

William Gilbert PTA Newsletter

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Hello one and all and WELCOME to the new academic year from the PTA committee!

We hope that all new parents are adapting well to tying ties and searching for red bags before 8.30am each morning!

It's great to see so many new faces at the gate and we very much look forward to meeting you all during the course of this term at the numerous PTA events we have planned.

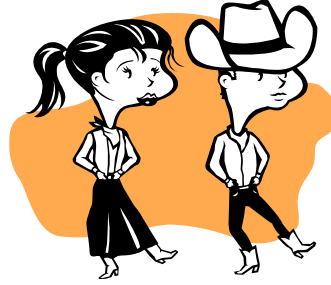
The PTA raises thousands of pounds each year which we are able to pass directly onto the school. You may have seen the fabulous "school road" and the play tables in the infant garden which have recently been purchased by the PTA! There are lots more items arriving soon for the children. None of this is possible without our fundraising efforts and the support from all parents. We welcome you all to come and join us and volunteer to help in some small or large way so we can continue to be so successful and keep this school "special".

The William Gilbert PTA consists of some fabulous parents, Mrs Whyld as President and a few teachers! Our meetings are very relaxed and we hope that we make everyone feel welcome. We have just lost lots of parents this year to The Ecclesbourne School – so we would love to welcome some fresh faces around the table!

Forthcoming events are advertised on the PTA notice board at the top of the driveway in the infant entrance or you can check out our website www.williamgilbertpta.co.uk. You can also get in touch with us via the PTA postbox which is "parked" just inside the main entrance on the right!

Our first PTA MEETING will be held next THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER in the Year 6 classroom with a 7.30pm start (enter via the junior entrance across the junior playground). Amongst the topics under discussion will be the barn dance, plans for a children's disco (on FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER), Ladies Shopping Night, the Christmas Fayre (FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER), this year's Christmas fundraiser and items on Mrs Whyld's "shopping list"!

We launch this new academic year with ... THE VERY FIRST Willy Gilly Barn Dance...



So ... “come and do a waltz with your partner!” on Saturday 29th September 7.30 – 11.30pm at The Kings Head “barn” in Duffield. £10 a ticket will entitle you to a hog roast cob (or veggie option) and an evening of fun and laughter. Tickets are already on sale – so just grab Janet Brambilla (Year 3 mum) or myself (Year 1, 3 and 6 mum) to secure your ticket!! Janet and I can normally be found around the school gates or you can email me and I can come and find you! Johnson-evans@tiscali.co.uk. Please do try and come along and support our very first barn dance!!

Pumpkins ... surely the amount of rain over the summer holidays will mean that this will be the most productive pumpkin competition ever held!! Last term the children were all given some magic pumpkin seeds with instructions on how to grow them into ENORMOUS pumpkins. At a date (to be announced) the children will be invited to stagger to school with their pumpkins where there will be prizes in all sorts of categories ... so watch this space!!

This year’s CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER is a wonderful “Willy Gilly Recipe Book”!! We have asked parents, children and staff (especially Mrs Peak!) to email us with a favourite recipe or two which we will compile into a very special book to be produced in time for the Christmas Fayre (and Ladies Shopping



Night)! The book will certainly make fabulous gifts for family and friends and make some money for the school at the same time! Please email your recipes to richardrobey@tiscali.co.uk or pop them in the PTA post box! Illustrations by the children would be fab! Your name will be printed under your recipe – so don’t get your “tsp” muddled with your “tbsp”!!

and lastly ... each child will receive a plastic recycling bag in their red bags, hopefully with this note. All used printer cartridges and mobile phone handsets (minus the SIM card!) can be popped into the bag and returned to us (via the PTA postbox). We will receive money for all items collected. If you need more bags we will keep a supply next to the PTA postbox – just help yourself!!

Regards

The PTA