



St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 28th April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter Break, the children certainly seem to have had a good time and have come back to school full of the 'joys of spring', let's hope the lovely spring weather continues over the bank holiday weekend. As you will see from the dates below we have a busy term with teachers planning some exciting learning opportunities. Already this term we have had an invasion of Pirates, great fun was had by all and the day led to some amazing writing. Key Stage 2's topic is 'Conflict through time' so that should lead to some interesting learning experiences! Topic webs for each class will be coming home next week, these will help you understand what the focus of teaching is for the coming term and how best to support your child in their learning.



This term is bitter/sweet for our Year 6 pupils as they will be enjoying their last term with us but also moving on to pastures new. Currently they are all working incredibly hard in preparation for their SAT's, however towards the end of the term they have their exciting production to look forward to, I look forward to their grand performance! I would like to wish them all the very best with their SAT's and I know they will all try their very best.

During May all pupils will be completing SAT's style assessments, so please be mindful of this and support your children by ensuring they get enough sleep, time out to relax and a healthy diet; these are all contributors to positive mental health and happy confident children.



The next big school event is the **School May Fayre**. The Friends of St Giles have been working incredibly hard organising this, please help and contribute in any way you can, all contributions *great and small* make a difference! Our pupils will be opening this event with a welcome speech from St Lucia and the Boy Bishop followed by all the children performing their May Day Dances. Pupils should arrive by 11am sharp, they need to find their way to the main arena and look for their teacher, pupils do not need to wear school uniform.

Next Friday is a non-uniform day for the May Fayre, please see details on the attached flyer as to ways you can support/help at this event. Let's work together to make this event a huge success and crucially raise lots of money to support and improve the teaching and learning at St Giles. Fingers crossed the weather is kind!



Regards

Mrs Dauch

Homework

Just a quick reminder about the expectation for homework. Every child should read each night; this really does make a huge difference to their progress so please continue to support us; 5 minutes each day/evening makes such a difference. I know this can be a struggle at upper KS2, just remember that reading can include magazines and appropriate on line material, it is also good to get them to read out loud periodically, this is a great skill to have and really develops a good understanding of punctuation. In addition each class receives a set of weekly spelling and regular maths and literacy work to complete at home. For more details, please see our updated **homework policy** on the website.

Curriculum meetings/coffee mornings

I am in the process of planning these for the coming term. We plan to cover maths in greater depth and would like to work with parents looking at our Aims and Values. Whilst our Aims and Values are good now seems like a good time to review them to see if changes are needed. This work will also involve children, staff and governors. I will publish dates next week, in the meantime do let me know if you have particular topics you would like covered.



Road Safety

Today I have had another report of a near miss on Church Road. Please ensure all children are supervised at all times, in this case a young child had run ahead of their parent and was unsupervised. Whether you are **driving or walking please be vigilant and take care**, I would hate to be reporting a more serious incident. To consolidate this message we will also be completing work on road safety with our pupils this term.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times – thank you.

Forest School Sponsored Day

On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank all the children who took part in the forest School sponsor day. We have so far raised £1100 from 50 children's sponsor forms which is fantastic! If anyone still has their sponsor forms and money to hand in please can they send them into the office by next Friday. Thank you again a great effort.



Dates for the diary

- ✓ Friday 28th April – Athletics club begins with Premier Sport, 3:15-4:30pm
- ✓ Wednesday 3rd May – Stool ball club begins, 3:30-4:30pm
- ✓ Friday 5th May – Non-uniform day for the May Fayre
- ✓ Friday 5th May – Sycamore swimming lessons begin
- ✓ Monday 8th – Friday 12th May – KS2 SATs week
- ✓ Saturday 13th May – May Fayre, 11am-1.30pm
- ✓ Monday 15th May – Group photographs
- ✓ Monday 15th May – Bikeability sessions
- ✓ Friday 26th May – INSET day
- ✓ Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half term
- ✓ Thursday 8th June – Whole school sports day, 2-3:30pm
- ✓ Friday 9th June – PTA Film Night
- ✓ Friday 16th June – Village Fun Run
- ✓ 26th June – **Creative Arts Week**
- ✓ Wednesday 12th July – School Performances, 2-3pm
- ✓ Thursday 13th July – Worth Leavers Assembly, 1:30-2:30pm
- ✓ 17th July **Sports Week**
- ✓ 20th July Swimming Gala
- ✓ Monday 24th July – Year 6 Blacklands Farm Trip
- ✓ Tuesday 25th July – Leavers Church Assembly
- ✓ Tuesday 25th July – Break up



Learners of the week



- ✓ Oak Class – Charlie Poole for his energy and enthusiasm for our new Pirate Topic
- ✓ Elm Class – Otto Kench for his amazing writing in Literacy
- ✓ Sycamore – Lucas Naisbitt for great work in maths all week
- ✓ Beech – Jonah Ridd for his improved concentration
- ✓ Maple – Jack Bacon for improved work in all areas



Fantastic Fish – Maple Class



Well done to the Girls Football team for their great sporting behaviour and determination at the recent NEAR's football tournament.