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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Summer Fayre

Thank you to Mrs Sykes, Mrs Mumby, Mrs Winfield, Mrs Dungeon-Beetham and their team of helpers, for organising the Summer Fayre last half term. It was wonderful to see parents and children back together in school enjoying the games, stalls and activities. A total of £2,000 was raised, thank you to everyone for your support!

Beautiful Music in a Country Church

Thank you to all parents and family members who supported our un-auditioned, and fully inclusive choir, performing with Cantabile, an adult choir on Friday 10th June. I was extremely proud of the children's behaviour, focus and musicality, and we have received numerous comments and emails of praise and thanks. Well done children.

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 – 25th June 2022

The carnival float procession starts from Avenue Road tomorrow at 12.45pm, if you would like to join the William Gilbert float, please be arrive for 12.30pm. The children will have bought home today a white piece of paper with a flag template on. For those children and parents attending tomorrow, could you please colour the flag template in red, white and blue and bring it with you to the Carnival procession.

Congratulations to F Peden, who won the Duffield Carnival Flag competition. You will see this displayed all over our carnival float this year. Well done Freya!

On-Line Safety

Can I please make parents aware of an online/video game called Poppy Playtime, involving the character 'Huggy-Wuggy', that some children are imitating on the KS2 playground. We appreciate that some of the children are not aware of its content, but equally that others are watching it online. This is a game that we feel is inappropriate for primary age children. We advise that you do not draw your child's attention to the game, but be vigilant and monitor accordingly.

Warm Weather

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

Mrs Lewin - Retirement

Mrs Lewin, is retiring in July after 16 years working as a Teaching Assistant at William Gilbert School. If any parent would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Mrs Lewin, please send any contribution to the school office.

Duffield Schools Out Club

Duffield Schools Out Club are once again taking part in the government funded programme, Holiday Activity and food programme (offering free sessions to parents who qualify). They would like parents to be aware that they will open for full childcare provision on our inset days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September. Please see attached information or call 07971 299604 for more information or to book a place for your child(ren).

Key Stage 2 School Production - Matilda

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

Tuesday 12th July – afternoon performance

Wednesday 13th July – evening performance

Thursday 14th July – evening performances

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

School Uniform

The shops are full of offers currently on school uniform. Please find attached the uniform details for September 2022. It would be helpful, if any orders for uniform were received by **Thursday 14th 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 19th July between 3.30pm and 5.00pm.

Class Photographs

Can I please remind you that the photographer will be in school next Friday 1st July to take the Class and Team photographs. Please send your child in smart, clean uniform. We have been assured that the proofs and any orders will be turned around before we close for the summer.

Student Update Forms

The new student update forms will be sent home with your child next week. Could you please check the information, and amend where necessary, and return to the school office as soon as possible. We would like to get all these details up to date ready for when we return in September. Any queries please contact the School Office.

Nursery Closure

Can I please remind parents that Nursery will be closed all day on Friday 22nd July, so that all staff can attend the Annual Prize Giving Service in School. This closure was advised earlier this year on a previous Newsletter.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher