

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 13-05-16



Assessment week

I am incredibly proud of the way our Year 6 pupils have conducted themselves this week. Many of you will be aware of the hype that has been present in the media about the end of key stage tests but I am pleased to say that our children have been extremely positive and tackled every paper with determination and great resolve. The results of these will be available in July.

British Values

We have been introducing the children to the concept of fundamental British Values which we are required to promote as part of the curriculum. Over the next few weeks we will explore how each of these is evident in our school.

These values are:

Democracy;

The rule of law;

Individual liberty and

Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.



Class 1 Visit the Oceanarium

Last Friday Class 1 visited the Oceanarium in Bournemouth. They had a fabulous time seeing all the underwater creatures. Mollie told me she really enjoyed watching the penguins being fed; Tom liked the stingrays; Sam liked watching the jellyfish and Harry enjoyed the ice-creams! They were shown a variety of bones associated with different sea creatures.

A picnic on the beach and sandcastle building were a must in the afternoon—after all they had chosen our one of our few days of summer to be there! A huge thank you to the parents who helped to make this trip possible.



Class 3 Listen to Me Concert

Please note that due to the fact that Mr Brookes has been called for jury service, we have had to bring forward the Class 3 Listen to Me concert to **Tuesday 12th July at 2:30pm.**

Focus Christian Value
Belief



Important Dates:

- Mon 16th** Yr6 Oxygen Free Jumping
- Tues 17th** Sex Education Information Meeting for parents of Years 5 and 6 ~ 7-8pm
- Wed 18th** Celebration Worship
Class 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- Fri 20th** Cluster Rounders at William Gilpin 1-3pm
- Saturday 21st May - Summer Fete**
11am - 2pm

Week beginning 23rd May Curriculum Week ~ Africa

- Mon 23rd** M&M Theatre Company
- Wed 25th** Storyteller - No worship
- Fri 27th** Class 3 Worship 2.40pm
Open Classrooms 3.15pm

30th May - 3rd June Half Term Holiday

Other Dates: June

- Wed 8th** Celebration Worship
- Tues 14th** Parents' Forum 2:30 & 6:30pm
- Wed 15th** Family Worship

Question of the week...?

Is it a good thing that we are all different?



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'The greatest oak was once an acorn that held its ground'.

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

Summer Fete

With just a week to go until the Summer Fete please can everyone try to sell as many Grand Prize Draw tickets as they can to friends, family, work colleagues etc. There will be a prize for the greatest number of tickets sold and extra tickets are available from the school office should you require more. Remember that the school makes £1 from every ticket that is sold! Please could all money, ticket stubs and any un-sold tickets be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 18th May, so we are able to sell the spares at the fete.

FroWGS would also be grateful for more volunteers to help run stalls on the day of the fete. Please fill in the sign up sheet in the office if you can help.



Ride the Night

Kate Cheetham, along with 2 other local mums, is taking part in this year's Ride the Night which is a 100km bike ride over night through London. Women V Cancer Ride the Night is a women-only night cycle ride starting from Royal Windsor Racecourse, following a 100km route into London and back to the Racecourse. All in aid of three UK cancer charities: Breast Cancer Care, Ovarian Cancer Action and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

They have just reached their team target of £1000 but it would be great if they could raise more! Their team page is

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/Lymoladies>

Wednesday Junior Sailing

I have had a number of parents requesting to take children out of school early on a Wednesday in order to attend the Wednesday Junior Sailing (WJS) at Lymington Royal Yacht Club. Whilst I actively encourage children to participate in this type of activity, I cannot allow an early end to the school day to facilitate it. If you inform your child's class teacher that they are sailing, we will ensure they are first out of class, promptly at 3:10pm and if you arrange to pick up from the drop zone a speedy get away is possible. This is inline with the policy of the vast majority of other local schools.



The WJS website does specify that children of helpers will always have priority followed by those on a Red, White or Green card. They state that these children can usually sail every week. Any child on a yellow card who is turned away one week will have priority the following week, so no child should miss two weeks running, as long as they make sure their names have been noted when the session is full. If there are too many children wanting to sail every week, they may have to use the 'alternate week system' for those on yellow cards and possibly even red cards. You can help them avoid having to turn children away by becoming a helper. These are their guidelines. If you feel they are not working or not being adhered to please speak to them about this.

Tues 21st	Y5/6 Cricket Tournament, Totton
Wed 22nd	Celebration Worship New Reception Children 2016 - Stories & Rhymes
Fri 24th	Yr6 Winchester Cathedral Day. Class 2 Worship 2:40pm
Tues 28th	Sports Day KS2 - Morning KS1 - Afternoon
Wed 29th	Family Worship
July	
Wed 6th	Celebration Worship New Reception Visit 1:30pm - 2:45pm
Tues 12th	Yr6 visit Priestlands Class 3 Listen to Me concert 2:30pm
Wed 13th	Family Worship KS2 Production 6:30pm
Thurs 14th	KS2 Production 6:30pm

Diary dates are also on the school website

Stay Safe in the Sun

Assuming that there is going to be more sunny days this term please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. Children will also benefit from sunhats for break times and sunscreen applied in the mornings.

The Gruffalo's Child

The Nuffield Theatre have a production of the Gruffalo's Child running from 28th June to 3rd July. Follow the link below for further details:

<http://www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/the-gruffalos-child>

