



St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 6th October 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those who attended our **Harvest Festival** this morning, having it in the hall meant that parents had a much better view, all the children really enjoyed performing. This time of year is such a beautiful time and it is so important to stop and reflect on how lucky we are and to think about people around the world who are not as fortunate. Elm and Maple class wrote our Harvest Prayers – I love the sentiments in both so have published them below



A special well done to Oak Class and the six Year One pupils who did a great job supporting the new reception children in their first public performance!

Thank you for all the Harvest gifts sent in this week, these will be collected by the Diocesan charity 'Family Support Work'. The food will be distributed to needy families across Sussex.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – thank you so much for contributions and attending this event, we raised £156.55



Parents Consultation Evening and Open Afternoon

Most parents have now booked appointments for parent's consultation meetings during the week beginning 16th October. If you have not done so, or have misplaced the letter, please pop into the office.

Children attending the parents evening are welcome to wait in **Elm Class**, we will provide drawing and quiet activities, children are welcome to bring top-trumps etc. or an iPad. No pupils should be left outside unsupervised in the playground.

Please remember our **open afternoon on Friday 16th October**, this is an opportunity for your child to show you their work prior to parents evening. Doors open at 2.45 - school will remain open until 3.30 should you be unable to arrive early.

Enrichment activities

Last week I sent home a letter asking for a contribution of £10 per child to cover enrichment activities such as theatre workshops, art week, science week etc. The intention behind this was that by asking for this contribution now we will not have to keep asking for small amounts throughout the year, plus if we know we have some funds available we can plan ahead and book events such as dance workshops.

We know that our children really enjoy, learn and remember the teaching that goes on during these weeks, however without funding we cannot run them. I appreciate that if you have more than one child this is a significant amount, however should you wish to stagger payment that's fine, simply pay a contribution now and then let the office know when you would like to pay the balance. As with school trips, if we do not receive sufficient funds we will not be able to offer these activities.



Our first enrichment event this year is next week – **19th October**, we have booked a dance workshop to help pupils learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Happy Diwali



Scouting to School

Whilst it is lovely seeing pupils arrive at school by scooter could I please remind parents of the safety issues. As you know Church Lane is a public highway, residents sometimes need to drive up or down the road during school drop off or pick up times, and there are occasional delivery vans and the odd parent dropping off. Most people

do drive slowly, however young children are unpredictable, they only need to make a small mistake, scooting out in front of a car and the consequence could be serious.

Please ensure your children stay close by you at all times (walking or scooting). I would also ask that children to dismount at the church latch gate and push along the church path to school, at peak times this is congested with adults, children, dogs, buggies etc, pupils scooting through is unsafe.

Thank you, let's all work together to teach our children road safety and to keep children safe.

Harvest Prayers written by Maple and Elm Class.

Dear Lord

Thank you for our food and sorry that we waste it sometimes rather than share.
We would like to think about all the people in this world who do not have as much food as us.

Amen



Dear God

Thank you for all the lovely gifts that you have given us, like the sun and rain, and the crops which feed us.
Please God help us share our food with people who don't have as much as we do.

Thank you for the blessings of harvest

Amen

REMINDER – PTA QUIZ NIGHT NEXT WEEKEND – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Mrs Maynard's word challenge!

never odd or even

(clue: think palindrome, or look it up!)

Learners of the week

Oak – Dexter Elwell – having a superb attitude to learning even when he feels unwell.

Elm – Daisy Wintergold – always trying her best and works brilliantly independently.

Sycamore – Paige Porter – great Maths learning this week.

Maple – Hannah Lay - always, always, always working hard - especially in Maths.



Vocab Ninja – Jay Tracey - Monolithic

Birthdays: Jay Tracey, Lewis Johnson

Team points winners this week: **Yellow**

Dates for the Diary

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 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

27th November – Flu Vaccination (for Year R, 1,2,3 and 4)

2nd December – Friends of St Giles (PTA) Christmas Fair

12th December – Christmas Nativity, 2-3pm – Year R, 1 and 2

19th December – Christmas Service, 6-7pm at Church – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6



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