



NEWSLETTER

William Gilbert Endowed School

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Dear Parents

May I remind you that it is the school Carol Service tomorrow, Wednesday 14th December at St Alkmund's Church beginning at 2.00pm. All parents, friends and relatives are invited. Pupils will walk to Church and go home from there at 3.00pm. Please ensure you are at Church to collect your child/children at 3.00pm or that your child is aware of who is collecting them.

Unless I am informed in writing by 9.00am tomorrow that you wish your child to be brought back to school for dismissal at normal time, then I will assume all pupils will be collected from Church. (Thank you to those parents who have already written after the last Newsletter).

The collection will be shared between St Alkmund's Church and Cancer Research – pupils may bring their collection to school in the morning.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

The nursery, infant and junior concerts proved to be hugely successful; clearly we have some very talented pupils both in the making and in Year 6, where their performance was exceptional. Thank you to the numerous parents who sent in congratulations cards, chocolates and biscuits or just stopped to have a word following the junior production of 'Megabyte Warrior'. I am so proud that our junior pupils can rise to the challenge of such a production and produce a performance that is second to none. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to our parents for your support and the staff for their talents – the boost in self esteem will be evident in your children's work in January.

We do not appear to have received payment for many of the tickets for the Junior concert (£1 per ticket). This payment is needed to cover the cost of the licence otherwise the school runs the concert at a loss.

YEAR 4 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO TUTBURY CASTLE

Year 4 visited Tutbury Castle on Friday 9 December to enhance their historical study of the Tudors. Leslie Smith, the curator leading the visit, told Mrs Tipping that she had "never worked with such well behaved or well informed pupils". Well done Year 4 and Mrs Tipping!

INFANT PANTOMIME

Please remember that Year 1 and 2 will be visiting The Assembly Rooms, Derby on the 19th December and will require a packed lunch. Details are as in the letter previously sent to parents of Infant pupils.

INFANT & JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES – FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER/TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Thank you in anticipation to all parents who will be sending cakes for the infant party on Friday 16th and are sending them for the junior party on Tuesday 20th. A huge thank you to those parents who have volunteered to make sandwiches for the tea parties. We do appreciate your help.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

We have two framed photographs which are surplus to requirements. If you wish to purchase one at a cost of £49.50 please contact the school office.

Finally may I remind you that school closes on Wednesday 21st December at the usual time and re-opens on Thursday 5th January at 8.40 a.m. On behalf of all the staff and governors may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous festive season and a peaceful, healthy and happy new year.

A very merry Christmas to you all.

Best wishes

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Headteacher