

NEWSLETTER

William Gilbert Endowed School

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No. 311

Dear Parents

Welcome to the summer term.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to Mrs Bexon for organizing the Book Fair at the end of last half term and a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped to run it every lunchtime and evening. The total income was £1,538.00 and we have received 60% to spend on books for the library.

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Willis as our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Coordinator and Red Class Teacher, as well as Mrs Maskrey a part time Teaching Assistant. We hope their careers at William Gilbert will be happy and successful.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Following 2 hockey tournaments at Shobnall our Y3 and Y4 hockey team found themselves holding the trophy as competition winners and our Y5 and Y6 team were placed third overall. Congratulations to all members of the 2 teams, we are very proud of you. The match reports are on display on the notice board outside the office. A huge thank you to Mrs Rogers and Mrs Hooker for their excellent coaching skills and a special thank you to Mrs Hooker for organising the events.

'YOUNG VOICES' CHOIR

Unless your child was involved you may not be aware that last term 22 pupils from Y4 and Y5 joined 58 other Derbyshire school pupils to form the 'Young Voices of Derbyshire' choir and enter a National Competition 'Music for Youth' judged by The Royal School of Music.

The preliminary rounds were held in March when, on a Sunday afternoon, supported by a large group of parents, we travelled to Mansfield. Feedback on the day was very positive. Many parents and grandparents commented on the self-discipline and personal appearance of our children which made them 'stand-out'. The children subsequently performed at The Assembly Rooms, Derby in a celebration concert.

We have recently received notification that we are through to the final to be held at The Symphony Hall, Birmingham in July. Following the screams of excitement by the pupils involved, I will be lucky if they have a voice left to sing with!

We are delighted that the quality of singing at William Gilbert has placed us in the top 20 choirs in the country. Rehearsals begin this week for the programme to be performed in July. Further details for choir members will be sent in due course. Congratulations to all 22 pupils involved, we are incredibly proud of your conduct, commitment and singing!

CLARIFICATION OF SUMMER UNIFORM

'Look Smart, Think Smart, Work and Play Smart!'

Thank you to all the parents who supported my previous request to encourage your child to wear their tie.

As the Summer term got 'underway', we discussed with the children the 'smart' appearance of wearing the William Gilbert School tie with the option of a short sleeved cotton shirt and the impact that their smart appearance has on their attitude to work and conduct. Many responses, taken from the children, highlighted their own pride in wearing the tie. Many felt, the appearance of open-necked white shirts did not reflect the all round high standards that we strive to achieve.

After careful consideration we feel children should attend school wearing their tie with the option of a short sleeved white shirt. They will be given permission to remove their tie when it is very hot.

PE Kit

During the Summer the Key Stage 2 children will be outside for Games/Athletics. Therefore, all the children in the Juniors needs a 'Games' kit:

- White shirt
- Navy blue or black shorts/skirt or PE pants
- Navy/black tracksuit
- Waterproof
- Trainers

Once again, if the weather is warm the children only need to wear their general p.e. kit, however, if the weather is like it was on Monday they do require tracksuit, waterproof and towel.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER – FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2006

Another instance when we want the children to look smart. The photographer will be in school for team and class photographs this Friday.

NETBALL CLUB

The last session of this academic year for the Netball Club will be next Tuesday 23rd May. Mrs Marshall and Mrs Bramley-Astle are retiring from running this club after several years of coaching William Gilbert pupils.

The school is very grateful for their commitment and support – thank you to you both!

If you are interested in running a Netball Club next year please let the school office know.

COMMEMORATION DAY – THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006 – 2PM

Year 3-6 pupils will be walking to church on Wednesday 24th May to rehearse, please ensure you check the weather forecast and bring a waterproof coat if necessary. All parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend. The service will end at approximately 3.00 p.m. and pupils are dismissed from Church at that time. It is essential that all pupils are collected from church at 3.00 p.m and that they are clear who is collecting them. In exceptional circumstances pupils can be escorted back to school to be dismissed at 3.30 p.m. If you wish your child/children to be escorted back to school please inform me in writing.

VOUCHERS

A reminder that the school is collecting vouchers from Sainsburys Active Kids and Tesco Computers for Schools – please send the vouchers to school with your children or place in the collection boxes in the main entrance.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes on Thursday 25th May following the commemoration service. Friday 26th May is an Inset Day when school is closed to pupils. School re-opens on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld (Mrs)
Headteacher