

St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 22nd September 2017

Home School Agreement

During the last few weeks we have been thinking about our school values, these are:-

Nurture – Inspire – Respect – Achieve

Together in the light of God's love

As part of this we have been thinking about class and school rules and how these help stay safe, be happy and learn effectively. Each class has developed a set of rules; these are backed up by whole school expectations for behaviour.

At the beginning of each year St Giles sends out a home/school agreement. We have updated this and it will be coming home with your child early next week. Please could I ask all parents to take a little time to discuss the 'child' section, talking to children about their role in each bullet point, and reinforcing the key message of personal responsibility and respect (for the younger pupils you may need to pick out key things they can be responsible for).

The whole school community work hard to ensure every child is happy and feels successful in their learning. Working with you is the most effective way to achieve this, so thank you for taking the time to support us.

Homework – just a quick reminder that homework is now set on a Monday and due in the following Monday. Our updated policy is on the school website.



Thank you to Sycamore and Maple Classes for their 'Book Week' homework this week. It was lovely watching children working with their buddies trying to guess the book title from the clues! Today was the last day of book week, we earned £132 commission, all spent on books for the Library.



Thanks to everyone for their support.

Earrings (Health and Safety) PE

Thank you to those parents who arranged for children to have ears pierced during the summer break. This has given them a chance to heal so they can be taken out for PE. The rule for earrings is that pupils may wear studs but they need to be able to take these out themselves for PE.

Reminder: PE kits need to be in school at all times - every pupil has a drawer or peg to store them on. Pupils need to wear appropriate sporting clothes for clubs, however this does not necessarily need to be school PE kit.

Curriculum information evening – Tuesday 26th September 6.30-7.30pm

The teachers will be presenting information about the maths and literacy curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6. In addition, you will also have the opportunity to order support materials

linked to each year group. Even if you do not wish to use these with your child, they are a really useful resource to help you understand the expectations and methods taught in relation to the curriculum being taught. We are running a crèche, so if you cannot find child care please feel free to bring children along. No need to book, simply turn up in time for a 6.30 start.



Literacy

Reminder -Friday 29th September – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

(Help needed - we could do with two more parents to help behind the scenes making tea and coffee. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you)



Harvest Festival – Friday 6th October in the School Hall 9.10am (please note: not the Church)

This will involve **all** pupils (yes, Reception pupils as well)! Each class will be presenting something, e.g. song, poem etc. During the week leading up to our Harvest Festival pupils are encouraged to bring in packets and tins of food (no perishables please). We will set up a collection point for food in the School Hall. This food will be distributed by 'Family Support Worker'.

We look forward welcoming parents and family members.



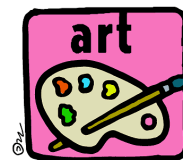
Fire, fire!!

Elm Class active learning. Ask your children why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly? They should certainly be able to tell you after their 'active learning' today! See photos below.



Westall House – Great Storm Art Competition

Westall House will be remembering the 'Great Storm of 1987' 30 years on by displaying memories and local pictures of the time. The display will be available to view Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October between 10am – noon and 2pm – 4pm, all welcome. As part of this event, Westall House will be running a children's art competition with all entries displayed. The theme will be '**weather**'. All entries should be returned to Westall House, labelled on the back with name, contact number and age (maximum size A3) by Friday 13th October at 5pm. Winners will be notified by telephone and all entries will be available for collection w/c 23rd October 9am – 5pm.



Learners of the week

Oak – Sophie Horwood for her brilliant listening and having a fantastic attitude to learning

Elm – Angus Herridge for his fantastic writing about the Great Fire

Sycamore – Eloise Preston for applying grammar skills accurately

Maple – Max Emms for participating brilliantly in our super special spelling session



Birthdays: Eloise Duly

Team points winners this week: Yellow Team

Dates for the Diary

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

26th September - Curriculum Evening (maths and literacy) – details to follow

29th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning (in the afternoon at 2.30pm!)

2nd October – Dyslexia Awareness Week

6th October – Harvest Festival in School Hall 9.10am

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 2.45-3.30pm

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.