



William Gilbert Endowed

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Healthy School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new term. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2009.

Baby News

Mrs Willis had a baby girl on New Years Day. Mum and baby are both doing well and I am sure we will see them soon. In the meantime I know you will join me in sending warm congratulations and good wishes.

School Clubs

Soccer Stars commences tonight, Tuesday 13th January. There is a 5-Aside match at Belper next Monday 19th January. Mrs Stevenson will inform the appropriate children of the team members. Normal 5-Aside club resumes Monday 26th January as do the rest of the clubs.

Monday 26 th January	Cookery, Art & Craft, 5-Aside
Wednesday 28 th January	Computers, Gardening, Active Kids
Thursday 29 th January	Hockey

Club leaders will inform the children of any changes in groupings or which group is starting first.

School Holidays and Training Days

Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on :-

Friday 13th February, Friday 22nd May and Monday 15th June for staff training days.

The holiday dates for the rest of this academic year are as follows:-

2009 Spring Term

Half Term	School Closes	Thursday 12 th February 2009
	School Opens	Monday 23 rd February 2009
Easter	School Closes	Friday 3 rd April 2009
Summer Term	School Opens	Monday 20 th April 2009
May Day Bank Holiday	School Closed	Monday 4 th May 2009
Half Term	School Closes	Thursday 21 st May 2009
	School Opens	Monday 1 st June 2009
	School Closes	Friday 24 th July 2009

Staffing Arrangements in Nursery

If you are not already aware, Mrs Aston works in the Nursery for the equivalent of 4 full time days. When she is not in the Nursery Miss Taylor is in charge and is accompanied by Mrs Maskrey. On a regular basis Mrs Aston does not work on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon but this can occasionally change to accommodate training/parental visits etc. Mrs Aston takes responsibility for the planning for the whole week. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Aston or myself.

Parental Visits to School

May I politely remind you that parents visiting school during the school day must report to the school office upon entering school. Only when you have been issued with a visitors badge can you proceed into a department. For your own protection it is necessary for me to insist that you do not walk through school without permission.

Parent helpers need to continue to sign in and collect a badge.

Parents should be using home/school communication books for messages but if it is necessary to see a member of staff in the morning then you must ensure you have seen them and left the building before the school day starts or make an appointment.

Teachers need to be available to their pupils at 8.55am and parents must not prevent them from beginning the school day on time or interrupt teaching time.

Please do not think you are not welcome – you are very welcome, but the health, safety and well being of every pupil is paramount. If you are unable to access the member of staff you want, then please find me.

Your support following these instructions would be greatly appreciated.

Crossing Patrol

Our Crossing Patrol lady who serves our school so well through rain, hail and sunshine is finding it difficult to cross the children safely as children and parents are crossing over before she has positioned herself in the middle of the road. We will be talking to the children about road safety but please ensure the crossing patrol lady can do her job effectively thus ensuring everyone's safety, by waiting until she invites you to cross the road.

Best wishes.

S J Whyld
Headteacher