



## St Giles School News December 2019

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents and Carers,

November has been another happy, busy month at St Giles. We began the month by welcoming visitors from across Croydon to our Open Morning. Our 'We Remember' Assembly later that week, was a beautiful opportunity to remember past students and staff.

Last week, our school council welcomed the Mayor of Croydon, Humayun Kabir, to a meeting. Mr. Mayor answered pupils' questions about his role and met our five young ambassadors who will be organizing an event next term to support his charities. The month ended with Old Scholars Evening on Friday night. It was lovely to welcome back so many returning friends.

We continue to work hard with parents and Governors to try to improve the situation with parking at the front of the school. The 'Meet and Greet' pilot in the morning has now been adopted and we are exploring ways to extend the improvements to the afternoon. Thank you for your feedback on this. We are working with Governors to get advice from Croydon on how to further improve this situation.

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we are getting ready for our Christmas celebrations. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Middle School Winter Show and the Lower School performance. Upper School pupils are visiting Bernard Weatherill House in Croydon to sing Carols and we are looking forward to welcoming a choir from John Fisher School for carols at school at the end of the week.

Finally, all the staff at St Giles wish you and your family season's greetings and a happy new year. Best wishes,

Kathy Lewis



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### December 2019

<b>Wed 4th</b>	Secondary Carol Singing at BWH
<b>Thu 5th</b>	Middle School & Pink Class Christmas performance (1.40pm)
<b>Fri 6th</b>	John Fisher Carol Singing
<b>Wed 11th</b>	Lower School Christmas show (1015am)
<b>Mon 16th</b>	Class Parties and Father Christmas
<b>Wed 18th</b>	Christmas Lunch and Disco

**Fri 20th** Nativity Assembly & Christmas Singalong

**Mon 23rd Dec—Fri 3rd Jan Christmas Holidays**

#### January 2020

**Mon 06th** School begins

**School Uniform** - Where possible please can you dress your child in jogging bottoms / shorts ensuring that they are easy to pull up. This will help our staff immensely when they are changing pupils during personal care and swimming.

## Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties are being held on Monday 16th 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.



## Old scholars

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Old Scholars party last Friday. It was an amazing evening as usual with D.J. Martin playing all our favourite tunes. Lovely to see so many familiar faces turn up this year, some we have not seen for quite some time!



## Christmas Cards

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



## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 18th the children will be having a Christmas lunch. The menu will consist of Roast Turkey breast with stuffing or Rosemary and onion sausage and stuffing, with an accompaniment of roast potatoes and vegetables, followed by Festive Chocolate 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.





## Putting up the Christmas Tree

Purple class enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree, and sang carols whilst doing so.

They loved looking at all the beautiful coloured decorations.



## Primary Panathlon Challenge

A small group of primary students enjoyed a fantastic morning of fun sports activities in the Primary Panathlon Challenge. They competed against other schools and did particularly well in the Boccia game where they came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was lovely to see the students use the skills they have learnt in PE

lessons in each of the activities. All of the children were awarded a medal for their efforts.



## 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 15th November, where lots of fun activities took place throughout the school, including a disco, bowling and a very popular foot spa.

We raised an amazing £406.00. A small donation will be made to Children in Need, and the remainder will go towards sensory equipment.

Lots of staff and pupils came to school dressed in their pyjamas, onesies and bright clothing and we had a special visit from Pudsey.



# GO WILD WITH US UK©



**Saturday 14th December 12 - 5pm**

Come and spend the afternoon with us at the beautiful Pinewood in Shirley, and light up the woods as the dusk falls and the magic begins!

If you have under 3's, why not make a whole day of it?

This Winter, we've partnered up with the amazing Jenny Lockyer, founder of the well loved 'Music Time' <https://www.musictimejenny.co.uk/>. This year she is running her annual Music Time Christmas Party at Pinewood from 10-12pm, so why not go along for a singsong in festive style and then bring a picnic and stay on for our Woodland Festival in the afternoon? 50% discount off the Winter Solstice festival for all those who have Music Time tickets. See poster for details.

Price per child for winter solstice day is £25 (unwaged) £30 (waged) £35 (generosity) Sibling discount of 50% per child. Accompanying parents (up to 2 per child) and under 2's go free. Extra adults £5 each.

Please see website for more activities during December

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