

# NEWSLETTER

## William Gilbert Endowed School

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Dear Parents

### **Parental Questionnaire**

Along with this newsletter you will find a parental questionnaire. At this time of year the Senior Leadership Team are evaluating and updating the School Improvement Plan (this is where we identify areas to develop in order to improve our school) in readiness for the new academic year.

Teaching and non-teaching staff input into the School Improvement Plan and now through our school council the pupils are able to voice their opinions to take our school further forward.

As parents you may perceive aspects of school practice quite differently to us. Therefore I invite you to complete the enclosed questionnaire in order that we may assess your opinions and add the majority opinions to our school improvement work.

From the last questionnaire the 3 most popular areas for improvement were sports, communication about learning and security. Since then we have tried hard to improve these areas with a specialist PE teacher in KS2 plus off site activities such as tennis and swimming. The football and hockey teams have had success again this year and the netball club has been well supported. A new security system has been installed and we send \_ termly or termly details of curriculum coverage and how to help your child.

You may complete the questionnaire anonymously or should it be necessary and you are willing to discuss issues with me or other members of staff or Governors please sign your name. Please feel free to explain your decisions by expanding your answers at the side of each box.

I hope you will answer as honestly as possible – we are interested to know your views and to strengthen our partnership with you. Working together I am confident we will take William Gilbert from strength to strength to achieve our aim of excellence.

The questionnaire is aimed at gaining a representative opinion of all parents about all aspects of school life. If you wish to discuss a specific issue about your child then please contact me or your child's class teacher by telephoning for an appointment or calling in. Thank you in anticipation of your help. Following analysis of parental opinion I will inform you.

### **Nursery Garden**

The redevelopment of the Nursery garden has been an area of our school improvement plan for some time. In the past its completion has seemed like a dream, but this summer that dream will be realised with a new landscaped nursery garden ready for September (we hope!!).

### **Junior Entrance**

In anticipation of the new Nursery garden the junior entrance has been developed. As yet it has not been in use as the road markings have not been put down. Road markings have been promised by/before September.

During the last week of term (Monday-Thursday) we are going to trial the new entrance/exit in order that we can ascertain any problems and advise and train the pupils accordingly. As with all changes it may seem strange or not to our liking at first, but in order that our Foundation Stage pupils can access quality outdoor provision this change is necessary and has been fully approved by Health & Safety, the Governors and Amber Valley Borough Council.

Parents with pupils in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to drop off and collect their child from the gate adjacent to the vehicle entrance on Vicarage Lane. Nursery pupils and pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will need to enter and exit school in the usual way.

It is very important that parents who drive to school park well away from the school site in preparation for the new road markings, and more importantly so as not to endanger any of our pupils.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld  
Headteacher