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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

### **Easter Service**

May I remind you that the whole school, Reception to Year 6 will be attending St Alkmunds Church tomorrow, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. for our Easter Service.

All the children will be sitting at the front of the church. At the end of the service Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their staff, will walk towards church Hall to await collection. Reception pupils will remain in the choir stalls of the church so 1-1 handover can take place. Year 1 and Year 2 will remain in their pews near the vestry and Year 3 and Year 4 will remain in their seats near the organ. Parents attending church should collect their child/children swiftly and exit the church so that parents who are not attending the service, and are waiting outside, can then come into collect their child/children.

Parking is always an issue. Where possible, please walk or share lifts. Please do not park on the narrow drive leading down to the car park area. It is essential there is room for emergency access. Your support with parking would be appreciated and I would also be grateful if this information could be shared with grandparents and others who are likely to attend. The Bridge Inn are happy for visitors to use their car park.

The service will finish at approximately 3.00 p.m. and all children should be clear about their going home arrangements **directly from church.**

Only in exceptional circumstances are children escorted back from church to school for dismissal at their usual home time. As yet, no one has asked me to bring their child back to school, however if you have forgotten and it is necessary for your child to be escorted back to school after the service tomorrow, then please advise me in writing by tomorrow morning.

### **Scopay**

Can I politely remind you to log on to your Scopay accounts and pay any outstanding balances for trips, events and dinner money this half term. There are several trips that have taken place with money still owed. If parents/carers have any financial concerns regarding outstanding balances, please contact Mrs Manners in the school office, in confidence, to discuss.

### **School Lunches**

Can I politely remind you that we operate a 'healthy eating' policy at William Gilbert and would encourage parents not to send sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. We are also a nut free school so please do not include any item containing nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Our school lunches are freshly cooked each day on the school premises, using locally sourced ingredients and offer the children a healthy, nutritious meal each day. A healthy meal is a really important part of the whole school day. If your child would like to try our school lunches, please contact the school office for more details. Please be reminded that the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.70 after Easter as previously communicated.

### **School Uniform**

As detailed in our uniform policy, the summer term gives the option for our summer uniform; shorts for the boys and a blue gingham/striped dress for the girls. There is no obligation to wear the summer option and as it will still be April when we return, it may be sensible to stay in winter uniform until the weather becomes warmer. Please note that sandals must be like a shoe with a closed heel and toe and coloured winter tights are **NOT** an option with a summer dress.

Further information about uniform for PE will be sent separately before the end of term, so please keep an eye out for this.

### **Weduc**

Thank you for your support in booking the summer after school clubs via Weduc/Squid. There are still a few places available so please log into the payments section on Weduc to make a booking.

**If you have already paid for a club, and the system has processed your booking, please note that this is a confirmed space for your child. Details and dates of the clubs have already been communicated and will start week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

### **Easter Events – Egg Decorating & Easter Bonnet**

Congratulations to the following children who have won prizes for their egg decorating and Easter bonnet creations. There were some very original and interesting interpretations this year, which made the judging difficult. Thank you to everyone who took part.

#### Nursery/Reception Class

Winner – Sidney Hambley, Runner Up – Elsie Smith

#### Year 1 & 2

Winner – Lucia Steventon, Runner Up – Joshua Phillips

#### Year 3 & 4

Winner – Violetta Stacey, Runner Up – Tom Jackson

#### Year 5 & 6

Winner – Esme Jackson, Runner Up – Anamika Patel

**Please collect your child's bonnet or egg creation by tomorrow afternoon, otherwise they will be disposed of next week.**

### **Artist of the Month**

Once again, the children have not disappointed in the volume and quality of entries this month. All of the entries will be put on display in the entrance hall as part of our 'Art Gallery'. I do hope all entrants feel proud to have their art work on display for all to see. Visitors to school regularly comment favourably on the creativity and high levels of skill the children possess.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected this month.

EYFS – Theodore Hodson (Reception)

Key Stage 1 – Imogen Pardey (Year 2)

Key Stage 2 – Erin Bairstow (Year 6)

**Easter Holiday**

A reminder that school will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am. On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Britten  
Headteacher