the governing body direct, you are welcome to use our dedicated e-mail address: governors@williampenn.co.uk

Kind regards
Nicola Waters (Link Governor)

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL GOVERNORS' SUMMER BBQ

Saturday 18th July 2015, 5:00PM-9:00PM

William Penn School Governors invite you to attend an end of year Summer BBQ with all proceeds donated towards building a new classroom and school hall.

Entertainment provided by nine piece soul band the 'T-Slammers', and an amazing Auction of Promises with lots including a flight in a Bulldog Aircraft and a personal performance on a 1696 Stratavarius by one of the UK's finest violinists. Tickets include entrance and one *BBQ food item (burger/sausage/veggie option). There will be more food, snacks and a bar available. Please bring a picnic mat and come and enjoy a celebratory social evening of FUNdraising!

**Please note that the BBQ will be serving food from 5:30PM*

TICKET ORDER FORM

- ____ Adult Tickets £5/per ticket
- ____ Child Tickets £2.50/ticket

Total Enclosed _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Class _____

Cash or cheque only, cheque payable to 'William Penn School'. Please return to the school office with payment. Tickets will then be sent home via your child's red contact book.

