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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to last half term of this academic year, which is going to be busy with lots of activities in school and within the Duffield community. I hope you all managed to enjoy the half term break and Jubilee celebrations.

Holiday Absence

We are experiencing an increase in absence requests for holidays, some of which are rearranged breaks following COVID. Please be aware that the guidelines remain the same, that holiday requests during term time cannot be authorised, unless there are extenuating circumstances. These requests are then passed through to the local authority and may incur a fine.

Inset Day

A reminder that our final training day is Friday 17th June, when school is closed to pupils.

Nursery Closure

I confirm 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.

Sports Day

Sports Days are planned for next Monday 13th June for KS1 and Tuesday 14th June for KS2. We hope that the weather is kind and the sun shines, but reserve dates are Monday 20th June for KS2 and Tuesday 21st June for KS1 in case next week is wet. The events will take place at Grays Rec, starting at 1.30 pm. All friends and family welcome to attend and support the children. Please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets. All children will go home from the Rec unless you have informed us that your child is to return to school, for example to meet the out of school club. Please email or telephone the school office.

William Gilbert is recognised for its ability to include all children but sport by its very nature is competitive. It has winners and losers in every event, and the ability to cope with the disappointment or frustration of losing is a life skill.

The Sports Days next week will be a wonderful example of children demonstrating good sportsmanship in success, and modesty and resilience in defeat. I thank all staff, parents and children who have always supported this, so that by the time children reach KS2 the passion to win any and every race on sports day is prevalent, but acknowledged with good grace at the finish line by all race/team members.

Class Photographs

Following the cancellation by the photographer last half term, the new date for Class and Team photographs is now the morning of Friday 1st July. 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

We will be sending out copies of the Student Forms over the next couple of weeks, which detail the information we hold on your child. 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.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher