



St Giles School News November 2019

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your children have had a happy and restful half term break. It was really good to meet so many of you at Parents Evening and to hear how your children are settling back into the school. It was lovely to meet the grandparents who visited us for lunch that day.

We finished the half term with our Harvest Festival Assemblies. The Upper School told us about the work they had been doing in class growing and cooking food. Middle and Lower classes worked together to explore flour, dough and bread making. We all enjoyed singing the beautiful Harvest Calypso song that Kerry and Shakyra, our music therapist and teacher, taught us.

Thank you so much for the generous gifts of food and toiletries which were passed on to Purley Food Hub. We also welcomed Tony Perrott, one of our ex-pupils, and his father Steve, to our Harvest Celebration. They presented the school with a very generous gift of £600 raised at the Edmundson Electrical Golf Day. This half term we are looking forward to welcoming back our ex-pupils at "Old Scholars" evening on Friday 29th November. We are hosting a Croydon Housing Clinic on Wednesday 13th November and a Yoga workshop for parents on Wednesday 20th November. Our Middle school and Pink class Christmas performance will be at 1.40pm on Thursday 5th December. Lower school parents are invited to an interactive Christmas performance at 10.15 on Friday 13th December.

We are continuing to further develop our curriculum and assessment systems. Our INSET day on Monday 25th of November will focus on reading. We will also be looking at our new online platform called "Evidence for Learning" which will improve our ability to gather evidence, assess, review and plan for our pupils. We look forward to sharing and using the platform with you.

Do remember that if your child has been unable to access the vaccine at school, there will be clinics available at Lennard Road on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays throughout November running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. No appointment is necessary; they are drop in sessions.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Lewis
Headteacher

Open Morning—Friday 1st November 2019

We hold two Open Mornings each year to allow visitors to look around the school and find out more about us. Our next Open Morning is this Friday from 10 -11.30am. This is a great chance to show friends and relatives the school and will also be an opportunity for prospective parents and professionals who work in other schools, colleges, nurseries and children's centres to visit the school. Do come and join us if you can.



LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

November 2019

Fri 1st Open Morning (10-11.30am)
Tues 5th Lord Taverners Boccia
Fri 8th 'We Remember' Assembly
Mon 11th Primary Panathlon
Fri 15th Children in Need
Weds 20th Special Yoga for parents
Mon 25th Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Fri 29th Old Scholars

December 2019

Weds 4th Secondary Carol Singing at BWH
Thurs 5th Middle School & Pink Class Christmas Performance (at 1.40pm)
Fri 6th John Fisher Carol Singing

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Fri 13th Lower School Christmas Performance (at 10.15am)
Mon 16th Class Parties & Father Christmas
Weds 18th Christmas Lunch & Disco
Fri 20th Nativity Assembly
 Christmas Singalong

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd Jan 2020

January 2020

Mon 6th School begins

St Giles very own — Children in Need day

Friday 15th November

Help us raise £500
for our own very special children.

On Friday 15th November, we will be raising money for our very own 'Children in Need' as well as 'BBC Children in Need'.

We ask for a donation of £5—some of this money will go towards our fundraising for the school. We will also be donating to BBC Children in Need.

We will be taking part in lots of fun activities throughout the day and your child can come into school wearing pyjamas, their favourite dressing up clothes or something silly!



Primary Talent Show

On Friday 18th October, the Middle school held a Talent show. Every class showed off their talents from joke telling to musical instruments, to singing and even a bit of dancing!

A special shout out to Fatima, the compare, who kept going even when there were technical issues!

Hawking class came to watch and some of our parent's too. We had a lot of fun!

Upper School WOW event.

Upper School kicked off their WOW events for the year with three fantastic dance workshops based around our theme "Different places, Different people".

Katie the dance teacher took us on a journey around the world looking at how water connects us via the oceans and seas. There was a special focus on Africa using both music and movements from this amazing continent.



'We Remember' Assembly

November is often a time for remembering family and friends who have died. Our assembly on 8th November is called 'We Remember', a special assembly for children and staff to remember St Giles' pupils who have died and who have a special place in our memories.

Please contact Caroline Horgan, Deputy Head Teacher, if you have any questions about this.



Harvest Festival



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Thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who provided dried and tinned goods for the Purley Food Hub. These items will be distributed to help people in crisis who are without food. They may have been unemployed, sick or had a sudden change in their domestic circumstances.

BREXIT

In a 'no deal' exit, EU, European Economic Area (EEA), European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and Swiss nationals and their families living in the UK before 29 March 2019 will be able to remain in the UK and work, study and access benefits and services on broadly the same terms as now.

If they are planning to continue living in the UK after 2020, EU, EEA, EFTA and Swiss nationals will need to apply to stay in the UK. If 'no deal' is reached, the EU Settlement Scheme would be open to those living in the UK by 29 March 2019. The deadline for applying to join the scheme will be 31st December 2020. More information can be found at:

<http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>