

# Newsletter .....

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William Gilbert Endowed School PTA

JULY 2008

## Welcome to .....

Your new PTA newsletter! I thought you'd like a taster of this new format before we exchange our PTA hats for knotted hankies. There's such a lot of going in in our school community that we felt that frankly it deserved communicating in a way that would reflect the sparkling achievements and contributions you ALL make.

There'll be news on how PTA funds are being spent and plans for further fundraising. In addition we'll be able to keep you up to date with a rolling calendar of events and

my favourite 'Top Tips'.

We want it to be YOUR newsletter so there's plenty of room for contributions from parents, grandparents and children so keep them coming in. It's been another great year and we're looking forward to Autumn ..... don't forget to feed your pumpkins!

If you'd like to nominate anyone for 'you're a star' let us know ... there are so many people who give so generously their time to enhance our children's

experience at William Gilbert



So grab a coffee and enjoy catching up on all the news

School.

Have a great summer break—don't forget to email any contributions for the September issue via the PTA website [www.williamgilbertpta.co.uk](http://www.williamgilbertpta.co.uk)

Regards

Mary Johnson-Evans PTA Chair



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## Duffield Carnival Week

What a great week .... 'Rounded' off (hah hah!) with the spectacular 'Sword in the Stone'.

The children looked fantastic - great idea delivered spectacularly. The rolling stone really was fantastic! To **Ruth Slade-Walker** who

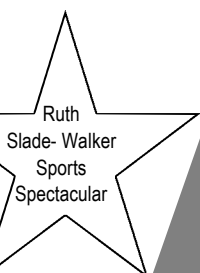
supported Carnival Week's "Sports Spectacular" on behalf of Willy Gilly. It was a wonderful event and for once the sun shone!!

Willy Gilly walked away with an enormous amount of prizes. It was a wonderful atmosphere and just lovely sharing an event with all of our friends at The Meadows school.

## FUNDING SUCCESS

**£350 from Duffield Parish Council**

We have been successful in our bid for funding from Duffield Parish Council. They have kindly awarded £350 towards the new laptops for KS1.



The Rolling Stones for an award winning Medieval Carnival entry. Helen Barr, Bridge & Pete Charlton, Ann Hunt, Steve Marriott David Nelms

# JUNIOR PAGE

We'd love to have some contributions from any of you guys in school—it's the junior page but it's for everyone from foundation to yr 6. If you have something to share a great place for a day out, film or game review, favourite food at tea time then send it in.

This months contribution was hastily requested from Josh Nicholson !

## Campfires at Cub Camp

Last weekend I went on my first ab camp. After a great afternoon at the Junior Sports Day we were all

excited.

When we arrived it was straight off on a 'night hike' returning eventually (after going the wrong way!) to put up the tents and hot dogs for supper. We were tired but lots of laughing in the tents.

We all woke up in the tents (except for those who had rolled out) getting dressed and having a great cooked breakfast.

The rain kept coming all weekend but we had a great time in the 'Black Hole', doing archery, gas skiing and a treasure hunt. Saturday Night was camp

fires, Tic-Tac and board games in the tents!

I had a great time and will definitely be going again. Shall I let you into a

secret? .....



Written by  
Josh Nicholson Year 3

# SCHOOL DISCOS

## THURSDAY

### 23RD OCTOBER 2008

## COMPETITION TIME!

This is the new format for our newly if not swiftly put together PTA Newsletter which we plan to distribute monthly.

This month's competition for children and/or parents is ... "Find a name for the new PTA newsletter competition". There will be a prize for the best suggestion and the winner will be announced in September's newsletter.

**\*\*A few new things the PTA have purchased that you'll be seeing around school \*\***

Yr 6 leavers will each receive a commemorative year book from the PTA

Laptops and Laptop Trolley for KS1 arriving Autumn Term 2008

### WORD SEARCH

just for fun & frustration !


- ball
- carnival
- laptop
- medieval
- outstanding
- spectacular
- school
- And finally a mystery teachers name .. Mrs .....

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GOOD LUCK AT  
ECCLESBOURNE  
TO ALL OUR  
YR 6  
LEAVERS

## Thank you

## School Voucher Update



Joanne Raynor has very kindly supplied, at cost, the **fabulous new curtains** in the school hall and the theatre drapes which were premiered at the recent performance of Oliver.

We can also look forward to professional blackout for future daytime productions

Take a bow Jo !



Everyone for collecting school vouchers

Joanne Raynor


We collected a phenomenal amount of vouchers which we can exchange for fab sports equipment etc ... for the children. Thank you to everyone who's taken the time to collect the vouchers and asking friends and family to support us to. We'll get an update for you for September. Please keep them coming

Thank you Jane for all that counting !



Jane Arnold

## More Praise



We've received a fantastic letter for the Governing body commending "the consistent hard work, fundraising & dedication to the school" . **"The school could not possibly have raised the standards in ICT, however creative and inspirational the teaching, without considerable financial means provided consistently by the PTA. We have a wonderful air-conditioned and well equipped ICT suite with the children enjoy using"** (Adele Carmichael-Smith Chair of Governors)

## Welcome and Congratulations


**Welcome** Hannah Emms has joined Year 4. Hannah's mum is Caroline Emms Teaching Assistant in KS1. A big warm welcome to you Hannah.

**Congratulations** to Jess Carter in Reception on the birth of Daisy Abigail who arrived safely 11th July 2008.

**Welcome** to the Outhwaite family have recently arrived. Beth is in year 2 and we all wish her a very happy time with us. Mum, Deborah has already become involved with the PTA.

## Goodbye

I'm sure they'll be a fond farewell to our yr 6 on the school steps on 18th July ... if you've not seen it before try and hang around and clap them on their way to secondary school. **Yr 6 families leaving us for the last time this year** .. Wilkinson, Frixou, Bowler, Carmichael-Smith, Daniels, Rowbottom, Cooke, Cox, Bramley-Astle, Gray, Clough, Vaughan, Goddard, Rowland, Rogers, Stephenson .Thank you for your valued contributions to the PTA and the school



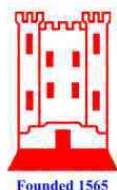
**A very sad farewell to Mrs Bexon** from all the children who were fortunate enough to spend a year with you — best wishes for your future

## ..TOP TIPS ....TOP TIPS...TOP TIPS....TOP TIPS....TOP TIPS....

Karen and Mary can highly recommend an oven mending man: Martin from Honeywood Domestic Services. <http://www.honeywood-uk.com>. He fixed the problem and didn't charge the earth.

If you have any top tips for forthcoming publications—send your contribution to [www.williamgilbertpta.co.uk](http://www.williamgilbertpta.co.uk) or pop it in the PTA post box in the lobby area of school. Good teatime favourite in your house (with recipe / book reference of course), great place to eat out, a great plumber, a fab manicure, holiday —anything / anyone at all you find yourself recommending to friends !

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### Current Projects

Any idea for a **Christmas fundraiser**? Would you like a return of a favourite? (tea towels, calendar, Christmas cards) ..... we're looking for any great ideas ASAP

Keep feeding those **Pumpkins** in time for the Harvest Festival ... it's always been a fun part of the service and was poorly supported last year, with a few washed out with all that rain (a huge disappointment to Mrs Wall who limbers up each year to lift them onto the scales!) The children really enjoy the trophy giving and there's a sweet treat for all entries! So come on and let's see all shapes and sizes in the Autumn.

**Willy Gilly Ball update** Anyone wishing to become involved in next year's biggest fundraiser for the school—whether its making a few phone calls from home or making table arrangements/ladies gifts, please call Amanda Hamilton on 01332 842042 who would be DELIGHTED to hear from you!!

**Who are the PTA** ..... Everyone who is a parent or guardian for a child currently attending the school from Nursery through to yr 6 is a member — so welcome.

#### Key contacts:

Mary Johnson –Evans—Chair

Karen Lawley Deputy Chair

Andrea Hewing Secretary

Bronwen Skinner Treasurer

Gail Mann - Web Administrator

#### Class Reps from September 2008

Nursery Vacant

Reception Andea Hewing / Jane Arnold

Yr 1 Kelly Houston / Jane Munns

Yr 2 Debbie Preston

Yr 3 Jane Arnold

Yr 4 Rachel Abbott

Yr 5 Rachel Storr / Karen Lawley

Yr 6 Nikki Allison



We'll be sending out an evaluation form for PTA events ... **we really need your feedback** ... please return them



#### 2008 Calendar

PTA Meeting Pattenmakers 7.30pm 15th Sept

Barn Dance 27th September The Kings Head

Pumpkin Competition Harvest Festival

School Discos 23rd October

#### Forthcoming events November

"Ladies only" event

Christmas Fayre

#### Mobile Phone recycling scheme raising much needed PTA funds.



If you have a mobile phone of any age or condition you no longer use please put it in the PTA box in Reception—we get £2.50 for every phone we recycle! Ask all your friends and family.

#### SMALL ADS

If anyone would like a **green crocodile see-saw** (in excellent condition)—call Mary 01332 843181—free to the first caller.

**Something to give away ... looking for something? - ADVERTISE HERE**

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Kate Johnson (Harri, Will and Fin's big sister) aged 20, currently studying education is looking for **babysitting work** in August (daytime or eves)

You can contact Kate on 07875 138660