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Starting the Year off on the Right Note!



Students who took part in the Pianothon Fundraiser. On the left of our new piano, Yemi Akinyemi, Hannah Garcia, Emily Young, Katie Smith, Kathryn Hill, Helen Phipps and at the front Anna Heaven.

The new piano has arrived!! After 12 months of fundraising, the students of Gosford Hill School along with the community of Kidlington have raised £3,000 for the new piano in the Music Department. Back in September 2012, students took part in a Pianothon in the foyer of Sainsbury's in Kidlington and raised over £1,000 in just one day, this was a fantastic launch to the piano fundraiser. The next amazing piece of news was that KAOS (Kidlington Amateur-dramatic Operatic Society) who rehearse every week in the Music Department, kindly donated £1,000 to the fund! The final £1,000 was raised by the students through concerts performed throughout the year and help from the Friends of Gosford Hill School.

This shiny, new piano is a fantastic addition to the Music Department and will enable our talented students to have an instrument of high quality on which to perform their recitals. The fundraising will continue this year as we work to upgrade the existing pianos.

A huge thank you to the staff and customers of Sainsbury's in Kidlington for letting us perform for the whole day. Thank you to One Man Band music shop in Banbury for loaning us the use of an electric piano for free. Thank you to KAOS for their very generous donation. Thank you to the staff, parents and friends of Gosford Hill School who supported our concerts and performances throughout the year. Finally, thank you to all the students who have helped fundraise so enthusiastically, giving up their time to perform and help out.

Rhian Frankcom - Team Leader of Music

OPEN EVENTS

Our open events for Year 7's starting in September 2014 are as follows:

Open Evening – Wednesday 18th September 2013 – 6.00pm-8.00pm

Open Morning – Thursday 19th September 2013 – 9.15am-10.45am

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING AT 1.20pm ON WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPEN EVENING

School Governors

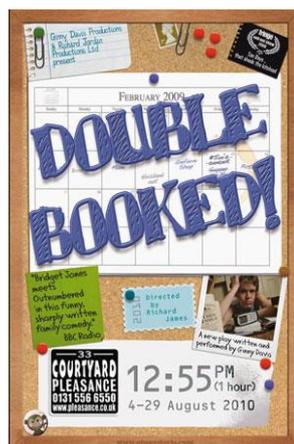
A letter has been sent to all parents and carers seeking nominations for the current Parent Governor vacancy on the School Governing Body.

I hope you will give this matter due consideration and either put yourself forward for nomination or propose someone else, with their consent, who you feel will carry out the role well. Nominations will be accepted until 3.00p.m. on Monday 23 September 2013.

Mrs. Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors

Friends of Gosford Hill School
invite parents to a

Live Comedy Night with Ginny Davis



Tuesday 1st October

Time: 07.30 pm to 9.30pm

Gosford Hill School

An entertaining and witty show describing a middle aged mum's efforts to keep everything running smoothly as chaos unfolds.

Tickets

£5 by phone 01865 374971

Or email: finance@gosford-hill.ocnmail.net

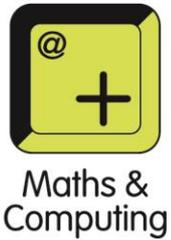
OR Barclays Bank in Kidlington



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13 September 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

We currently have one Parent Governor vacancy and so must hold an election. As many of you may already know the Governing Body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the Headteacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors, individually have no power but when governors act collectively as a corporate team they are very powerful, as a corporate body not as individuals. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. There is a special induction course for new governors.

Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility* for a student on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election**, can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election.

All nominations should be sent in to school by 3.00p.m. on Monday 23 September 2013. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate stating that they are willing to stand.

On Tuesday 1 October 2013 we will send the ballot forms with the names of the candidates and their details home with the students, so please watch out for the letter!

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor please get in touch with Roger Smith (01865 372943/ email:rogerasmith@btinternet.com) in the evenings or at the weekend. He is a Parent Governor of this school at present.

Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors to make the Governing Body as effective as it can be.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

* Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "Parent" to include):

all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

** Parents who work at the school for 500 hours per year are not eligible to be parent governors but they are eligible to vote in parent governor elections.



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