



St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 15th September 2017

Dear Parents

I cannot believe how quickly Friday has come round this week, and what a busy first full week it's been! I have had a stream of pupils coming to my office to receive their 'pen licences'; it has been great to see such beautifully neat writing. Please continue to encourage your child to practise, I hope to see many more children as the weeks go by. This really is a skill that will stay with them for life!

The teachers have all been working hard to prepare for our grand library opening. Hopefully some of you were able to pop in at the end of the day yesterday to see what all the fuss was about, certainly the children absolutely loved it – see pictures below. There is another chance to visit tomorrow after school, so do pop in if you have a spare few minutes. From Monday next week we have a 'Scholastic Book Fair' in school, this will be open in the school hall every day after school. All commission earned from this will be taken in books to stock the library, so please do try to support us.

The MORE that you READ,
the more THINGS you will KNOW.
The more that you LEARN,
the more PLACES you'll go.
-- Dr. Seuss

Finally, a very well done to the new members of our school community, all our new Reception pupils have settled well, as have our new pupils further up the school. It has been lovely to see how welcoming and friendly our current students have been to them; your children are a real credit to you!

PTA film night – Friday 6th October – details to follow shortly, once we have voted on which film to watch!



Macmillan Coffee AM – Friday 29th at 2.30pm in the school hall.

From 2.30 to 3.30 **Maple class** will be happy to serve you tea and homemade cakes (for a small donation to a very worthy cause!) All are welcome, so please spread the word in the village, it would be lovely to welcome members of the local community into school. We are hoping some of the residents from Westhall House will be able to attend as well. Children are welcome to pop in after school with their parents. We will be serving teas until 3.30.
P.S. I am sure we will have some willing pupils on hand to give guided tours of our new Library!

Help needed – We are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits (please drop these in the entrance hall after you have dropped pupils off for school), plus we need a small group of parents to help on the day in the kitchen, making teas and coffees. Please let Mrs Douch know if you are able to help, or leave your name at the office.

Friday 22nd September- Playground Plans

Parents are invited to pop into the Pavilion for tea and cakes whilst the children play. On display you will be able to see selected playground equipment and plans of how the Parish Council plan to raise the funds to pay for new play equipment for the children in our village.



Clubs



There is still time to sign up to all our clubs – Mrs Douch and Mrs Taylor enjoyed running in the rain on Wednesday, but we could cope with a few more children! Also Premier Sport may have to cancel netball club on a Friday morning as we have not had enough uptake. 

Wanted: Someone to oversee our football team. This is a small commitment of about 6 afternoon matches during the autumn and spring term and perhaps the odd coaching session. If you know anyone please do send them to speak to me.

Library Grand Opening – a message from the staff at St Giles

We had our grand opening of the new library yesterday and it went brilliantly. It was a delight to see the excitement on pupils faces as they first came in, and to see them relaxing on the giant bean bags reading books during the afternoon!



A huge THANK YOU to last year's Year 6 pupils and parents for the donation of the beanbags, what a difference they make! They also donated an outside bench which pupils will start to use once we set up the rota for the use of the Library at lunch times. Your generous donations will be used and much enjoyed for years to come. Please do pop in for a look (and snuggle on a bean bag!) if you are passing.

Thank you from all the staff and children at St Giles.



(Note: we will ensure all past Year 6 students receive a copy of this newsletter)



Special thanks to Mrs Maynard and Mrs Self – it's fantastic!



Learner of the week

Oak – Ellie Twyning for her fantastic attitude to learning and being a fantastic role model.

Elm – Rhys Johnson for his excellent concentration on his writing.

Sycamore – Charlotte Horwood – fantastic attitude to all her learning.

Maple – Alex Poole – for being a new friend to Charlie and showing a positive attitude to all his learning.

Birthdays:

August - Alex Hind, Ellie Twyning, Angus Herridge, Neima Neal, Layla Barnard

September - Maisie Rose Coulson, Max Melvin, Max Emms

Team points winners this week: **Yellow**

Dates for the Diary

14th -21st September - Book Week – more details to follow

18th -22nd September - Scholastic Book fair, after school each day (in the Hall)

21st September - Oathall Open Afternoon/evening
26th September - Curriculum Evening (maths and literacy) – details to follow
29th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning (in the afternoon at 2.30!)
2nd October – Dyslexia Awareness Week
6th October – Film Night – Friends of St Giles
10th October – Individual and family School Photos
13th October – Open afternoon – come and see your children’s work 2.45-3.30
14th October (Saturday) Friends of St Giles (PTA) Quiz Night
17th October – New Reception Coffee Morning – come and learn about phonics/reading etc
17th October – Parents consultation evening (Year 1-6) 3.30-5pm
19th October – Parents consultation evening (Year 1-6) 4-7pm
20th October – Maple Cake Sale 3.15pm
Half term 23rd – 27th October
Monday 30th October – INSET day
6th November – Maple Class drama workshop
8th November – New Parents Open Morning
13th November – Anti-bullying week
13th November – World Kindness Day!
17th November – Children in Need
23rd November – Sycamore Class Assembly 9.10am
2nd December – Friends of St Giles (PTA) Christmas Fair

Christmas Service and Nativity dates to follow. I will add any new dates in green as the weeks go by.