



William Gilbert Endowed

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Key Stage 1 Performance of Lights, Camel Action

We look forward to welcoming family members of Key Stage 1 pupils to see Lights Camel Action this Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December.

The afternoon performance on Wednesday 7th will begin at 1.30pm and finish at approximately 2.45pm .

The morning performance on Thursday 8th will begin at 9.30am and will finish at approximately 10.45am.

You may enter school via the main entrance from 1.15pm and 9.10am ready for the performances.

Concert Recording

I am pleased to inform you that we can now offer parents the chance to purchase a recording of the concert.

Please note that the recording will be done on a school IPAD, so will have no professional editing, but it will give parents access to the whole concert. A member of staff will record the performance and it will then be uploaded through a professional website, allowing parents to purchase a link if they so wish. The cost of this will be £4, which is considerably less than the company we usually use, and just covers the charge from the external company.

I will write to you again with details of how to purchase access to this link.

Carol Service – Friday 16th December, 2.00pm – St Alkmund’s Church

We will be holding our annual Carol Service at St Alkmund’s Church in Duffield on Friday 16th December at 2.00pm. The service is particularly popular with Year 6 family members. Year 6 lead the service, however all parents, family and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend the service.

Parents new to the school, or with their first child in Reception will not have experienced the William Gilbert Carol Service before, so please read the details below carefully.

After lunch on Friday 16th December, all the children walk with their peers, teachers and parent helpers. We arrive at Church in time for a toilet stop ahead of the service commencing at 2.00pm.

Children need to be dressed in their usual school uniform with tie and navy jumper – not a hoodie. Children should bring a waterproof coat in case the walk is in wet weather.

All children go home **directly from the Church at approximately 3.00pm**. Therefore, on the afternoon of Friday 16th December, all children need to be **picked up from Church**.

Unless I am informed in writing that your child is to return to school to be dismissed at 3.30pm, then it will be assumed that your child will go home from Church, and will be clear about their arrangements.

It is easier to bring as few bags as possible on the day of the Carol Service. Please place packed lunches in disposable packaging. **Infant children will not require their book bags on this day.**

Children In Need

Thank you to all the children and parents who supported Children In Need this year. We raised £450 but this included £97.50 that was raised by Alice and Lucy Rees who made items that they sold to their friends. Well done girls!

Christmas Fayre

An enormous thank you to Mr & Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Ruggins, Mrs Spencer and all their helpers for organising the Christmas Fayre on Friday 18th November. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised an enormous £2,580 towards school funds, which includes money raised by the Year 6 stalls. A suitable treat will be arranged for the Year 6 children and Mrs Marshall will discuss this with them in the New Year.

Poppy Appeal

Another superb effort, thank you for supporting the recent Poppy Appeal in school. We raised an amazing £510.17 – only beaten in the Belper area by Morrisons at Belper!

Admissions to School Reception Class September 2023

A reminder that admission for a place in our Reception Class for September 2022 need to be lodged with the Local Authority by Sunday 15th January 2023, via the Derbyshire County Council link www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions.

School Clubs

The After School Clubs have now finished for this term and we will restart in the New Year. Letters will be sent out to confirm dates and groups in due course. Only Healthy Cookery with Mrs Owen will run for a final session on Monday 12th December.

Christmas Cards & Post Boxes

Pupils are welcome to bring their Christmas Cards and post them in the Willy Gilly post-boxes, which will be in operation until the end of term. Please encourage your child to put the Christian name, surname and class on the envelope, as it helps those who are sorting, as well as the postman!

Christmas Gifts

The PTA will be selling Christmas presents for parents/carers/family members on the morning of Wednesday 14th and the afternoon of Thursday 15th December. Please log onto Scopay to make the payment of £2.50 per gift.

Further dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th December – Party Day

All children may wear their own party clothes to school for the day.

Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper or Christmas outfit, and festive accessories in a competition for the best dressed 'Christmas themed' pupil. A £2 donation can be made via your child's Scopay account from 19th December. The money will be sent to the Christmas Jumper appeal.

Inset Day

Our final training day has just been confirmed. This will be on Friday 27th January 2023. School will be closed to pupils on that day. There will be no further closure days this academic year.

End of term

A reminder that school closes for Christmas at the normal time on Wednesday 21st December and reopens on Monday 9th January 2023.

I will be writing to you again before Christmas, but in the meantime if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask on the gate or contact us.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher