

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to formally express a huge thank you on behalf of the governing body for everything Mrs Constable has achieved whilst acting as Headteacher. She took on the role in difficult circumstances and has always led the school with integrity and created a real team atmosphere amongst the staff. William Penn has progressed significantly under her leadership, resulting in very positive feedback from the Local Authority on their most recent visit to the school. I would also like to thank Ms Passfield and Mr Phillips who have acted as Deputy Headteachers this academic year. They have both played a big role in moving the school forward. We now look forward to Mr Brookes our new Headteacher continuing and building on these strong foundations. He has already been coming into the school on Wednesdays to ensure a smooth transition and has already made a positive impact with both pupils and staff.

William Penn School is in a great place. Having recently visited the school the positive atmosphere and fantastic behaviour the pupils were displaying was clear to see. This leads to great conditions for learning. This is shown by the strong set of SATs results the current Year 6 cohort achieved.

The governing body have been working hard to both support and challenge the school. The school is in a stable position financially and I want to thank Mrs Lees and Ms Dendy for their role in ensuring this is the case.

The end of the school year seems an apt time to thank former governors who have given up their time to support the school. Firstly, Richard Hewitt a foundation governor. Richard has spent many hours at William Penn either completing monitoring visits or helping support the pupils. He brought a calm, measured approach and will be missed. Secondly, Lucy Huggett a parent governor. Lucy has been our marketing guru and delivered the vast majority of tours for new prospective headteachers during the application process. Thirdly, Andrew Nyadzo as a co-opted governor. Andrew was excellent at looking through the school finances and understanding how to help the school financially plan effectively. Finally, Minty Barlow our Local Authority governor assisted the school in ensuring it met the health and safety requirements.

Unfortunately, we received no response to our request for people to step forward and become a either a parent or co-opted governor. The current governing body is now quite small and this will limit the role we can play in supporting the school. Please do consider if you can give up some time to become a governor. I appreciate many will be worried about the time commitment but the majority of the current governing body work full time and still find time to fit in our governor commitments. We only meet once per half term. If you read this and think you could help or know someone who is not a parent that would be interested, please feel free to contact me directly via email chair@williampenn.co.uk if you would like to discuss what the role entails.

On behalf of the governing body, I want to thank the incredible Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that we have at William Penn. They have done an amazing job at fundraising for the school which will be highlighted in the school newsletter. The recent summer fete was a spectacular event for such a small school and highlighted the real sense of community that has developed. So many parents and pupils attended but I want to particularly thank:

The PTA and PTA families	Parent helpers	Staff helpers	Pupil helpers
Rachel Kerry	Roger Lewis and his band	Mrs Constable	Zachary
Steph May-Hills	Ashley Denyer	Ms Passfield	Evie
Harriet Buckley	Chloe and Tom Betts	Mr Phillips	Max
Rachel Osgood	Kyle Elliot	Mrs Peters	Rory
Lucy Huggett	Joy Carter	Mr Hindhaugh	Spencer
Katie Eversfield	Rod Everest	Mrs Anderson	Oscar
	Miriam and Patrick Jarvis	Mrs Castle	Ollie
	Molly Anderson	Miss Thomas	Elena
	Myf Elise Conti Rees		William
	Christelle Jacobs		Bethany
	Noel and Cherry Bussey		Fraser
	Shelley Foreman		Violet
	Alice and David Higginson		Ed
			Lottie
			Morgan
			Lila
			Harry

Have a fantastic summer break and all the best to the Year 6 pupils who are moving on to secondary school.

Yours sincerely

Matt Kerry



Chair of Governors