

William Gilpin Church of England VA Primary School



"Start small,
think big..."

September Newsletter

<http://www.williamgilpin.hants.sch.uk/>

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a wonderful, restful summer. As always the children appear to have grown several feet over the break and are back in classrooms with great enthusiasm. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Dalton to our school and I am sure you will all make her feel at home.

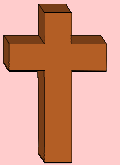
As I mentioned in the July newsletter, we will focus on educating the children in compassionate behaviour this year. We also really want to focus on how we can support parents. In this initial newsletter you will see some of the things we have organised to begin this journey.

I am so excited for this year, I truly believe it will be fun, full of learning and our best yet as a community!

Mrs Kennedy

Core Christian Values

- ◇ Courage
- ◇ Compassion
- ◇ Community



This term our focus will be **compassion.**

British Values

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual Liberty



This term our focus will be **Mutual respect and tolerance.**

Breakfast and After school Club

A reminder that we will be providing a Breakfast Club from 7.45am at £4.00 a session. This will be led by Mrs Granger and Mrs Bird. Breakfast is provided. Please book online through Scopay.com or via the School Office. Children should enter through the car park door.

Mrs Harding will continue to run our fabulous after school provision, open until 6.00pm. This is charged at £10.00. Children receive a snack and get to partake in a wide range of activities. Baking is always a popular session and is on Mondays and Thursdays. Children should be collected from the Forest Room next to the School Office.

If your child arrives into school before 8.20am or is not collected by 3.30pm they will be put into the above clubs and you will be charged. If one of your children is receiving additional tuition from a teacher, for example SATs boosting, and you would like your other child(ren) to wait in school you will need to pay for them to attend the above clubs.



- ⇒ All email communication to staff must go through the School Office email, adminoffice@williamgilpin.hants.sch.uk
- ⇒ If you have a message for the class teacher in the morning, please pass that on to a staff member on Dropzone or call the School Office. As before please do not park in dropzone to pass on messages, park in another spot or phone. This keeps the Dropzone 'drop and go'.
- ⇒ If you have a question or concern regarding your child please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
- ⇒ Class teachers and I will always make time for meetings with parents. Ask the office to arrange this if required.

“Parents and teachers who work together are unstoppable,” Anon

Parent Talks

On **Thursday the 21st September at 7pm** I will be holding a talk for all parents on; **‘Parents and Staff ~ Together as a team at William Gilpin’**. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss how we can work effectively as a team to ensure your child achieves their full potential. We will also consider how we can best support you with your child’s behaviour and how we will resolve issues together, as they arise throughout the year. Home School Agreements will be handed out at this event and there will be a register kept of representatives from each family in order to ensure we can follow up with families unable to attend.

In addition there will be the ‘Meet the teacher’ sessions in which you can hear more personalised information on you child’s class e.g. when is PE? Miss Mayman will also be adding an additional fifteen minutes to her session on, ‘Managing friendships across Year 5 and 6’, as this is an area parents often have questions about.

Tues 12th Sept ~ Oak ‘Meet the Teacher’ 3.15pm

Thurs 14th Sept ~ Beech ‘Meet the Teacher’ 3.15pm

Tues 19th Sept ~ Willow ‘Meet the Teacher’ 3.15pm

Wed 20th Sept ~ Maple ‘Meet the Teacher’ 3.15pm

Within ‘dates for the diary’ I have included Lorraine Lee’s talks and their location. These are charged at £8 a session, however if you are unable to attend due to the cost please do let me know as we may be able to support you with this. There has been some extremely positive feedback on these sessions, so I do highly recommend attending if you can. I also have a few other irons in the fire in regards to supporting you as parents and I will provide further information in the next newsletter.

PE Kits and Water Bottles

A reminder that all children must bring their PE kits in every Monday and take these home on a Friday. PE kits must be in every day, even after clubs, as PE can sometimes change day depending on the weather. Please label all PE kits.

All children will also need a water bottle. In Key Stage 1 we recommend that these are taken home each night and the water changed. Key Stage 2 children rinse and refill their own water bottles, however a weekly home clean is recommended.

Clubs and Enrichment

It would be great to have all children in Y1-6 attend a club or enrichment activity

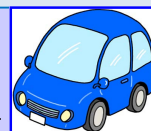
this term. I have ensured there is a mixture of free and paid clubs and, I

hope you agree, a great variety. If your child is not keen and you would like some advice please do ask your class teacher.



Dropzone

There were several cars blocking



Dropzone this morning, with parents walking children in or going to the School Office. The Dropzone is only to drop and go. Please do not park on the grass area as this causes cars to queue up the hill, which could in turn cause dangerous overtaking.

If you would like to walk in with your child please park in the Memorial Hall Car Park or another spot.

Please do not use the school car park in the morning or after school unless this has been expressly agreed by the school.

Dates for the diary

September

11th Sept-15th Sept ~ Year R start school (morning sessions)

Tues 12th Sept ~ Oak 'Meet the Teacher' 3.15pm

Thurs 14th ~ Beech 'Meet the Teacher' 3.15pm

Mon 18th Sept ~ Reception children start full time

Mon 18th Sept ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Tues 19th Sept ~ Willow 'Meet the Teacher' 3.15pm

Wed 20th Sept ~ 'Boosting Confidence and Self-Esteem'
Lorraine Lee, Milford On Sea Primary, 9.30-11.30am, £8

Wed 20th Sept ~ Maple 'Meet the Teacher' 3.15pm

Thurs 21st Sept ~ Cheese and Wine evening with
Headteacher talk for all parents 7pm **'Parents and Staff ~
Together as a team at William Gilpin'**.

Fri 22nd Sept ~ Forest School (Beech/Oak)

Fri 29th Sept ~ Forest School (Willow Year 1/Maple)

October

Mon 2nd Oct ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Wed 11th Oct ~ Harvest Festival at St John's 8.50am

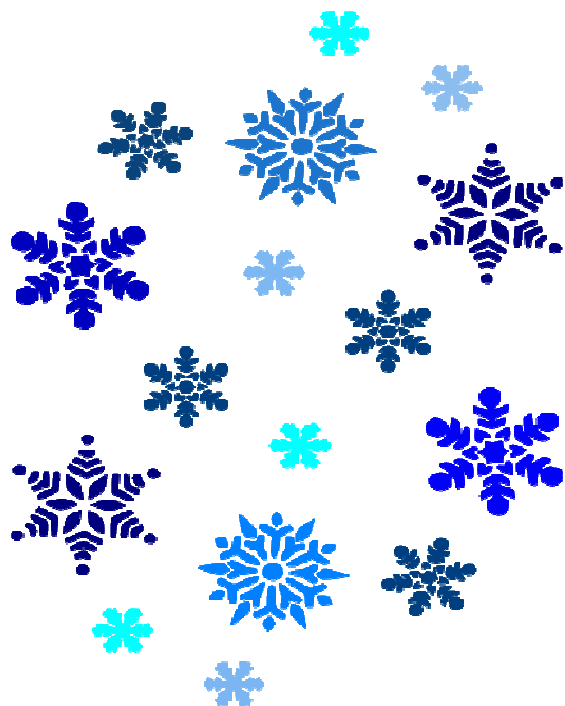
Mon 16th Oct ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Fri 20th Oct ~ Oak Class Worship

Sat 21st Oct - Sun 29th Oct ~ Half term

Mon 30th October ~ Inset day

Tues 31st October ~ Inset day



Other INSET days & Lorraine Lee Talks

Mon 19th February ~ INSET day

Fri 23rd Feb ~ 'Foundations for Screen Time & Being
Online'

Lorraine Lee, William Gilpin, 9.30-11.30am, £8

Wed 18th April ~ 'Understanding Boy's & Girl's Play/
Development' ~ Lorraine Lee, South Baddesley Prima-
ry, 9.30-11.30am, £8

Wed 20th June ~ 'Year 6 Transition to Secondary
School'

Lorraine Lee, Priestlands School, 6.00-8.00pm, £8

Mon 23rd July ~ INSET day



November

Fri 10th Nov ~ Forest School (Willow Year 1/Maple)

13th-17th Nov ~ Anti-bullying week

Mon 13th Nov ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Fri 17th Nov ~ Children in Need (Mufti for £1)

Fri 17th Nov ~ Forest School (Oak/Beech)

Mon 20th Nov Parents' evening ~ 3.30pm-6pm

Tues 21st Nov Parents' evening ~ 4.30pm-7.30pm

Fri 24th Nov ~ Forest School (Maple/Willow Year 1)

Fri Nov 24th ~ 'Building Skills Through Homework'

Lorraine Lee, Beaulieu Primary, 9.30-11.30am, £8

Mon 27th Nov ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Thurs 30th Nov ~ Christingle Service (In school) 2pm

December

Fri 1st Dec ~ Forest School (Oak/Beech)

Tues 5th Dec ~ Nativity (afternoon 2pm)

Wed 6th Dec ~ Nativity (evening 6pm)

Fri 8th Dec ~ Beech Class Worship

Week commencing 11th Dec ~ Oak Class Bikeability

Mon 11th Dec ~ Parent, baby and toddler group 2-3pm

Tues 12th Dec ~ Christmas Music Concert 1.30pm

Wed 13th Dec ~ Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec ~ Maple Class Worship

Tues 19th Dec ~ M&M Productions ~ Aladdin performance

Thurs 21st Dec ~ Church Service 1.30pm St Johns

Thurs 21st Dec ~ Last day of Autumn term

Fri 22nd December - Wed Jan 3rd January ~ Christmas Holiday

January

Thurs 4th January ~ First day of Spring term