



# William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England) Primary School

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No. 584

Dear Parents/Carers

## Harvest Celebration

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our harvest celebration last week. These items were collected by volunteers and our Year 6 children visited Hope for Belper on Monday afternoon to help sort and organise the items ready for distribution. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## School Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and sibling photographs. Unfortunately, due to time constraints we are unable to facilitate photographs with siblings not already in school. Please complete the on-line form to give consent by 9.00 am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Holidays In Term Time

Can I please remind you that current legislation makes it clear that Headteacher's should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

Each application will be considered individually and unless the request is an **exceptional circumstance**, the absence will not be unauthorised.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

## 'Love in a box' Christmas Shoeboxes

Parents were very generous last year and support this cause with some lovely donations, and if possible I would like to ask you to support the 'Love in a box' Christmas shoebox appeal to bring a little happiness to children who are living in poverty and would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. This year the contributions will be transported to children in Eastern Europe, including Ukraine.

Please use the link below for further details and to print the label.

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/>



**We would welcome your shoebox into school from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**School Uniform**

A reminder that when we return after half term the full William Gilbert uniform is compulsory and summer options are no longer permitted. Please remember boots are not part of our uniform and girls may wear navy, grey or black opaque tights or white knee socks. Full details can be found on our website.

It is becoming increasingly cold in school with the windows open for ventilation, and you may want to consider white t-shirts or thermals for your child to wear under their uniform as winter approaches.

**Child Friendly Technology, Acceptable Use Agreement for Pupils**

Please read carefully the pupil user agreement and parent permission form and return to school. If you do not give consent, please indicate accordingly. This document will be emailed with this Newsletter, and a hard copy of the permission form sent home with your child on Monday.

**Parent Consultation**

As you will have seen from the attached diary of events, parent evening consultations will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. I will write to you again with details of how to book your appointment after half term but in the meantime, **please download the WEDUC app and register (you will have received an email a few weeks ago with details), so that you are ready to book your appointment.**

If any parents are experiencing problems accessing the App, please contact the school office.

**WEDUC**

Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the WEDUC app. We are continuing to use the teachers 2 parents system for texting and emailing, and Scopay for online payments, but are hoping to be up and running on WEDUC before Christmas.

This will mean that going forward we will have just one platform that will be used for all school/parent communication. I would like to thank you for your patience during the time of transition and I will write to you again with further details.

**Half Term**

School closes next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October for the half term holiday, and reopens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the usual time. As previously communicated, may I remind you that school will be closed to parents and pupils for a staff training day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all an enjoyable break.

Kind regards

S J Whyld  
Headteacher