Dear Parents

Welcome to the last governor newsletter of the year, I wanted to reflect on some of the achievements of the year and say a few thank yous.

**Year 6 pupils moving on**

Firstly, best of luck to all the year 6 leavers moving onto new chapters in your lives. It was great to read about the adventures you had on the Dalesdown residential, it sounded like great fun and I was so glad to hear how much you all enjoyed yourselves.

The governing body were also delighted to hear how well you all did in the SATS tests recently, testimony to all the hard work you put in – Well Done!

**Stakeholder surveys**

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the stakeholder surveys earlier in the term, we had a very good response rate, and extremely high percentages of responses indicating that your children have a positive experience at the school.

**School Website update**

The school website has recently been refreshed and is full of information about the curriculum, staff, governors, afterschool clubs and more. Just for example, click the link here which takes you to the curriculum overview for each class for this summer term just passed:

<http://www.williampenn.co.uk/web/summer_2023/649480>

The website gets updated throughout the year, so please check back in the Autumn to see what is upcoming. And have a browse around the site, there really is a lot to look at!

**New governors**

This academic year has seen quite a few changes in membership of the governing body. I’d like to extend a warm welcome and thanks to Natalie Liverton, Andrew Nyadzo and Lucy Huggett for joining us since I last wrote about the governing body members in November last year.

**Outdoor school improvements**

You will have probably noticed the new daily mile track has been marked out on the playground, which also goes into the wooded area. This will be a fabulous new addition allowing the children to take exercise outdoors even through the winter months. Also, the build is underway to create a covered area in the woods, which will allow for more outdoor learning opportunities! I am sure your children will be telling you all about it soon in the Autumn term.

Special thanks to Mr Kear and Mrs Stephenson who have taken on the project management for these – a huge effort on top of their already busy day jobs!

**Thank you**

Finally, but very importantly, a thank you to all the teaching and support staff at William Penn for guiding all the children through another year of learning. I believe that William Penn is a very special school, and it’s always a pleasure to see the children enjoying their school days when I am visiting.

I hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Kind Regards

Mike Blackman

Chair of Governors