



William Gilbert Endowed

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Sad News

Yesterday was the funeral of another of my ex-pupils, Philippa Holmes. Philippa attended William Gilbert between 1989 and 1996 and I had the pleasure of teaching her twice. Philippa was a gifted academic and she went on from here to excel at Ecclesbourne.

In 2006 she graduated from Clare College, Cambridge with a First Class Honours degree in Geography. She then studied for a Masters Degree in Quaternary Science where she gained a distinction.

Since 2008 she has travelled across the world and was about to embark on a PhD at Queen Mary College, University of London, on the Paleoa-glaciation of the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa.

It is tragic that her life has been cut short. I know you will join me in keeping her younger sister Fiona, her parents and extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

KS2 Sports Day

After the heat of last week we are likely to have a flooded field by Friday of this week! Mrs Stevenson has already sent a letter to you about Sports Day arrangements. Our decisions are always made with the best interest of the children at heart. Whilst I appreciate working parents like to have a definite date and time, the children's health, safety and well being will always be paramount.

Looking at the forecast there is no predicted heat wave, so as long as the field is dry enough we will go ahead in the afternoon as originally planned commencing at 1.45 p.m. Final confirmation will be sent out as indicated in the letter last week.

Please remember pupils need their kit and a team coloured T-shirt plus a water bottles. According to the weather pupils also need applied sun cream, sun hat and glasses and a waterproof.

KS1 Sports Day

A reminder that KS1 Sports Day is the morning of Wednesday 15th July at 9.30 a.m. and weather permitting will be held on Grays recreation ground.

Wind Band

From Tuesday September 17th we will become a satellite centre for a new wind band as part of South East Derbyshire Music Centre, which is part of Derbyshire City and County Music Partnership. The band will be for primary aged instrumentalists living in Duffield. It will meet on Thursdays from 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Mr Adam Rutter (our Brass teacher) will be directing the band and William Gilbert pupils may either stay at the end of the school day and help him set up or pop home if they live very local and come back for 4.00 p.m. any woodwind or brass pupil who has mastered a reasonable amount of notes will be welcome.

Taster Session

There will be a taster session for the band this Thursday and next for any of Miss Austin's or Mr Rutter's pupils. Pupils who want to stay this Thursday and next may stay at school and help set up 3.30 - 4.00 p.m. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brass Lesson

Please note Mr Rutter is not in school this Friday so pupils do not need to bring their instruments.

School Photographs

Full size class photographs are on display in the school entrance hall should you wish to view them ahead of placing your order. Please ensure your order is in school by **Monday 13th July**. **We are aware that the photograph proof states that your order should be in school within 10 days – however unless we place the order by the 13 July it is unlikely they would be received before the end of term.** You can order direct from Tempest if you are late

Swine Flu

You will be aware that there have been some cases of Swine Flu diagnosed in Derbyshire. The Health Protection Agency is aware that this increases anxiety.

As the number of cases has risen there is increased knowledge about the virus, in particular transmission and an awareness that the virus can spread very easily, as with seasonal flu.

The current position is that any individual with flu like symptoms, in particular a fever of greater than 38 degrees centigrade, sore throat and headache, should contact their GP or NHS Direct on 0845 4647, who will assess their symptoms. If their symptoms are consistent with swine flu, anti-virals will be prescribed and advice given on staying at home until the anti-virals are completed.

Good basic hygiene can help to reduce transmission of all viruses, including swine flu. This includes:-

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

School Clubs

Most school clubs will be running their last session for the year next week. Please check the list below for confirmation.

	<u>Finishes</u>
5-Aside Football	Monday 13 th July
Healthy Cookery	Monday 13 th July
Art & Craft	Monday 13 th July
Soccer Stars	Tuesday 21 st July
Computer	Wednesday 15 th July
KS1 Dance	Wednesday 15 th July

Reading and Library Books

If you still have reading scheme or library books at home we would be grateful if you could return them to school before the end of term. There is no penalty for late return so if during the holiday you have the opportunity to check book shelves, bedrooms and bags and find books belonging to school we would still be grateful to receive them in September.

PRIZE GIVING

The schools annual prize giving service will take place on Friday 24th July at 9.30 a.m.

Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend, especially those of Year 6 pupils and parents contacted to inform their child is to be awarded a prize.

Yours sincerely

