



St Giles School News September 2017

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new term at St Giles. We have welcomed many new faces to St Giles this term: Sharon Newton, our new teacher in SN Class, Isha Kelly, our new teacher in Purple Class and Cara Norman who will be covering for Rachael Edwards whilst she is on maternity leave. We also have six new teaching assistants across the school - Manil, Claire, Wendy, Hannat, Jemma and Louise. Maria Bartley is our new Admin Assistant and there are three new MSAs - Elizabeth, Tanya and Chantelle.

This is a very busy term with lots of special events as well as work on our new topics and targets. Please remember to use your child's home/school book or Gilofax to tell us any news or let us know any concerns. A member of staff will always follow things up and get back to you.

Have a happy term.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th October from 4.30-7pm. We look forward to seeing all parents, as this is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and teaching assistants to discuss their progress.

Sarah Gough, our transition advisor, will also be available to advise on college applications as well as Home from Home Care, who run specialist residential care homes for adults with learning disabilities and complex special needs. Therapies will also be available. A letter will be sent home next week in order to allocate appointment times.



LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary November 2017

October 2017

Tues 10th Parents' Evening 16.30-19.00
Thurs 19th Secondary Harvest Assembly (9.30-10.30)
 Primary Harvest Assembly (14.00-15.00)
 School closes for half term (15.30)
Fri 20th Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
 Half Term (Mon 23rd-Fri 29th)

Mon 30th School begins (9.15am)
Fri 10th 'We Remember' Assembly
Fri 17th Children in Need

December 2017

Fri 1st Christmas Tree
 John Fisher Choir
 Old Scholars
Mon 4th Primary Show Week
Fri 15th Christmas Lunch & Disco
Mon 18th Certificate Assembly
 Class Parties & Father Christmas
Weds 20th Nativity Assembly
 Christmas Singalong
 Christmas Holidays
 Thurs 21st-Tues 2nd



Harvest Festival

Our special Harvest Assemblies are on **Thursday 19th October**. Please do join us for our **Secondary Assembly at 9.45am** or our **Early Years & Primary Assembly at 2pm**.

Once again we are collecting for Purley Food Hub to help people in crisis who are without food. They may have become unemployed, been sick or had a sudden change in their domestic circumstances. A series of events coming together may have left them unable to buy food to meet their basic needs. **Please send in any dried or tinned goods such as small jars of coffee, baby wipes, tinned meat meals, tinned green vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tins of potatoes, tinned dessert fruit, long life fruit juice, unisex shampoo, and washing up liquid over the next two weeks ready for the assembly.** Thank you.

Five Star Hygiene Rating

Last week we had our Annual visit from Environmental Health. We are thrilled to announce that we have, yet again, been awarded the highest rating for food hygiene. A huge well done to Donna and the kitchen team. A well-deserved 5 stars.



SWIMMING: Please could you send in your child's kit each week - it is important that your child brings their own kit in order to avoid cross infections. Please include: 2 towels, swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and blue pad cover, if appropriate. An example of a suitable blue pad cover can be found from www.fledglings.otg.uk. The link is given below and is also on the school website:

<http://www.fledglings.org.uk/shop/by-category/swimming/swimming1/kooshies-swim-nappy-detail>

Disability Charity Fun Day

On Sunday 8th October (11am-2pm), The Change Foundation and Anna Kennedy Online will be holding a Fun Day open to all children and adults with a Disability or Special Need. Family, friends and carers are also invited to attend. The entrance fee is £2 per adult and children are free of charge. There will be Refreshments, Competitions, Raffle, Games and Indoor facilities. The Fun Day will take place at: The Cricket Centre, Plough Lane, Wallington, Nr Croydon SM6 8JQ

Jeans for Genes Day—Friday 22nd September

Tomorrow we will raising money on behalf of Jeans for Genes, a charity which helps disorder-specific charities and patient groups to deliver inspiring projects and support services for children affected by a genetic disorder in the UK. **Staff and pupils can come into school wearing their jeans and give a £1 Donation towards the charity.**

Parents' Makaton Beginners Workshop (Six Week Course)



Paul Pearce, our fully qualified Makaton Trainer, is offering parents and carers the opportunity to take part in a six week Makaton course on Wednesday mornings: 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 1st November, 8th November and 15th November. **The cost for all six sessions will be £15.**

Please note that attendance is required for all sessions to receive your accreditation and certificate. Please complete the application form that was sent home recently and return to Hazel, Family Support, via the school office.