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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Summer Fayre

Thank you to Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Ruggins, Mrs Longmore, Mrs Walton, Mrs Bains, and their team of helpers, for organising the Summer Fayre on Friday 16th June. It was wonderful to see parents and children in school enjoying the games, stalls and activities. A total of £1,700 was raised. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Appointment of Deputy Headteacher

I have great pleasure in sharing the news that the school governors, myself and DDAT, who were all involved with the interview process, have been successful in appointing a new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Zoe Kibble will take up her post at William Gilbert Primary School in September. She is an experienced teacher and senior leader and comes to us from another school within our trust.

Sports Day

We were fortunate to run both sports days last week, without needing to use the reserve dates. Thank you again to friends and family who turned up to support the children.

On both days we saw examples of outstanding athleticism, excellent sportsmanship and great camaraderie, and we have celebrated this in school as we reflected on two excellent afternoons.

Carnival – 24th June 2023

The carnival float procession starts from Avenue Road on Saturday 24th June at 12.45pm, if you would like to join the William Gilbert float, please arrive at 12.30pm. Please note that tickets will be required by any child from Year 7 upwards and adults who are not in full fancy dress. The theme is Disney so come dressed as anything Disney related. Tickets can be purchased online from www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk/tickets or from Duffield News or Meadow Vale stores.

Warm Weather

The weather has been unusually warm over the last couple of weeks, and hopefully it will continue. Can I please remind you to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school, and ensure they have a hat and a full water bottle.

Key Stage 2 School Production – the Rocky Monster Show

Year 6 are currently rehearsing for the forthcoming production of the Rocky Monster Show. A reminder that our production performance dates are:-

Tuesday 11th July – afternoon performance
Wednesday 12th July – evening performance
Thursday 13th July – evening performances

A ticket letter will be sent to parents in due course.

School Uniform

The shops are currently full of school uniform offers. Please find attached the uniform details for September 2023. It would be helpful, if any orders for uniform were received by **Thursday 13th July**, to enable the office staff to coordinate and issue items to parents. Please purchase via your child's Scopy account. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Please note that there will also be an opportunity to buy pre-loved/used uniform from the PTA at the forthcoming open afternoon, which is on Tuesday 18th July between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

A further order has been placed for the new school backpack, following us selling out of our new stock. It is not compulsory for you to replace your child's book bag with a backpack. A school book bag **or** school backpack is required, not both.

Parking

Thank you for reading my last letter regarding parking and traffic around school. I have had a great deal of positive feedback which is encouraging. We will continue to monitor the situation closely with local residents and councillors. Thank you to the vast number of parents who either walk to school or park further away and walk the last stretch. The school has now purchased traffic road signs for use at critical times and in the most problematic areas. We would be grateful for your cooperation in observing these. I have approached the local PCSO team and the Safer Neighbourhood team who have agreed to offer support in monitoring the area. In the longer term, they have agreed to offer road safety workshops for our children. These will be delivered at the start of the new academic year, which will complement the weekly safeguarding assemblies led by school staff.

Yours sincerely

E H Britten
Headteacher