



St Giles School News December 2017

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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CHRISTMAS AT ST GILES

We have a busy few weeks coming up with lots of Christmas activities for the children

**Early Years (Thursday 7th)
& Primary (Friday 8th)
Christmas Performances**

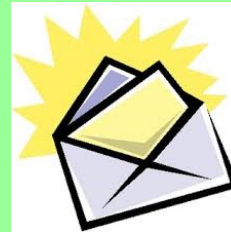
Parents & Carers should have received a letter asking how many tickets you would like (tickets are limited to two per child).

Christmas Assembly & Nativity

Our final assembly will be on Wednesday 20th December at 10.30am. It is always a very special time, with pupils from the Years 4, 5 and 6 performing in the Nativity. We would be delighted if Parents & Carers could join us.

Decorating the Christmas Tree

Thank you to Purple Class for making our Christmas tree look so beautiful. The picture shows Rihaan putting the finishing touches to our tree. Many thanks to Crossways Nursery for donating the tree.



Christmas Cards

Our school post boxes are now open for children to post their Christmas cards to school friends.

Children In Need Day



Thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who donated towards the St Giles Children in Need Day on Friday 17th November. We raised an amazing £830. This money will go towards the £30,000 we need to resurface an area damaged by tree roots and create a brand new sensory garden and outdoor learning space. Lots of staff and pupils came to school dressed in their pyjamas, onesies and bright clothing and we had a special visit from Pudsey. Well done to Pink Class who organised a very successful cake sale, AF who held a disco and Silver Class who ran a Chill Out Zone

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2017

Fri 1st	Christmas Tree John Fisher Choir Old Scholars
Thurs 7th	Early Years Christmas Show
Fri 8th	Primary Christmas Show
Fri 15th	Christmas Lunch & Disco
Mon 18th	Certificate Assembly & Raffle Draw Class Parties & Father Christmas

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Weds 20th	Nativity Assembly Christmas Singalong School ends (3.30pm)
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Thurs 21st-Tues 2nd: Christmas Holidays

January 2018

Wed 3rd School starts



Fundraising for St Giles School

Harry's (Class MP) cousin, Herbie Bishop is fundraising for St Giles. Herbie's challenge is a 10 mile bike ride and he is hoping to make as much money as possible for the school so that he can make Harry and his school friends' learning as much fun as possible. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the following website:

Fundraiser: Steven Bishop

Web page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StevenBishop3>



Christmas Lunch



On Friday 15th the children will be having a Christmas lunch. The menu will consist of Roast Turkey or Festive Vegetable Wellington with an accompaniment of vegetables, followed by Chocolate Sprinkle Cake. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a school Christmas dinner, please contact Joni in the school office on 0208 680 2141.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties are being held on Monday 18th December. Father Christmas will be visiting St Giles and bringing presents. Please could Parents and Carers send in food and drink for the pupils to share with their classmates.



CROYDON HEALTH SERVICES — Flu Immunisation Clinic

Croydon Health Services are providing a drop in flu immunisation clinic at Lennard road on 22/12/17, from 09.30-16.00 for **Reception to Year 4 pupils** who may have missed the previous visit to school. This is a drop in clinic, so you can take your child in at any point during the day between 9.30am and 4pm

WillowBug—Wheelchair clothing for kids and teens

Willow Bug is all about stylish and practical adaptive clothing for children and teens. Their products are designed to be worn seated and fit easily over heads, legs, arms and wheelchairs. Sizes range from age 4 to teen. To see the full range or to place an order, please visit their website www.willowbug.co.uk Email: hello@willowbug.co.uk Tel: 07720 893 441 (There is a first time order 'MOAM' code for 10% off.

Laughter Yoga

St Giles School parents and carers really enjoyed the 'Laughter Yoga' Workshop which was sponsored by Manju Shahul-Hameed Foundation for Mental Health.

Laughter Yoga boosts your energy levels, reduces feelings of stress and improves your physical and emotional wellbeing while joyfully connecting with others.



Lord Taverners Boccia Tournament

On the 28th November we took two teams to the South London Lord Taverners Boccia tournament. It was an opportunity for some players to experience playing in a tournament for a first time. The competition as ever was tough and both teams did very well. They played in the spirit of fair play and did their best in each game. St Giles 2 narrowly missed out on a place in the semi finals, but did well to win two games. St Giles 1 made it to the semi finals to play against our old rivals Cleevepark.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we lost 4-1. Congratulations to all of our players on their efforts. Well done to : Sana, Abdul, Esther, Daniel, Jessica and Omolara.

Sports trip to Riddlesdown Collegiate College

Recently some members of SRD and SN visited Riddlesdown Collegiate to practice Panathlon activities. We worked with Priory and Riddlesdown students on activities such as Polybat, boccia, new age kurling and wheelchair slalom. Our students had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed working with their friends from both schools.

As a result of the training day we have now been able to select a team to represent Croydon in the Panathlon Challenge in January.