



St Giles' School

Newsletter

8th March, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 presented an amazing assembly on 'Space' on Wednesday – well done everyone for your amazing acting, singing, dancing, reading and performing!

Here are a few photographs from the assembly. We look forward to seeing the Year 1 assembly next week!



Please see this wonderful photograph of children in Reception using the 'Challenge table' for their independent writing! Keep up the good work Reception children! Please encourage your child to use this area in the classroom, if they have not already done so.



SEND Surrey OFSTED

This week you will have been sent a letter from OFSTED regarding the forthcoming Surrey inspection for Special Educational Needs and Disability. A number of parents indicated to me this week that they are keen to complete the parent survey, which goes live on Monday. This survey can be completed by any parent even if your child does not identify with SEND. One of the areas of focus that the inspection team will look at is the provision that the school offers. I am offering a very informal session for parents on Monday morning at 10am to discuss the survey and give support if needed. It would be wonderful if lots of St Giles' parents completed the survey over the next week.

Sports Stars

I am delighted to welcome our new Sports Provider, 'Sports Stars' to the St Giles' team. Sports Stars are beginning to work with us this term, and then, after Easter, they will provide Sports coaching across the school.



Cathedral visits

There is a sign up sheet for parents who may wish to accompany us to the Cathedral on 18/19th March in the front foyer. Please note that due to numbers on the coach we may not be able to take everyone but we will do our best to accommodate as best as we can.



Parent Governor

As mentioned last week, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor for which the closing date for nominations is Friday 15th March. If you wish to learn more about this role, then please do make an appointment to speak to me about it.

Current swimming

The last swimming lesson for the current block will be on Thursday 28th March. Parents are very welcome to come and watch the children swim on Thursday 21st March - there is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Group 1 will leave the school at 9.30am. Groups 2 and 3 will leave at 10am.



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 - 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 (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.



Nutritional Ninjas

Our popular cooking club is now taking bookings for the summer term. Today you will be sent a flyer with details about the club and how to register your child.



Red Nose Day 2019

Next Friday, 15th March, is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Children may wear Mufti for a suggested donation of £1.00.

Learning for next week – week beginning Monday 11th March



Owls – Early Years Foundation Stage



This week will be looking at what gadgets Superheroes use and designing our own. We will be writing sentences and using labels to talk about our designs. We will also continue to listen to lots of our favourite superhero stories.



We will be continuing with our focus of addition and subtraction in maths using the part part whole model.

In RE we will continue our topic of “Who did Jesus Spend Time With?” listening to the story of when Jesus blessed the children.

In Jigsaw this week, we will be talking about the importance of sleep and what we do as part of our bedtime routine.

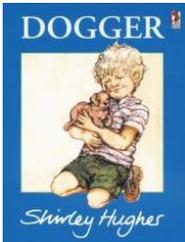


Finally, we will be doing oodles of practice for our class assembly!



Squirrels – Year 1

English: We will be finishing up our work on Dogger; story writing about a lost toy and working on character descriptions.



Maths: We are looking at place value to 50.

Science: We will be finding out about forces and looking at how do toys move.

pushes and pulls - forces and motion



R.E.: We will be seeing how we can care for God’s world and exploring creation stories.

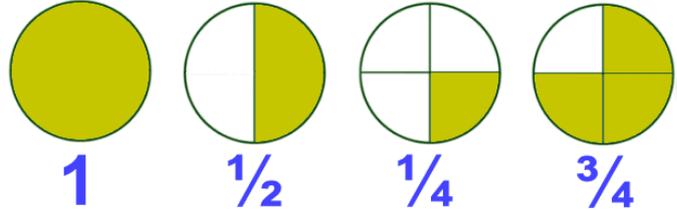


Year 2 – Badgers and Rabbits



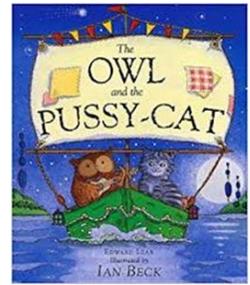
Maths - Fractions

- Recognising and finding a third
- Unit and non-unit fractions
- Equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$



English - based on *The Owl and the Pussycat* and other Edward Lear poems

- Reading and analysing poems
- writing poetry



Jigsaw – PSHE

- To understand how medicines work in my body and how important it is to use them safely
- To feel positive about caring for my body and keeping it healthy

R.E. (block)

What is a Christian?



- to explain that a Christian is someone who follows Jesus, using examples of the people who followed Jesus during his lifetime, and others from the past.
- Pupils are also introduced to Jesus' two 'great' commandments: 'love God' & 'love others', and asked to think about the impact of Jesus' words for people who follow him.



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 – Liam, Molly and Henry

Squirrels – Eduardo, Faye and Elliot

Rabbits – Annabelle, Youssef and Harley

Badgers – Elena, Billy and Finley



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 – 94.7%

Squirrels – 94.8%

Rabbits – 94.6%

Badgers – 96.9%

Overall school attendance – 95.4%

Well done to Badgers class!



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

Best Wishes,

Mrs Nicky Angus
Headteacher

Spring Term Diary Dates



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

Tuesday 12th March – Volunteer Induction sessions (9.30am or 2.30pm)

Wednesday 13th March – Year 1 assembly (Squirrels) at 9.15am

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

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

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

Wednesday 20th March – Reception class assembly (Owls) at 9.15am

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

Friday 29th March – Volunteer Induction sessions (9.30am or 2.30pm)

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

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

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

Friday 5th April – End of term at 1.45pm

Summer term 2019



Tuesday 23rd April – Start of summer term

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

Friday 24th May – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 10th June – class photographs

Tuesday 11th June – Sports Day (1pm – 3pm)