

NEWSLETTER

William Gilbert Endowed School

27th September 2005

No: 299

Dear Parents

May I extend a warm welcome to any new parents and pupils who have joined the school and have missed my first newsletter. It is still available from outside the office if you require it.

DIARY DATES

Please find enclosed a list of dates for events happening throughout the school year.

REPLY SLIPS

Please return reply slips for the Home School Agreement and Computer Use as soon as possible along with any previous correspondence such as French.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents who have so conscientiously returned all reply slips and paid several voluntary contributions for a number of activities. We do acknowledge how much money has been recently requested to enhance the curriculum at the beginning of this new academic year.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER – 9.30AM

Our Harvest Celebration will take place in the school hall on Thursday 6th October at 9.30 am. Nursery and Reception pupils will not be joining us on this occasion but will have their own small assembly in their classroom. However, all parents are very welcome to attend the service in the hall. Our harvest gifts will support our elderly neighbours in St Alkmunds Close and the Padley Centre, helping homeless people.

The needs of the Padley Centre are quite specific and the following items are the products we would most appreciate you sending:

Soups, fruit squash or soft drinks, biscuits

Fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheese, margarine/butter, cakes, scones

Coffee, Drinking chocolate, sugar, milk/milk powder, breakfast cereals, sandwich fillings, tinned meat and fish, tomato and brown sauce, salt and pepper, salad cream, cup-a-soups, any tinned food

Disposable razors, shaving foam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant

Sadly 30% of the goods the Padley Centre receive are out of date or unusable so it is vital that the donations you make are:-

1. In date
2. Undented
3. Have a ring tab on top and therefore do not require a tin opener

If possible we would like all pupils, Nursery to Year 5 to bring a plate, small box or basket of goods as listed above. If it is not possible to provide a plate, box or basket, single items will still be appreciated.

Year 6 pupils are asked to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, and/or non-perishable food items (in date). Year 6 will be delivering their gifts to the residents on St Alkmunds Close after the service.

Pupils should bring their gifts on Wednesday 5th October or first thing on Thursday 6th October.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Part of our harvest celebration is to judge the PTA Pumpkin competition. Pumpkins need to be in school the day before Harvest Festival on Wednesday 5th October by 9.00 a.m. Please affix name and class and deliver pumpkins to the junior department craft area.

SCHOOL CLUBS

School Clubs will begin the week beginning Friday 30 September 2005. I am most grateful to the parents and staff who have offered to provide the following clubs:

Monday	Gymnastics (£1 per session) Football – Soccer Stars (paid direct) Computers
Tuesday	Netball
Wednesday	Hockey
Thursday	Art & Craft Football - Soccer Stars (paid direct)
Friday	Dance Club (£1.50 per session) Priority given to those who responded about this club prior to the summer holidays. Please note that there will be no class on 4 November and classes will finish for the term on Friday 18 November.

A beginner and intermediate recorder group will meet at lunchtimes – day to be determined – please indicate on reply slip if your child wants to play the recorder and whether they are a beginner or can already play.

Please complete the reply slip to partake in any of the named clubs. Whenever there are insufficient places for every pupil wishing to join a particular club, priority will be given to the eldest pupils. Otherwise places are allocated on a first come first served basis and reply slips cannot be considered after 9.00 a.m on Friday 30th September.

If you are interested in running any other club please let me know.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOING OF PUPILS

This item was on the first newsletter, and only needs appropriate action if you didn't receive it.

In order to record evidence as well as pleasure we like to take photographs of the pupils and record their work on video from time to time. Such material is kept in school and used purely for school records and evidence of progress/achievement.

We would appreciate your support in allowing us to take photographs and video concerts for example at Christmas etc. If however, you do not give your permission for your child to be photographed or videoed then you must return the reply slip attached. Non-return will be interpreted as parental approval.

FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE

We have a statutory duty to provide you with the enclosed notice which informs you of the Data Protection Act and the information we hold on your child.

Yours sincerely

S J WHYLD
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Junior pupils only)

First come first served – no later than 9am on Friday 30 September 2005

My child Class

Would like to join the following club(s) and has my permission to do so if there is room.

Club	Day

IMPORTANT:

I appreciate that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances may cause the late cancellation of a club. If this situation arises I have made alternative arrangements for my child to leave school at the normal time. It may be helpful to be reminded that the school has a pay phone available for children's use.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO RECORDING OF PUPILS

I do not give permission for my child To be photographed or included on a video as part of the schools evidence collection system.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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