

William Gilbert PTA Newsletter

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Hello to all parents/guardians and all those party animals who attended the 8th Annual Willy Gilly Ball last Saturday!

What an incredible evening we all had and this is all thanks to some amazing mums who have worked so hard to ensure everything ran like a dream!

The Ball Committee :

Joanne Hare

Jane Arnold

Karen Fairholm

Tracy Batchelor

Gail Mann

Bridge Charlton

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

Thank you also to the wonderful dads who entertained us so well on the night ... Simon Hare, Keith Raynor and of course Richard Beevers who all ensured the auction worked efficiently, promptly and most lucratively!!

Karen Lawley and her incredibly successful band Chaser entertained us until the wee small hours – how amazing were they?! Thank you Karen – you certainly have the X Factor!!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!

THANK YOU!!

If you were unable to attend this amazing event ... then log onto www.focaltrip.com to have an insight into how much fun we all had. Ex-Willy Gilly pupil Simon Mackney has taken some pretty amazing photographs of the evening and is donating a generous 10% back to the school for all those who place an order. Have a look at some of the frocks!! WOW!

There are just so many people to thank ... all the parents and friends of the school who donated such generous gifts – we had holidays, limited prints, interior design gifts, crystal glasses, champagne and even a few handymen up for auction!!

Thank you also to www.stationmeadowview.co.uk who in addition to building affordable beautiful homes in Duffield, provided chocolate pots for the tables – hope all the children enjoyed them the next day ... (they DID make it home didn't they?)

Then last but not least thank you each and every one of you who came along. I think this school is very lucky to have so many generous, fun and happy parents at the school. The annual Ball seems to be going from strength to strength each year and its because of all the lovely parents who are so committed to helping make Willy Gilly as popular and successful as it is (or is it just that you all like to party?!)

Now ... how much did we raise ?? Jane Arnold is still visible (just) over the pile of notes and coins on her kitchen table. She asks that everyone who successfully bid for an item on Saturday can let her have your cheques or cash as soon as possible so that she can give a final figure VERY SOON! You can contact Jane on 01332 841072. We will keep you waiting a little longer for the final figure ...



LAPTOPS!!

The school has just 17 computers in the ICT suite and it is proving very difficult for 262 children to use these SO ... Mrs Whyld would very much like to buy laptop computers for use in the classrooms. The final figure from the Ball will dictate just how many we can purchase and ensure their security at night. Before we start looking into the cost of this equipment ... are there any IT experts who may be able to point us in the right direction? If so, please do speak to Mrs Whyld or Mrs Matthews.

So what's next ...? We have the Junior performance of "Oliver" next week and the PTA traditionally provide refreshments on both evenings. Next Tues (12th) and Wed (13th) Feb (next week) are the dates – are there any non-junior parents who would be prepared to spend a few hours one of the evenings to pour drinks – please email me johnson-evans@tiscali.co.uk or speak to your class rep or me! Thank you

The next important date for the PTA is the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Tues 18th March. The AGM will be held in the school hall at 8pm, preceded by a meeting at 7.30pm in Year 6. Please come along if you possibly can.

Regards Mary Johnson-Evans
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