



St Giles CofE Primary School

Friday Flyer – 3rd November 2017

Dear Parents

I hope you had a happy and restful half term, it is lovely to see the children all rested and ready for the new term ahead.

Elm and Oak class have had a 'stunning start' to their topic with a visit from a mobile planetarium, nothing quite beats a hands on experience to get children interested in the topic/learning for the term ahead. Not to be left out, next week Maple have a Mayan Workshop and Sycamore are off on a visit to Michelham Priory.

The value of hands on learning cannot be overestimated, so please ensure you have returned your trip permission slips and contributed £10 per child to our enrichment fund, we cannot provide these extras without your help. Many thanks to those parents who have already paid.

This term is looking as busy as ever, as soon as Halloween and Bonfire night are over we will do doubt be working towards Christmas events. The 'Friends of St Giles' are busy planning our Christmas Fair, please look out for communications in relation to this as they will be asking for help and contributions. Please note they are planning to set up a Facebook page to help communication. Please keep an eye out for parent mail letters.



Just before half term we had our **Diwali Dance Workshop**, hopefully your children told you about this – it was fantastic! I observed two of the sessions and I have never seen such energy, both from the teacher, but also during the dances produced as a result. He is returning to conduct a second workshop for KS2 as part of our Anti-bullying week.



Open Morning for new parents

Wednesday 8th November

From 9.30 to 11.00 - our Year 6 pupils will be giving guided tours of our wonderful school, this will be followed by an introductory talk at 11am. If you know any parents or carers with children eligible to start school in September 2018, or wishing to move their child, please send them our way.

Church Service – Friday 10th November

This is a special service to welcome Boy Bishop and Santa Lucia, we will also be bidding farewell to Mrs Lott who has retired as Chair of Governors after many years of service. Please join us in Church at 9am or at back at school for Coffee and Cake at 9.30 – all welcome so please do spread the word.

Early morning reminder – please be aware that pupils should not be left unattended in the playground before 8.45 as there are no adults on duty. If you wish to drop your child early, please use our breakfast club. Please note we have a **fantastic new member of staff** running this, he is a very keen sportsman and would love to use his skills to coach our pupils. **Monday – Thursday 7.45 -8.45 and only £4.50 including breakfast – great value child care!** Please contact Premier Sport to book a place on [01424 223476](tel:01424223476) or sussex@premiersport.org

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

You may have noticed that the garden, playground and moat area are in need of a tidy. 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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Reminders:

- ✓ **Family Shoebox Appeal** – please bring shoe boxes into school by **Wednesday 8 November**.
(if you are struggling to find a shoe box, there will be some in school on Monday or feel free to contact Andrea Duly or pop into Foxy Feet in Lindfield.
- ✓ **Individual School photos – orders now being taken** <http://photos.egphoto.co.uk/stgiles>
The password is: **primary**

Learners of the week

Oak – Finn McHale – For having a brilliant attitude to learning during his first week at St Giles
Elm – Molly Burdett – Great Science Hypothesis
Sycamore – Mikey Fretten – Great Maths and sketching techniques
Maple – Zach Dye – Enthusiastic singing in the church



Birthdays: Lucy Parker, Holly Pearson-Taylor, Theo Newman, Hamish Herridge, Amelia Howes

Vocab Ninja – Ricochet – Lucas Naisbitt

Team points winners this week: **Red**

Dates for the Diary

6th November – Maple Class workshop

8th November – New Parents Open Morning

10th November – **Boy Bishops and Santa Lucia church service, plus our thanks to Mrs Lott (please join us in church and afterwards for coffee and biscuits).**

13th November – Anti-bullying week

13th November – World Kindness Day!

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

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