



St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 10th November 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you everyone who attended our Church Service today, it was a wonderful event, hopefully a fitting farewell to Mrs Lott, who has stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors. We wish her well in her retirement, although I am pleased to say she will continue to have some influence in the school as she has agreed to stay on as an associate governor contributing to the ethos committee. Those of you who attend church regularly will see her from time to time as she will continue to lead church at our Friday services regularly. Mrs Lott has been involved in the life of Giles school for 50 years, this is an amazing achievement, I hope that her new role will afford her more time to relax and enjoy life.



Congratulations to Maddie and Zach as they take up their new roles of Boy Bishop and Santa Lucia. This year we had a record number of pupils putting themselves forward, 11 in total. They all had to write speeches and persuade the rest of the school to vote for them, they all did brilliantly, it was a pleasure to listen to them and hard to decide who to vote for! This year we also appointed deputies to the roles, this is because the vote was so close. Jonah and Emma-Lily will support Maddie and Zach in their role.



Thank you to all who purchased poppy merchandise this week. Pupils enjoyed learning about Armistice Day in school this week, such an important thing for children to learn about. On Sunday there is a **Eucharist, with Act of Remembrance at 11.00am** on Sunday, at St Giles Church followed by laying of wreaths at 11am. Hope to see some of you there.



Anti-bullying week – 12th -16th November

The theme for this week is **All Different /All Equal**. Monday is 'world kindness day'. We will be encouraging pupils to complete small acts of kindness both at school and home, why not join in! Throughout the week children will be learning about positive behaviour, developing their understanding of what bullying is and how to deal with it, and learning about 'equality' and what this means. KS2 will be taking part in an anti-bullying workshop.



At some point during the week pupils will be taking part in e-safety lessons. Did you know that over 80% of teens use a cell phone regularly, making it the most common medium for cyber bullying and 68% of teens agree that cyber bullying is a serious problem? So although your children are not yet teenagers, it won't be long and it is important that we start to talk about the risks in an age appropriate way. As a parent myself, I am well aware of the difficulties parents face in understanding what their children are up to on tablets and mobile phones. So please do take the time to educate yourself in these important areas. The link below is the to NSPCC online advice page and is well worth a read.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Children in Need – Friday 17th November wear spots or stripes for Children in Need – please bring a small donation to school on Friday. Older school council pupils will be collecting money on the gate in the morning.

School grounds work day Sunday 19th November - 12 to 2pm

Please come and join us for a tidy, no special skills needed – we will be gardening, jet washing, sweeping, tidying – just bring enthusiasm, gloves, brooms, and gardening tools!



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Learners of the week – not awarded this week due to extended Friday service in church, normal service resumes next week.

Dates for the Diary

6th November – Maple Class workshop – due to illness this was postponed until Monday 13th

13th November – Anti-bullying week

13th November – World Kindness Day!

14th November – NEARS Cross Country competition at St Giles, 1:30-3:30pm

17th November – Children in Need

19th November - 12 to 2pm School Ground Work day

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

15th December – Oak Cake Sale 3.15

15th December – Open pm – 3pm – come and see your children work.

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

20th December – Last day of term