

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 08-07-16

The end is nigh...

As we begin to draw near to the end of term, there's lots happening...

KS2 Production

Rehearsals for the end of year musical production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' are well underway - tickets are available in the school office.

Gilpin's Got Talent

The Year 6 pupils are busy organising the annual end of year Talent Show. This is an opportunity for all pupils to share a talent or skill with the whole school. If your child would like to take part, please discuss with them their performance ideas and help them rehearse - particularly younger pupils. They may work individually, in pairs or groups and the older children are often happy to assist their younger buddies if necessary but children will need to provide their own music and any costumes or props needed.



Leavers' Service!

With only a few weeks left of their time with us, the Year 6 pupils attended the Annual Leavers' Service in Winchester Cathedral on Friday 24th June. We were blessed with lovely sunny weather and trains that ran on time! We took the opportunity to take a tour of the cathedral and explore some of its history and then the children participated in a service with a number of other Hampshire Church Schools. Charlotte and Ben were our banner bearers and Sophie and Ella collected a very large candle which will see the school through many worships next year.



Leavers' Lunch

Year 6 children have chosen their lunch menu for their special Leavers' lunch which will take place on Monday 18th. Their chosen menu will be used for all lunches on that day and is:

Red—Sausage and Chips Green— Macaroni Cheese Picnic—Ham

A Visit to the Council Chambers!

The Year 6 children met Councillor Sophie Beeton last Friday when they visited the Council Offices in Lyndhurst. She led them in a variety of activities about recycling and introduced them to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Rickman. The children entered a debate about whether there should be a tax on sugary drinks and held their own vote on the issue. A huge thank you to those who organised this very interesting visit.

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Important Dates:

July

- Tues 12th** Yr6 visit to Priestlands
New Reception Visit
9.00am—10.30am
- Wed 13th** Family Worship
KS2 Production 6.30pm
- Thurs 14th** KS2 Production 6.30pm
- Mon 18th** Y6 Leavers Lunch 12.30pm
- Tues 19th** 'Gilpin's Got Talent' show
- Wed 20th** Leavers' Service 9am
Last day of the Summer
Term - School ends at
3.10pm

Diary dates are also on the school website

September

- Mon 5th** INSET Day - School Closed
- Tues 6th** First day of Autumn Term

End of Term Leavers Service at St Johns!

Our end of year leavers' service takes place at St Johns Church Boldre at 9am on Wednesday 20th July. Children should arrive by 8:45 and all parents are warmly invited to stay for the service and to return to school for coffee afterwards. Please return the 'Church Reply' slips to the office indicating the transport arrangements for your child to return to school.



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Assessment results

Over the last few weeks many of you will have received the results of one form of assessment or another whether these be Phonics Screening in Year 1 or End of Key Stage (SATs) test results in Years 2 and 6. We are absolutely united as a school that whilst these assessments are an important part of what we do, they by no means assess or measure everything that we consider to be important or valuable. We firmly believe that it is equally, if not more, important that we develop your children as well rounded learners and with key life skills. Unfortunately these things do not get assessed or receive the media or government attention that perhaps they should.

You may have heard much in the news recently about the increased level of difficulty in the new curriculum and corresponding assessments and the generally lower levels of achievement against these nationally. I am incredibly proud to say that our children have bucked this national trend and in all of these assessments have achieved incredibly well. As a school we have exceeded the national figures for attainment in just about every aspect and in many cases by quite a substantial margin. Most impressively, the children taking assessments approached the tests with enthusiasm and determination. Their positive attitude has been a credit to them. The adults working with the children (teachers and teaching assistants alike) have put in many additional hours of focused support and my thanks goes to them too. Well done everyone!



A little reminder for Leavers

Our annual Leavers' Lunch is on Monday 18th July and is an opportunity for the relatives of Year 6 pupils to join them and the staff for lunch. Could you please remember to let us have your menu choices as soon as possible if you have not already done so. If you need another copy of the menu please ask the office for one.

Residential September 2016

If you were unable to attend the residential meeting last week please collect a pack of information and a medical form from the office. Could all forms please be completed and returned to the office by Friday 18th July.

Outstanding payments

Could we also request that any outstanding payments for lunches, trips, clubs and music lessons are brought up to date by the end of term.

Phonics Screening		
	School	National
Children passing Y1 Phonics Screening	90%	80.7%

Children achieving the expected standard or better at KS1		
	School	National
Reading	77%	74%
Writing	71%	66%
Maths	82%	73%
Science	94%	82%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	71%	60%

Children achieving the expected standard or better at KS2		
	School	National
Reading	85%	66%
Writing	85%	74%
SPaG (Grammar)	85%	72%
Maths	85%	70%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	77%	53%

Please Return...

Please return all books (including revision guides Year 6) to the school library as soon as possible and by the end of the week at the latest so that we can make sure everything is ready for September. Thank you!



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Summer Fun at the Library

Summer holiday fun at Lymington Library (<http://dmtrk.net/EFR-4C035-2LCLJE-26C81X-0/c.aspx>)

Wednesday Craft Sessions

10.30am-12pm

3rd August - Dahl's animals

10th August - Design your own sweets

17th August - Collage your own marvellous medicine.

Just turn up, no need to book! For children aged 3+ accompanied by a parent/carer.

Peter Pan - Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Thursday 4th August: 1.30pm-2.00pm or 2.15pm-2.45pm

Join in with Perform Drama's fun Peter Pan workshop. Become a pirate or mermaid and go on a thrilling voyage to Neverland to help rescue the treasure from Captain Hook.

Suitable for children aged 4-8 years. Parent/carer to remain in the library.

Tickets: £2.00 per child available for purchase at the library or from the online shop. (<http://dmtrk.net/EFR-4C035-2LCLJE-26EIV5-0/c.aspx>)

Advance booking is essential to avoid disappointment.



Go Green

Recycling Craft Drop-in session

Wednesday 24th August: 10.30am-12pm

Join New Forest District Council to learn about recycling and then make a fantastic character craft!

For children aged 3-10 years with their parent/carer.

FREE! but advance booking is essential, contact the Library on 01590 673272 to book your place.

And let's not forget...

Summer Reading Challenge 2016

Saturday 16th July to Saturday 17th September

The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016 celebrates 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller - Roald Dahl.

Read six library books of your choice to complete the challenge. You will get a free collector card holder and special Big Friendly Read cards to collect along the way.

For children aged 4-11 years. It's FREE to take part!

You can sign up at the library from Saturday 16th July.

