



# St Giles School News December 2018

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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 13th December from 1.30pm**

**Primary—Friday 14th November December**

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



## Christmas Cards

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



## Congratulations to all of us.

### We are Croydon Special School of the Year.



St Giles' recent inspection confirmed that the school has maintained a good quality of education. The report was complimentary about many aspects of provision and confirmed the view that the school provides a stimulating learning environment where child participation is evident throughout.

The school delivers teaching through a creative curriculum that is designed to meet every child's complex needs and ensures that they make good progress from their starting points.

The senior leadership team is also committed to contributing to the wider local offer for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. They provide excellent outreach to colleagues in other settings, helping support pupils with complex needs.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December 2018

- Thurs 13th** Early Years Christmas Show
- Fri 14th** Primary Christmas Show
- Mon 17th** Class Parties & Father Christmas
- Thu 20th** Christmas Lunch & Disco
- Fri 21st** Nativity Assembly
- Fri 21st** Christmas Singalong

School ends (3.30pm)

**Mon 24th Dec—Fri 04th Jan 2019 Christmas Holidays**

### January 2019

**Mon 7th** School starts



## Panathlon Trials at Riddlesdown Collegiate

On the 6th of November 2018, students from Hawking, Kahlo and Christy classes visited Riddlesdown Collegiate to practice Panathlon activities. The students from St Giles will form a team with both Priory and Riddlesdown to represent Croydon in the Panathlon Challenge. The students practiced activities such as Polybat, Table Cricket, Boccia, New Age Kurling, Bean Bag Throw and Wheelchair Slalom. The day was focused towards gaining places for the Panathlon team, it also gave our students an opportunity to meet other students with disabilities from other schools



## Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties are being held on Monday 17th 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.



## Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 20th the children will be having a Christmas lunch. The menu will consist of Roast Turkey with Chicken Chipolata or Vegan Sausages with an accompaniment of vegetables, followed by Festive Chocolate Cake, Biscuit or Ice Cream Pot. 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.



## Congratulations to Ken Morcombe MBE

Mr Ken Morcombe, one of our governors was recently awarded an MBE by the Queen at Buckingham Palace for his services to Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Mr Morcombe has been a governor at St Giles for 12 years and during that time he has helped fundraise for us through his walking group, helping out at our residential trips, supporting the children in the gardening club and supporting extracurricular events. Mr Morcombe brought his medal into school to show it to our pupils who were delighted to try it on.



## Christmas Assembly & Nativity

Our final assembly will be on Friday 21st 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.



## 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 16th November. We raised an amazing £391.43 This money will go towards creating a new sensory environment in our hall. Lots of staff and pupils came to school dressed in their pyjamas, onesies and bright Clothing.



## Decorating the Christmas Tree

Thank you to Purple Class for making our Christmas tree look so beautiful. We would like to thank Crossways Nursery, once again, for donating the tree.



## John Fisher Carol Singers

Thank you to The John Fisher School Choir who came to St Giles on Friday and sang Christmas Carols to the pupils. Everyone very much enjoyed listening and singing along.



## New Speech & Language Therapist

Romika Ramlagan will take over from Hannah Russell at St Giles on Wednesday 23 January. Romika is new to Croydon SLT team.



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

# PRIORY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

A celebration of festive food, music and crafts

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19TH - 10AM TO 12.00  
PRIORY SCHOOL, HERMITAGE ROAD, SE19 3QN

Christmas Wreaths, Gifts & Cards, Decorations, Crafts,  
Food & Drink, Live Music & Dance Performances



## Circus Starr—Sunday 6th January

Our parents and carers have been offered **FREE** tickets to the Circus Starr special performance on Sunday 6th January 2019. This will take place at the Main Hall, Harris Academy Purley, Kendra Hall Road, South Croydon CR2 6DT.

We have 30 tickets for their 4.45pm performance and 30 tickets for their 7pm performance. As there are a limited number of tickets we will only be able to offer tickets on a first come, first served basis (only 4 tickets per family). **Once you have received your tickets, please note that if you have any special requirements or if you would like to reserve a ring-side wheelchair space you will need to call to reserve two days prior to the show Tel: 01260 288690.**

Circus Starr returns with 'The Greatest Snowman', a fun-filled winter extravaganza! Circus Starr pride themselves on creating a show that captures the hearts and minds of everyone from the youngest to the oldest member of the audience. For further information, visit their web site: [www.circus-starr.co.uk](http://www.circus-starr.co.uk)

## FREE Croydon Golf in the Park Opportunity

Following other the wonderful opportunities provided in Croydon, now there is the chance for people with learning disabilities (and others) to have a go at learning the highly popular game of **GOLF...**

There are two venues, Wandle Park on Sunday morning and Beddington Park on Sunday morning and they are **FREE!** The sessions are up and running now so you could pop along this weekend. (Please read the posters below for all the details)

The sessions are being organised by Tracey Glendinning-Smith from Community Golf CIC, so please contact Tracey on [tracey@communitygolf.net](mailto:tracey@communitygolf.net) if you have any questions.

## St Giles Tracksuit Sale

We are currently selling our school tracksuits for up to 50% off the original price. We have a selection of black bottoms with matching red/black tops in various sizes. Please enquire at reception if you would like to see or purchase. Tops: £6.25 & Bottoms: £5.50