



# St Giles CofE Primary School

## Friday Flyer – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017



Dear Parents

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the **Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. For full details please read the PTA letter that went out earlier today. It looks like its going to be a fabulous event, and the PTA have worked incredibly hard organising it. Remember all the money raised goes towards St Giles Primary School, our current focus for spending is to develop reading, so we hope to raise lots of money to continue our book replacement program.



Boy Bishop, Santa Lucia and all the children will be opening the fair at 11.30 with a speech and Christmas carols, if you would like your child to be part of this please ensure you are at school by 11.25 ready to sing at 11.30.

**Parking plea**, if at all possible please park in the Village and walk down to school, also **dress warmly** as much of the event is outside.

**Come on down, get in the Christmas spirit, spend money and enjoy!**



During the last week winter has definitely arrived. Please can you ensure your child has a **warm coat to wear at play and lunchtimes**. Equally, could I remind you that all children need to have **PE kits in school all the times**. They cannot take part in lessons unless they have them. To ensure they are warm enough whilst taking part in PE lessons outside, they may wear dark coloured plain track suit bottoms, and children are encouraged to wear their school sweat shirt, or coat if necessary. We really do try to get out in all weathers so they need to have suitable kit.

**Snow days** – it is always sensible to think about these things before they happen, especially as many of our staff live a good distance away. Should we make the decision to close due to heavy snow we will email and text parents. This could be the evening before, or first thing in the morning on the day, depending on the circumstances. Once closed we will also update the website regularly with news with regard to re-opening.



**Church services** – today is the first day of Advent and in Church this morning the children learned what a '**reverse advent calendar**' is. Each child is encouraged to bring in an item of food at some point during the Advent period. This will be placed in a box in their classroom and then at the end of term it will be delivered to a food bank and distributed to those in need. Items should not be Christmas related as the food will be distributed during the new year.

On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** we have our traditional **Toy Service**. Children are again encouraged to bring in a new toy and a folded piece of wrapping paper. These do not need to be expensive, for example it could be a book, stationary items or a small soft toy. These will be distributed to needy families across Sussex by Sussex Charity for Children.

These two activities tie in with this half terms collective worship theme of 'Generosity'. This ties into our wider School Values which are:

**Together in the light of God's love**  
**Nurture – Inspire – Respect – Achieve**

We hope you will support us teaching children to show empathy for others and to develop their sense of social responsibility and an understanding of just how lucky they are!

**Christmas Jumper Day** – December 13<sup>th</sup> – this is the day we have our School Christmas Dinner – please wear festive jumpers.



Some of you will know that we have quite a few children who signed up to '**Rock School**', at the end of last term. The groups are now ready for their first public performance, this is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.10, we look forward to seeing

parents, family and friends at this event. Any children wishing to sign up for next term should contact Rockscool direct on [contact@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:contact@rocksteadymusicschool.com) or via the website [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents)

Finally, this week Maple class have been writing some beautiful poems using figurative language, internal dialogue and personification. See below for examples of their wonderful poems.

Please remember we have our parents open afternoon in a few weeks, this is to give you the opportunity to see your child's work and progress over the term. **15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm followed by a Cake Sale at 3.15 – 3.30pm**

Best wishes,  
Mrs Douch

### Learners of the week

**Oak – Tom Burdett for great concentration and fantastic writing and painting.**

**Elm – Oliver Twyning for his enthusiastic approach to Science.**

**Sycamore – Sophie Gleghorn for working with great care in all her work this week.**

**Maple – Alex Lord for his really effective poetry work.**



**Vocab Ninja of the week – Jonah Ridd – Diversity**

**Team Point winner: Green**

**(Last weeks - What do you call a fish with no eyes? Fssshhhhhh!)**

**Birthdays – Lizzie, Lumen**

**Reception catch up: Max, Sophie, Theo, Isla**



### Dates for the Diary

**5<sup>th</sup> December – Rocksteady Music School Concert, 9.10**

**6<sup>th</sup> December – Elm Class Forest Schools – last session**

**11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Dress Rehearsal 1:30-2:30pm – Pre-school / toddler performance**

**12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Nativity 2-3pm – Year R, 1 and 2**

**13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Oak Cake Sale 3:15**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Open pm – 3pm – come and see your children's work**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service, 6-7pm at Church – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Party**

**20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Disco**

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term**

**4<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school**

## Winter Poetry

**I am winter  
I make the snow blow all around you  
All these misty clouds hold a secret behind them  
I am winter.**

**I've made the bitter cold touch the back of your neck  
And make you shiver  
I made the icy dusk  
And I was the one who seized the clouds to form  
A treacherous storm.**

**I am nightfall  
I am the owner of gloom, fear and terror  
I grab screams and cries and stretch  
them to make them louder.**

**I am winter  
The clouds that surround you  
are an army of black knights  
The mountains reach the sky on my command  
I am winter**

**I am winter  
I am the one who creates  
Thunderous storms and roaring winds.  
I am everything  
Until my season ends  
As the sky gets lighter  
My powers fade away  
I am winter**

**By Maddie Brooke-Webb,  
Amy Brooke-Webb and  
Emma Lilly Marsden  
Year 6**

