



**William Gilbert Endowed
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NEWSLETTER

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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 Mrs Selfe as our new Year 5 teacher and hope her continued career at William Gilbert will be happy and successful.

SCHOOL CLUBS

5 a side Football and Soccer Stars have already started this term.

5 a side dates are as follows:-

21st January – 5 a side at school (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.); 28th January – just the selected team at the Sports' Centre (final night). Every Monday from 28th January will be at school.

Please remember that Monday night dance club has had to stop due to Mrs Smith's commitments outside school.

Healthy Cookery resumes for Group A on Monday 28th January.

Hockey Club will begin on Wednesday 30th January for Year 3 and 4 followed by Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 6th February. The alternate groupings will then continue after half term. Mrs Rogers is very interested to hear from a parent who is willing to help and support her with a long term view of taking over the Hockey club.

Active Kids begins on Wednesday 23rd January. There will be no Active Kids or Hockey on Wednesday 13th February due to the junior concert.

Computer Club and Gardening Club will recommence on Thursday 24th January.

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.

Children who attend 5 a side Football, Soccer Stars and Gardening may go home in their kit/gardening clothes rather than changing into their school uniform. Soccer Star children may go home directly from the playground so long as the coach can see the parent/carer, otherwise you must collect your child from the main entrance.

WILLOW WEAVING

You may have noticed the development of the Infant playground that has taken place over the last year (benches, playground boxes, playground markings and garden development). As part of the final phase the PTA have approved funds for a willow structure to be built in the Infant Garden. Carole Beavis will be in school on Wednesday 30th January to create a structure and teach the skills of willow weaving so that these can be taught to other children and adults. In order to make best use of her skills and time we would like to involve the garden club children and some children from KS2.

If you are interested in learning the skill of willow weaving and would like to help us create our structure, and are prepared to work hard and in any weather conditions, please come and speak to Mrs Willis as soon as possible. As the space in the infant garden is limited we will have to limit the number of adults so it will be on a first come basis.

MOBILE PHONES

Pupil mobile phones are not permitted in school unless in exceptional circumstances and arranged with the class teacher and me.

Children will always have access to the school pay phone and office phones.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TRAINING DAYS

Please remember that school is closed to pupils on **Friday 15th February** for a staff training day. The holiday dates for the rest of this academic year are as follows:-

2008	Spring Term	
	Half Term	School closes Thursday 14 February
		School re-opens Monday 25 February
	Easter Bank Holiday	School closes Thursday 20 March
		School re-opens Wednesday 26 March
	Easter	School closes Friday 4 April
	Summer Term	School re-opens Monday 21 April
	May Day Bank Holiday	School closed Monday 5 May
	Half Term	School closes Friday 23 May
		School re-opens Monday 2 June
		School closes for Summer Wednesday 23 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