



William Gilbert Endowed

(Church of England) *Voluntary Aided*

Primary School

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

15th January 2007

No: 323

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new term, may I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Miss Stanfield as our new Year 5 teacher and Mrs Pygott as a part time Teaching Assistant in Year 3. Both ladies are experienced teachers and bring a lot of knowledge to their respective roles. We hope their continued careers at William Gilbert will be happy and successful.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Most School Clubs will resume week beginning Monday 22nd January with the exception of hockey, healthy cookery and dance.

Hockey Club will be running alternate weeks for Year 3 and 4, then Year 5 and 6. Hockey will commence Wednesday 31st January beginning with Year 3 and 4.

Healthy Cookery Club commences Wednesday 31st January and the group have been informed.

We are hoping that Dance Club with Mrs Smith will resume on Friday's beginning on Friday 2nd February. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the letter if your child would like to be included in the Dance Club.

Gymnastics recommences on Monday 22nd January with Group 1. Five-a-side football also begins on Monday 22nd January and Mrs Stevenson is looking for more interested footballers so please return the reply slip at the end of the letter.

If your child no longer wishes to partake in a club or if you wish to enquire if there are places to join a club please contact me in writing.

Please remember when you collect your child from a club to enter school by the main entrance and wait there. For your own safety as well as the children's you must not proceed down the corridor or into classrooms where children are changing.

JUNIOR THEATRE VISIT

Year 3-6 will be visiting 'The Old Rep' in Birmingham to see 'Danny Champion of the World' on Wednesday 24th January. Lunch arrangements will be as normal but earlier, before departure. Children do not need sweets or money as a drink and packet of crisps will be provided. We anticipate returning to school at approximately 4.30 p.m.

In order to ensure all the children are collected safely please come into school and wait in the school hall. All pupils will be escorted back into school to their respective classrooms ready for your collection.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Following poignant string performances by Connie Bowle, Ellie Leeder and Robert Collins at the Carol Service we are trying to recruit more pupils to learn to play the violin. If your child is in the Juniors and keen to learn please contact me.

Although guitar and woodwind lessons are quite full we may be able to accommodate another lesson or two and similarly in brass we have a few places available. Do let me know if your child is interested in playing an instrument.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & TRAINING DAYS

Please remember that school is closed to pupils on **Friday 26th January** for a staff training day. The holiday dates for the rest of this academic year are as follows:-

2007	Spring Term	
	Half Term	School closes Friday 9 February
		School re-opens Monday 19 February
	Easter	School closes Friday 30 March
	Summer Term	School re-opens Monday 16 April
	Half Term	School closes Thursday 24 May
		School re-opens Monday 4 June
		School closes for Summer Friday 20 July

As always if you wish to speak to me please do not hesitate to make an appointment, call in or approach me outside.

Best wishes

S J Whyld
Headteacher

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REPLY SLIP – (Please return to Mrs Whyld by Monday 22 January 2007)

My child would like to participate in the Dance Club on Friday evenings from 3.30 – 4.20 p.m.

My child would like to participate in the Dance Club on Monday evenings 3.30-4.20pm

Signed Date