

NEWSLETTER

William Gilbert Endowed School

5 October 2005

No: 300

Dear Parents

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER – 9.30AM (Reminder)

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Sadly 30% of the goods the Padley Centre receive are out of date or unusable so it is vital that the donations you make are:-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

ALERT

The community police have informed us that a man in a white van has been spotted making a nuisance of himself. Please encourage your child to be vigilant and sensible. We will be reminding all pupils about 'Stranger Danger' at school.

INSET DAY (JUST GONE)

I thought you might be interested to learn what we were doing on the Inset day last Monday. Along with a number of other schools we listened to a guest speaker talk about raising standards in writing and how this is different for boys and girls.

We were pleased to learn of new ideas that we believe will help our pupils at William Gilbert which we have already begun to implement and will be continuing to do so as well as monitor their success.

PARENTS EVENING

Please remember to sign for a meeting with your child's class teacher(s). The first Parents Evening of the academic year gives an opportunity to share targets and discuss how well your child has settled into their new class with new expectations.

I will be available during the two evenings for you to feed back your comments on the changes we have made this year such as the organization of PPA time for teachers and the consequence of restructuring the curriculum and or classes as well as the introduction of French at KS2.

Positive contributions as well as constructive criticisms are welcomed. Please search me out on the corridors, in the office or by the kettle making drinks for the staff.

HEALTH & SAFETY

May I remind parents that in the interest of your child and their peers and staff that we recommend that children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea remain absent from school for a minimum of 24 hours after the last attack. This helps prevent the spread of the bug/infection.

Please note that the Governors do not permit staff to administer medicines such as antibiotics. A 3 x a day dosage can be fitted around the school day or parents/carers are welcome to come into school to administer. Pupils receiving a dosage 4 x a day are usually not well enough to attend school.

COMPLAINTS

Day to day problems should be solved in conjunction with your child's class teacher. If you feel it necessary to make a complaint then in the first instance you should arrange an appointment to share your complaint with me. If after investigation and discussion you are still not satisfied then you are entitled to make your complaint in writing to the Chair of Governors, Mr R Bevers.

Further details are available in the school's Complaints Policy.

Yours sincerely

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