



William Gilbert Endowed

(Church of England) *Voluntary Aided*

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Thank you for attending the recent Parents Evenings and for your support towards the Book Fair. We raised £1,623, which has entitled us to £974 worth of free books. Thank you to Mrs Stevenson and all staff and parent helpers.

Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Athletics team who came first in the recent competition at Charles Hill Sports Centre. Their team photograph is displayed in the entrance hall.

Cross Country

On Tuesday a number of Key Stage 2 pupils entered the Cross Country Competition at Loscoe. Well done to everyone who took part and completed the course. Thank you to Mrs Pygott for being the member of staff in charge and allowing the children to take part on an evening which clashed with parents evening.

Particular mention must be made to Alfie Rowett who came 2nd out of the pack of Year 5 and 6 boys and Lili Rowett who was placed 4th out of the Year 3 and Year 4 girls. Overall the Year 5 and 6 boys team was placed 2nd.

A fantastic achievement everyone, congratulations!

Comic Relief

Thank you for your support towards this worthy cause, we raised £631.

Sports Sponsorship

Once again, thank you for your support towards this sponsored gym event. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and we raised over £2,000.

William Gilbert Pupils Sing at the Opera House, Covent Garden

On Saturday 14th March 51 pupils, 13 staff and 143 family members and friends attended The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden for an afternoon of singing from 10 different schools/choirs/singing groups, all working in the Sing Up programme. William Gilbert pupils sang 10 different songs, ranging from Hebrew, Latin and English in Unison, 2 and 3-part harmony.

The children were a credit to the school, their performances were outstanding and the family support was awesome. A huge thank you to everyone who made the day so successful. It was a day to feel justifiably proud.



Easter Service

With the exception of our nursery pupils, the whole school will be attending Church on Thursday 2nd April for our Easter service. The service will finish at approximately 3.00 p.m. and all children should be clear about their going home arrangements directly from Church.

Only in exceptional circumstances are children escorted back to school for dismissal at their usual home time. If this is necessary for your child, then please advise me in writing.

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in case of an April shower.

Key Stage 2 pupils will also walk to Church on Wednesday 1st April.

Farewell Mrs Wall

Mrs Wall retires on Friday after 25 years service to the school. We will celebrate her retirement in our Friday morning act of worship in the school hall at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends of the school who know Mrs Wall and would like to join us on this occasion are warmly welcomed. At the close of worship there will be an opportunity for personal reminiscing, tributes etc.

School SENCO

Mr D Rodgers has taken over the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Mr Rodgers works in school on a Tuesday. If you wish to liaise with him then please make an appointment via Mrs Manners in the school office.

Easter Holiday

School will close to pupils at home time on Friday 3rd April and re-opens on Monday 20th April from 8.40 a.m.

On behalf of the staff and Governors I wish you a joyous Easter and a Happy Spring Holiday.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher