

# NEWSLETTER

## William Gilbert Endowed School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half term. Concert rehearsals are underway and I look forward to inviting you to the various Christmas activities in due course.

### **Welcome to Mrs Lewin**

This term, Mrs Lewin has begun her new, full time role as Teaching Assistant in Yellow Class. I am sure many of you have met her on 'gate duty'. We welcome Mrs Lewin to the department and wish her every success in her new role.

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 10 November to take individual and/or family group photographs. Please return the reply slip from a separate letter sent this week and ensure your child is well groomed ready for the occasion. Photographs will be ready before Christmas.

### **School Clubs**

In view of the fast approaching Christmas season it is necessary for the staff to finish clubs at the end of next week in order to prepare for the concerts and put the decorations up.

Next week will therefore be the last week for all clubs except for Soccer Stars which is run by an outside agency. Soccer Stars will finish on Thursday 14 December. I will inform you when clubs will restart in the New Year.

### **Health, & Safety of Pupils and Parents**

It is very important that parents who are collecting pupils from an after school club enter school by the main entrance and wait there. We have recently had a number of parents wandering up and down corridors and it can place pupils or parents in a compromising position when children are getting changed.

Schools are being asked to become increasingly more vigilant to keep children safe and I therefore respectfully ask you to wait in the entrance hall for your child to meet you there.

Parents are still very welcome to watch clubs taking place on the playground but must then proceed down Vicarage Lane to the main entrance rather than entering the doors directly into the Key Stage 2 department.

Your respect and support would be greatly appreciated in order to ensure both your safety and, especially, the safety of the children.

### **School Wind Band**

Last Friday saw the first meeting of our school wind band and at the end of the first session I was most impressed that they were able to perform one piece of music. If your child is learning to play a woodwind or brass instrument and would like to join the wind band please ask them to see Mr Rutter or me and we will provide them with the details.

I am hoping the wind band will be performing 'live' at the Carol service.

### **Instrumental tuition**

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 is still interested in learning to play an instrument, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld

