



St Giles School News October 2017

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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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. **Appointment letters have been sent home. Please contact Maree in the school office if you have not received it.**

Sarah Gough, our transition advisor, will 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.



SEND Information, Advice, Support & Mediation Services

Croydon SENDIAS and Mediation service offer independent support for parents and families who have children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND).

Their experienced team of local advisors offers impartial, confidential, free advice and support on all matters relating to SEND. They can also support parents, children and young people at school meetings, annual reviews and tribunals. **Address:** KIDS, Carers’ Information Service, Carers Support Centre, 24 George Street, Croydon CR0 1PB

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 10am-5pm

Telephone: 020 8663 5630/5631 or **Email:** Croydon@Kids.org.uk

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

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)

November 2017

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

Butlins Trip 2017 — Secondary

This year our secondary students have had a fantastic school journey to Butlins at Bognor Regis. For a number of years we have been going to Arethusa near Rochester. That trip offered a range of outdoor activities but after several years, we wanted a change of scene and focus.

At Butlins, our students were able to spend time with their friends and be typical teenagers. We stayed in one of the hotels on site that had very comfortable rooms with balconies and sea views. The students got to choose their own meals from an amazing array of food. The ice-cream machine proved very popular at dinnertime.

The Butlins staff were incredibly helpful throughout the trip and the weather was great. We had a bracing walk along the beachfront and went on the pier; tried our luck in the arcades; went 10-pin bowling and in the evening, we went to the Rossi Bar and relaxed. On the first night, there was a quiz and of course St Giles won and on the second night, we listened to live music.

I have to say a massive thanks to the staff at St Giles who gave up their time to come on the trip and worked extremely hard but we do not need to tell parents and carers what that means.

I also want to say a thank-you to the Coulsdon Manor Rotary Club for their incredibly generous donation towards the School Journey, which helped to pay for all the transport and kept the cost of the trip down.

Caroline Horgan—Deputy Head

Here's to Butlins 2018



Autumn Term Workshops/Parent Groups at St Giles' School

We have a busy term ahead with a variety of workshops coming up:

Tuesday 10th October: Drop in for coffee/Welcome to new parents (10.30-12pm)

Thursday 19th October: Sensory Story Workshop (10.15-12pm)

Tuesday 31st October: Laughter Yoga for Parents (10.30-11.30am)

Friday 24th November: PSHE Workshop (10.15-12pm)

Managing Your Money

Croydon Council are running a 'Managing Your Money' event on Tuesday 10th October 2017 from 10am-2pm. This will take place at Crystal Palace Football Club, Glaziers Room, Selhurst Park Stadium.

This forum will provide FREE advice and support on finding a job or training, healthy living, managing money or debt, housing and much more. For further information visit : www.croydon.gov.uk/advice/welfare-reform/help-yourself/advicecontacts

GO WILD WITH US UK[©]

Susy from 'Go Wild with Us' who has also worked with some of our children, recently contacted St Giles to let us know about some of the fantastic events that are taking place during the October Half Term. On Thursday 26th they are holding 'Little Wild Things Family Fun' for ages 2+ in Grangewood Park, Thornton Heath (11am-1pm). They will be doing Halloween/Autumn themed crafts and games, friction fire lighting and cooking marshmallows on the camp fire. Please take a look at their website for booking information: <http://www.gowildwithusuk.com/>