



## St Giles School News May 2017

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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### Summer Fun Day - Saturday 17th June (12-3pm)

Our Summer Fun Day will take place on Saturday 17th June and we are holding the following MUFTI Days in school. This is a chance for the children to wear their own clothes and provide a gift towards the Fun Day. If any parents/grandparents/carers would like to help run a stall, please let the school office know.

#### MUFTI DAYS

- 5th May: Adult Tombola/Gifts
- 12th May: Children’s Tombola
- 26th May : Bottles
- 9th June: Children’s sweets
- 16th June: Cakes



#### CHAT & WRAP DAYS

- 10th May: Chat & Wrap
- 17th May: Chat & Wrap
- 7th June: Chat & Wrap
- 14th June: Chat & Wrap  
(10.30am-12pm)



### St Giles’ 40th Birthday Celebrations

Next month we celebrate 40 years of being located at our present site. On 19th May we will be having an Open Day for members of the public, past pupils and staff. On 30th June we will be going back in time and are having a **70’s Dressing up Day, Sports and Dancing.**

We would like to create displays of photographs and school records from the last 40 years. If you, or any member of your family have any old school photographs that we can borrow for this event, please contact the school office.



### LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

#### May

- Tues 9th** Parents Group @ Carers Centre in Croydon (10-12pm)
- Thurs 11th** Interborough Athletics
- Thurs 18th** Parents’ Gastro Training (invite only)
- Fri 19th** 40th Birthday Open Day

#### June

- Thurs 15th** Panathlon @ Copper Box
- Sat 17th** Fun Day (12-3pm)
- Mon 26th** Inset Day (school closed)
- Wed 28th** London Youth Games
- Fri 30th** 40th Birthday WOW Day

## Lions Afternoon at The Fair

The Lion's Club of Croydon are organising their "Afternoon at The Fair" on **Tuesday 30th May 2017 from 2pm to 4pm**. This annual, special free session takes place at Ashburton Park, Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon and is a dedicated day of funfair entertainment for disabled children and their immediate family. **Applications must be received no later than Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017** —please contact the school for further information.

## Special Schools Parents' Group at The Carers' Centre

Parents & Carers are invited to a Parents' Group being held at The Carers' Centre 24 George St, Croydon on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30. This is a great opportunity to meet parents from other special schools and share experiences as well as listen to a wide range of speakers.



## Gastrostomy Parents' Group

This group is for all those parents or carers of a child that attends St Giles' and has a gastrostomy. The Parents' Group has been organised by the St Giles' Nursing Dept and will be held at St Giles' School on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 10.30am-11.30am. Melissa Clarke, Senior Staff Nurse at St Giles', will be talking to parents and carers about how to care for your child's gastrostomy as well as servicing of the necessary equipment. A letter has been sent out to relevant parents and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Inclusive Cycling — Beginners: 8 – 18 years

This is joint project between Cycling Instructor Ltd and Wheels for Wellbeing on behalf of Croydon Council. Trainees will have the choice of cycling on the track or within the Country Park. Suitable students may progress to an on road Bikeability course. Children and young people will have access to a variety of 2, 3 or 4 wheeled cycles. Wheelchair users are welcome. No balance or previous experience is required. Fun guaranteed! Bikeability Badges and Certificates will be awarded where outcomes have been achieved. ***This project will take place at Croydon Sports Arena, Albert Road, Croydon SE25 4QL between 5-6pm on a Thursday during term time. If you require further information please contact them either by Email: [sdo@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:sdo@croydon.gov.uk) or Tel: 0208 760 5592***



## 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, please inform the class teacher in plenty of time. If it is more than a few days we will share school targets and programmes with the respite provider.