



St Giles School News March 2017

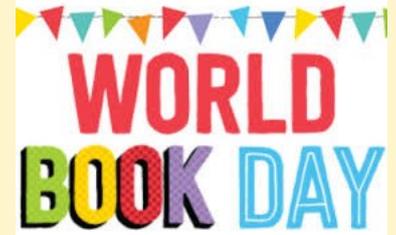
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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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St Giles Pamper Evening

On Thursday 23rd March we will be holding a Pamper Evening in conjunction with Croydon College Hair & Beauty Salon for both parents and staff (male & female) at school from 6pm until 9pm. We will be offering a range of different therapies including mini facials, mini pedicures, Shellac nails, Indian head massage and even threading. We will also offer complimentary refreshments, free sensory swimming, raffle and beauty products. There is a £2 entrance fee and small charges for therapies and treatments.



Don't forget tomorrow (Thursday 2nd March) is **World Book Day**.

Pupils will be dressing up as their favourite book characters for a donation of £1. Each child will receive a book token.

TACPAC WORKSHOP – Thursday 9th March 2017

We are pleased to announce that we will be running a TACPAC Workshop on Thursday 9th March at 10.30am. The session will last for approximately an hour and a half. TACPAC is a well-known system of communication through touch and music. TACPAC provides a structured programme for body awareness and relaxation. The child or young person experiences a sensitive and supportive 1:1 time with adult. We use TACPAC in some classes at St Giles. This will be of particular interest to parents whose children have sensory needs.

A letter was sent home last week so if you are interested in attending this workshop, please complete and return the reply slip by Friday 3rd March (numbers are limited).

St Giles Woolly Hats

With the recent spate of cold weather, we have lots of red woolly hats (with St Giles logo) available at £4.50 each. Please contact the school office and make sure to name them.



Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please help us collect Active Kids vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's until 30 June and help provide St Giles with extra playground equipment. Collection box is situated in reception.

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

March 2017

Thurs 2nd:	World Book Day London Youth Games Swimathon	Tues 14th:	Primary WOW Day
Tues 7th:	Dramatherapy Transition Group	Wed 15th:	London Boccia Final
Wed 8th:	2nd Round Panathlon	Thurs 23rd:	Primary Wheelchair Sports Event Pamper Evening
Thurs 9th:	TACPAC Workshop	Fri 24th:	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Fri 10th:	MUFTI Day for Pamper Evening	Sun 26th:	Mothers' Day
13th-17th:	Science & Engineering Week	Tues 28th:	Dramatherapy Transition Group
		Fri 31st:	Easter Assembly

Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's Disco on Saturday 4th February. It was a huge success and everyone had a fantastic time. Many thanks to all the staff who volunteered their help to make the event possible.



Croydon Youth Forest Project



Croydon Youth Forest Project are holding an 'After School Club' for children aged 11-16. This is an ideal opportunity for children to join them for outdoor fun, friction fire lighting, green wood crafts, games, campfire cooking and more at Pinewood Scout Camp in Shirley every Wednesday 4-6pm during term time. The cost is £3 per person. Please contact Suzy at gowildwithusuk@gmail.com. Suzy ran Forest Schools activities at St Giles in the Autumn Term.

QEF Mobility Centre

On Friday 3rd March 2017, QEF Mobility Centre will be holding an Equipment Fair for children with disabilities. There will be more than 35 exhibitors including Tendercare, Made2Aid, RMS, Elap Mobility and more. Demonstrations include Wheelchairs & Buggies, Assistive Technology, Sleep Systems and Car & Air travel seating. They will also offer free assessments (please book in advance) for car seats, paediatric mobility and vehicle access. Training sessions are also on offer.

Please contact QEF Mobility Centre, 1 Metcalfe Avenue
(Off Woodmansterne Road), Carshalton, SM5 4AW.

Tel: 02087701151 Web: www.qef.org.uk

Email: mobility@qef.org.uk



ABSENCES/HOLIDAYS & RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER SURGERY

- **Absence:** Our attendance officer has advised us that parents must always send in a written note to the school when their child has been away. Please continue to phone the office on a daily basis if your child is unwell (Tel: 0208 680 2141) and when your child returns to school, please write a note in the home school book. If your child has a Medical or Dental appointment please let us know via the home school book and send in a copy of the appointment letter if you have one.
- **Holidays:** Parents should request permission from the Headteacher if they are planning on taking their child out of school to go on holiday. An application form is available from the school office. Permission can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please also let us know if you plan to take a holiday without your child. We need to know who your child is staying with and have an emergency contact number.
- **Surgery:** Before your child can return to school after surgery we need to make sure that everything is in place to keep them safe and to help them learn effectively. As soon as you have any information about a return date please ring the school office so we can put together a plan.
- * **Respite:** If your child is booked into respite care this will now be classed as a holiday. Parents should therefore request permission from the Headteacher. An application form is available from the school office.