



# St Giles' School

*Newsletter*

14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers



Here we are at the end of another term – it has gone very quickly as usual! The children were amazing in 'A Midwife Crisis' at the beginning of the week and I was so impressed with the acting, singing and the dancing! We had a number of visitors to the performances, from Freeman's school and from the church and all of them commented on how brilliant the children were. We also raised £345 for the local Leatherhead charity, Beatitude which is an amazing amount – thank you everyone for your generosity.

Here are just a few photos taken:



I took some Choir children from Year 1 and Year 2 to St Giles' Church yesterday morning, where they sang 'Away in a Manger' and 'Little Donkey' at the 11am morning service. Again, we received some lovely comments about the children's singing from the congregation – well done Choir children!

Next week's learning is very Christmas themed and will include Christmas Maths and English as well as practising for our end of term service, Christmas parties and our Christmas lunch!



### St Giles' Stars

Well done to everyone who received a certificate this week, for our final Certificate Assembly for this term.

Owls – Liam, Henry and Eiqaan

Squirrels – Lauren W, Katie and Dylan

Rabbits – Oliver S, Olivia and Lucas

Badgers – Rosa, Phoebe and Teddy



### Attendance

Please can I remind you that I am unable to authorise any leave of absence during term time. I am still receiving a number of special leave requests. Absences of 5 school days or over may incur a penalty notice which will be issued by the local authority. Your support with this is much appreciated – thank you. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

This week's attendance:

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| Owls –      | 91.7% |
| Squirrels – | 94.3% |
| Rabbits –   | 88.2% |
| Badgers –   | 87.4% |

Well done to SQUIRRELS class!

Overall school attendance is currently 94.8%

## **'Breakfast Boosters' for Year 2 children**

If your child has been invited to join the 'Breakfast Booster' groups (for Maths or Writing) starting in January, you should have received a letter from me this week, informing you which group they will be in. Please could we have all the permission slips back by the end of term, as this will let us know how many children we will have in each of our groups, which will support us with our planning.



Just to remind parents that on Monday the children may wear Christmas Mufti if they wish to. They will also be enjoying their Christmas lunch.



On Tuesday the children have their Christmas parties – they should wear school uniform in the morning and bring party clothes to change into in a **named bag**. Thank you if you have already signed up for party food donations. If you would still like to contribute, the lists are in the front entrance.



On Wednesday, we have our end of term service at St Giles' Church at 9.30am. School uniform must be worn on this day please. If you are able to walk up to the church with us, please could you indicate this to your child's class teacher, if you have not already done so.

**Just a final reminder that we finish at 1.45pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and the children will return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January 2019!

Nicky Angus  
Head Teacher



An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke Chapter 2, Verses 9-12

### **Spring Term Diary Dates**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019– INSET day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – INSET day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Children return to school

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – HALF TERM

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of term Service at St Giles’ Church and break up at 1.45pm

