



# St Giles School News End of Term - JULY 2018



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**Specialist School for Physical and Sensory** 

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### **End of Term Arrangements**

What a fantastic end of term with the Prom, Secondary Show and Leavers' Assembly. Thanks to all the staff for making these events so special for our pupils.

With great sadness, we say goodbye to six members of staff who are leaving at the end of this term: Andy (Class AF), Hannah (Red Class), Cara (Orange Class), Anna (Class SRD), Angela G (SCT) and Tom (PE). We wish them all lots of luck and happiness for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to the following pupils: Ursule, Ismail, Omolara, Mateusz, Phoebe. We wish them all every success in their new schools and colleges.

I look forward to seeing you all back after the summer holiday, looking well and refreshed, on **Wednesday**5th September.

Have a great holiday.



#### Key Dates for the Autumn Term

#### <u>September</u>

Weds 5th School begins
Fri 21st Jeans for Genes

October

Weds 10th Parents' Evening

Thurs 18th Harvest Assemblies

Fri 19th Inset Day Half Term:

Mon 22nd-Fri 26th October



#### St Giles Prom

The red carpet came out on 6th July to give pupils from Key Stage 4 and 5 and their guests the VIP treatment for the sixth St Giles prom.

After a welcome reception, guests enjoyed the evening with food and a live band followed by a disco by DJ Martin Bell, a former pupil.

A special thanks to Fiona Bell and Lynne Castle for all their hard work and to all the staff who attended to make it a memorable evening.



#### **Panathlon at The Copper Box**

Our Panathlon team were in action recently at The Copper Box Grand Final where we came fourth.

Congratulations to our St Giles students, Abdul, Daniel and Sana. We would also like to congratulate the Riddlesdown and Priory pupils that we linked up with for this sporting event.



## **Jack Petchey Award - Winners**

We are thrilled to announce our Jack Petchey Award winners who have been nominated by both St Giles staff and pupils:

**Abdul** is a polite, lively, enthusiastic young man who is a great role model to his peers. His resilience to adversity has shown that he is able to overcome difficulties in a positive way; he is always willing to try new things and listen to advice. A worthy winner of the Summer 2018 Jack Petchey



### Jack Petchey Award - Staff Winner



If there is anything your class or child needs, you can always be sure that this person has the solution.

**Brenda** is a huge asset to the school. She is a highly conscientious teaching assistant; she manages the old scholars Facebook page and annual party; she prepares the leaving photo book for pupils which become a treasured procession; she supports special events across the year.

Thank you Brenda for all you do for St Giles.

# Secondary Summer Show 'We are such stuff as dreams are made on.....'

'Wonderful performances from everyone in the Secondary show, with performances to Early Years, Primary, visitors form Regina Coeli school and parents and friends; four performances, culminating in the famous evening show on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. The show was all about the dreams of the pupils and the 'magic' that happens at St Giles...it was a true reflection of the fantastic talents of our pupils. We raised £182 towards our new fundraising venture—new microphones and a lighting system for the main hall.

THANK YOU—WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!







#### Friends of St Giles

The Friends of St Giles consists of a group of staff, parents and carers who meet to organise fundraising events for the school to buy additional specialist equipment for the children. We try to meet on a regular basis and would welcome any parents or carers who would like to join us.

During the year we have various events which include a Pamper Evening, Fun Day and the Christmas Bazaar. If you would like to become involved, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in creating a new sensory outdoor learning area. Our new project is purchasing new microphones and a lighting system for the main hall.

If you, your family or friends wish to make a donation to St Giles Parents Association (Reg No. 312197) you can do this via the Virgin Money Giving website.

## **Green Class Sleepover**

Phoebe from Green Class wrote that they had the most amazing time at their Sleepover on Wednesday 27th June 2018. "We started the evening with some music and then had playtime. Then we read a story and ordered our dinner. Once we had dinner we went outside and had a campfire with Mrs Marshall. Then we got changed into our pyjamas and watched 'The Jungle Book'. Then we went to bed".



#### Green Class visit High Ashurst

Maryam C wrote "First I got on the bus and went to a fun place (High Ashurst). Then I went on a swing that went up. I was a bit scared, but I was happy when I went up. Next, I did some archery. I had to get a bow and arrow and try to shoot the target. I was happy. Last, I did some rock climbing. Then I had lunch. I had a cheese burger, grapes, crisps, orange juice and cheese."



# **Physiotherapy Dept**

All children should continue with their exercise programmes and wearing Orthotics (splints, insoles etc) over the six week break so as not to 'tighten up' over the holidays.

Please remember that if you have borrowed any physio equipment to use at home over the summer holidays, please could you ensure that it is returned to school in the first week of term.

If you have any urgent queries about your child's physiotherapy needs during the summer break please call the Children's Physiotherapy Service on 020 8274 6853.

The Physio Team would like to wish all parents, carers and pupils a happy summer break.

#### **School uniform**

Don't forget you can purchase embroidered St Giles school uniform from tesco.com/ues or you can purchase plain uniform from any big stores.

Red or white shirt, blouse or polo shirt Grey shorts, trousers, skirt or tunic, red and white summer dresses. Jogging bottoms or elastic waists are easiest for most children.

Early Years and Primary children wear red sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans.

Secondary children wear black sweat shirts or jumpers or cardigans.