

NEWSLETTER

William Gilbert Endowed School

21 October 2005

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support at the Parents' Evenings held last week. It was good to see so many parents and have time to talk to a number of you.

School Uniform

Autumn is creeping up on us and when term restarts on Tuesday 1 November all pupils need to be in full winter uniform. This means a collar and tie for everyone with the appropriate trousers, skirt or pinafore. Please note only red or navy blue jumpers or cardigans are allowed and girl's tights should only be plain red, navy, grey or black. Your co-operation and support with our uniform is always appreciated.

Harvest Celebration

Thank you for your tremendous support and generous donation of gifts for our Harvest celebration. The Padley Centre was delighted with the number of goods donated.

Year 6 pupils visited and chatted to our neighbours on St Alkmunds Close before presenting them with a box of harvest goodies. The pleasure they gave was clearly immense to residents who probably wouldn't see or speak to anyone else that day. In return Year 6 have received several thank you letters. Congratulations Year 6 on a job well undertaken and some good 'life skills' practised and learned.

Pumpkin Winners

Congratulations to Jacob Bullock in the Juniors and Joseph Whittingham in the Infants for growing the largest pumpkins this year. Well done to everyone who took part.

Snack Day

The last Friday of each _ term enables pupils to purchase a drink and biscuit for 50p. This always very popular with the pupils but the 50p is essential as an 'I owe you' is not an option!

Music Lessons

The Peripatetic music teachers have organised and confirmed their new timetables and issued contracts and instruments to the pupils they can accommodate. As always, demand for uptake is high and time available is limited.

If your child has requested to learn to play an instrument and the music teacher has not made contact with you then they have been placed on a waiting list and will be offered a place by the teacher as vacancies arise. If you need clarification please do not hesitate to ask.

Junior Pupils – Games Lessons

After half term pupils will need their navy and white P.E. kit and plimsolls in their pump bag in school at all times. In addition on a Monday they will need:

- Navy or black tracksuit (as plain as possible)
- White T shirt
- Waterproof/cagoule
- Socks
- Trainers
- Small hand towel

These items need to come to school in a separate bag in preparation for the block of lessons which will take place outside next half term with our specialist PE teacher, Mr Robinson.

It is essential the children have this complete change of clothes as the lesson will take place irrespective of the weather, and we do not wish the children to be sat in damp socks and clothes for the rest of the day.

If we have torrential rain or the playground is dangerous due to ice then Mr Robinson will provide an alternative lesson.

Half Term Activities

Allestree 'Schools Out' Club are running Halloween activities during half term Monday 24 October-Friday 28 October.

To book a place or for further information and details of fees telephone Amanda on 01332 737947 or 07984 908836 or e main allestreeschoolsouclub@hotmail.com

School Council News

Following the William Gilbert School Council elections the council have already being busy with two meetings. Mrs Owen and I thought you would be interested to learn of the council's agreed priorities:-

- To keep the school safe
- To help sort out children's needs
- To set a good example
- To be involved in making decisions about how the school is run
- To solve problems
- To raise money

Named Charity for the Year

In memory of Sarah Ruggins, mum to three of our ex pupils we have chosen to support 'Cancer Research' this year.

The School Council are keen to ensure their first fund raising activity supports the Charity and they will be sharing news of their planned fund raising after half term.

Half-Term Holiday

School will close to pupils tomorrow Friday 21 October at 3.30pm. Dance after school activity will take place as planned.

School re-opens to all pupils on **Tuesday 1 November**.

I hope all the staff, governors, parents and pupils will have time to rest, relax and enjoy the beauty of the Autumn season. Have a lovely half term everyone.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld (Mrs)