



# St Giles' School

*Newsletter*

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely week, with the children and staff making the most of this wonderful weather! It has been great to see the children making up some very imaginative games with the outside play equipment during lunchtime play. This half term is very busy, with our class assemblies, our two trips to the Cathedral and our Maths and Thrive/Jigsaw workshops for parents. We will end the term with our Easter service on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St Giles' church.

## **Safeguarding - online safety**

We have become increasingly aware of highly inappropriate videos currently circulating online. You may be aware of this from recent media reports. These video clips are appearing on social media sites and YouTube. Please be vigilant when your child is using any device or watching any clips. We would also encourage all parents/carers to remind the children of our school online rule:

**If it upsets you, switch off the screen and tell an adult straight away.**



## **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Next Thursday is World Book Day and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character! They will be doing lots of English/book related activities throughout the day.

As it is a swimming day for Year 1, please could children from Squirrel class come to school in uniform and bring their costume to change into after lunch.



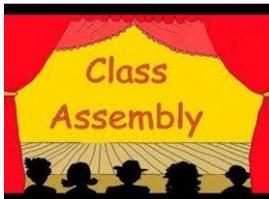
### **Cathedral visits**

Next week you will receive details of the Guildford Cathedral visits for our Easter Pause Days. Please note that there is a slight change to the days when each class is attending, as the Cathedral have asked for Reception and Year 1 to be together and for Year 2 to go at the same time. Therefore, Owls and Squirrels will go on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Rabbits and Badgers on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We will be asking for parent volunteers for these trips; please indicate to your child's class teacher if you would like to attend this visit.



### **Parent Governor**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. You will be sent details regarding this via email today, but please do let the office know if you would like a hard copy of the letter. If you wish to learn more about being a parent governor, then please do make an appointment to speak to me about it.

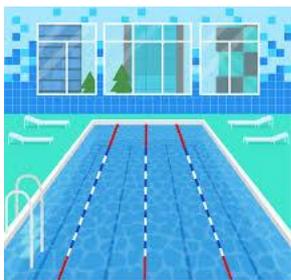


### **Year 2 Assembly**

Next week Year 2 will present their assembly, which parents and carers are more than welcome to attend. It starts at 9.15am and will be in the hall.

### **Parent Consultations**

Just a reminder that parent consultations are on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (5-8pm) and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-6pm). Please do sign up for an appointment if you have not already done so. Please could I respectfully ask that the 10 minute time slots are kept to, as the teachers are seeing a lot of parents on each evening and it helps us greatly if they can stick to time. It also helps parents who may have more than one teacher to see – thank you. If you feel you need more time with your child's class teacher, then a further appointment can be made at a mutually convenient alternative date and time.



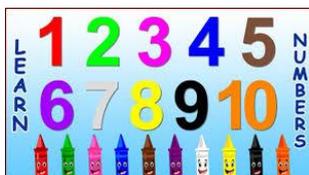
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### Reception swimming

After the Easter holidays, Reception class will have their block of 10 swimming lessons. We will need a number of parent volunteers to help with walking the children to and from Freeman's school. Please could you email Mrs Peachey if you are able to help with this (even if just for one or two sessions) at [info@stgiles.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stgiles.surrey.sch.uk) - thank you in advance.

As with Year 1 this term, there will be two instructors in the shallow end of the pool with the Reception children, plus a staff member when needed.



### Maths workshop

Please do let the office know if you would like to attend the Maths workshop with Ms Bacon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March (9am or 6pm). The workshop will demonstrate how we teach Maths at St Giles' and will also look at the resources we use in lessons.

### Pancake Event at St George's church on Shrove Tuesday

Please see details of this event below, which is being organised by Café ALDAG. Please do pop along if you are able to.



## Learning for next week – week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March



### Owls – Early Years Foundation Stage



In Owls class next week we will be becoming superheroes. We will be thinking about what it takes to be a superhero and what skills and powers we would want. We will then choose a name and design a logo for our own superhero.



In Maths we will continue our number work of more than and less than. Also focusing on how we can count numbers in two groups by counting altogether.

Counting practice up to 10.  
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We will also be using our balancing, throwing and catching skills when training to be superheroes.



In reading we will continue to practise blending sounds, using our new 'phoneme' washing lines in our reading area.

In RE we will be continuing our new topic of "Who was a Friend of Jesus?" and listening to the story of Zacchaeus.

In our Jigsaw session we will be looking at healthy foods and what we should eat to have a healthy life.



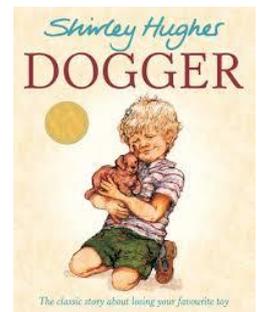
In addition to all of this we will be talking about Shrove Tuesday, what it is and what it means to Christians. To support our learning we will be cooking and enjoying some pancakes!



**Squirrels – Year 1**

**English:**

We will be continuing our work on 'Dogger' through making a Lost Toy poster. The children will be describing a toy using a range of adjectives and writing their own stories about a lost toy.



**Maths:**

We will be looking at place value to 50.

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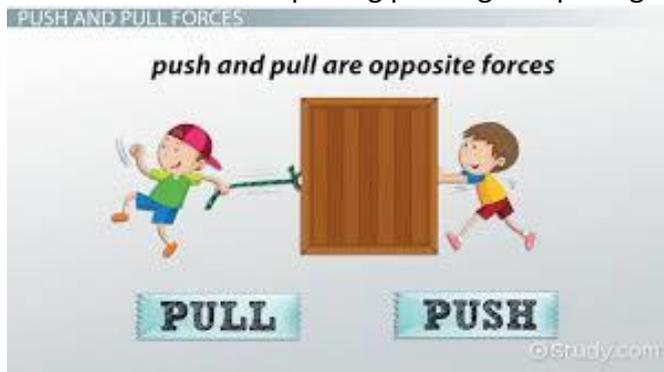
We will be learning about Toys our Parents and Grandparents played with – see note below!



If any parents or grandparents or other relatives would be able to come in on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30-2.30pm to talk about the toys that you used to play with, please let Mrs Teasdale know! If you have any toys to bring to show the children, that would be great.

**Science:**

Forces - We will be exploring pushing and pulling.



**Art:**

We will be doing some wonderful line drawings of Toys.

**RE:**

We will be thinking about looking after God's World and exploring the beauty of God's creation in the school grounds.



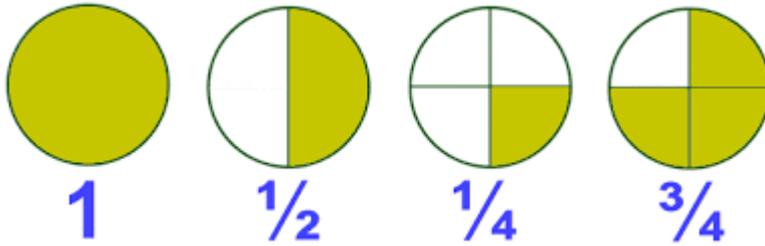


## Year 2 – Badgers and Rabbits

### Maths:

Introducing fractions in order to:

- make equal parts
- recognise and find halves and quarters.

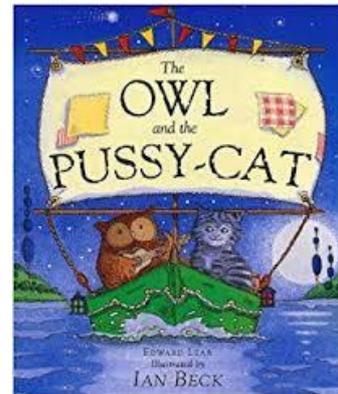


Statistics work related to healthy eating as part of maths/Jigsaw cross curricular learning.

### English:

Continuing writing related to The Owl and the Pussycat

- writing a description of the setting
- using prepositions to describe
- making predictions based on a text



### Science:

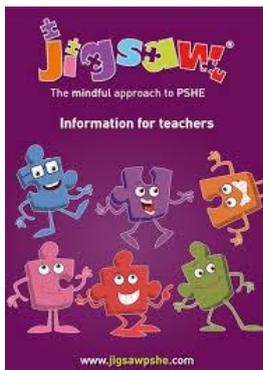
Growing and Changing

To notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults, by learning about how humans grow and change.

### Jigsaw:

The 'Healthy Happy Me' recipe book

- to be able to show or tell what relaxed and stressed means
- to know when a feeling is weak or strong



**PE:**

Gymnastics - To master basic movements such as running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as develop balance, agility and coordination.

**Phonics:**

Using **mnemonics** to remember tricky words, for example:

**because = big elephants can't always use small exits!**



**St Giles' Stars**

Well done to all of our certificate children for this week – what excellent role models you are with amazing behaviour for learning!

Owls – Nathan, Jewel and Leonardo

Squirrels – Taia, James and Maisey

Rabbits – Sofia, Oliver and Bella

Badgers – Lennon, Sonny and Aaron



**Attendance**

Please can I remind you that I am unable to authorise any leave of absence during term time **unless the request meets our exceptional circumstances criteria** (please see our Attendance Policy on our website). I am still receiving a high 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 Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Tutt, will be in school again this half term to look at individual pupils' attendance.

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, that you phone the office first thing **each day by 9.15am** to report the absence – thank you. Please could we also remind you that the doors close for the beginning of school at 8.55am, with the registers being taken by 9am. Any child that comes in after this time will have a late mark on the register.

This week's attendance figures:

Owls – 91.6%

Squirrels – 94%

Rabbits – 99.4%

Badgers – 98.8%

Overall school attendance – 95.4%

Well done to Rabbits class!



Have a lovely week end everyone – see you next week!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Nicky Angus

Headteacher

## Spring Term Diary Dates (new dates in red)



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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March –Parents Evening (5-8pm)**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 assembly (Rabbits **and** Badgers) at 9.15am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March –Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Maths Workshop for parents with Ms Bacon (9am or 6pm)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Volunteer Induction sessions (9.30am or 2.30pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 assembly (Squirrels) at 9.15am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day (children may wear mufti to school for a suggested £1 donation)**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Pause Day trip to Guildford Cathedral (Owls and Squirrels) – details to follow next week

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Pause Day trip to Guildford Cathedral (Rabbits and Badgers) – details to follow next week

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Reception class assembly (Owls) at 9.15am

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Jigsaw/Thrive workshop for parents led by Mrs Tuttle, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Pirt and Mrs Angus (9am and 6pm)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Volunteer Induction sessions (9.30am or 2.30pm)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 trip to Birdworld (details in a few weeks time)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of term service at St Giles' Church at 9.30am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 2 to the Ashtead Schools Music Festival (after our church service – details in a few weeks time)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of term at 1.45pm

## Summer term 2019



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of summer term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Key Stage 1 SATS meeting for Year 2 parents at 2.30pm (details nearer the time)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – class photographs