



## St Giles School News March 2020

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**Specialist School for Physical and Sensory**

**[www.st-gilesschool.co.uk](http://www.st-gilesschool.co.uk)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

The school is monitoring advice from Public Health England very carefully. We are receiving daily updates from the DfE and also regular advice from Croydon Council.

All staff received training on hand washing at our INSET day on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. We are asking all visitors to our site to sanitise their hands before visiting classes.

Please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns. There is now a DfE helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. You can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### **Proposed Nursery Expansion**

A reminder that if you would like to find out more about Croydon Council's plans to expand St Giles to include a nursery, you can read their press release online at

<http://news.croydon.gov.uk/consultation-begins-on-st-giles-school-expansion/>

If you would like to take part in the public consultation it is open until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. You contribute to it through the link: <https://getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/project/626>

Again, do get in touch if you have any questions about the nursery expansion.

Best wishes,

Kathy Lewis

Headteacher

### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2019**

It's 'World Book Day' on Thursday 5th March, however we have been doing lots of activities all week. On Friday 6th of March, children and staff can dress up as their favourite book character, for a £1 donation. We are also organising a cake and book sale after lunch on Thursday to raise funds for 'Book Aid International.'



### ***LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary***

#### **March 2020**

Thu 5th World Book Day  
Fri 13th Sports Relief/Dance Event  
Tue 24th Epilepsy Information morning  
Tue 31 Mar Sleep in Learning Disabilities  
Workshop @ CAMHS in Croydon

#### **APRIL 2019**

Fri 3rd Easter Assembly

**Easter Holidays Mon 6th Apr—Fri 17th Apr**  
**Term begins on Monday 20th April**

## Panathlon Success

Our new look Boccia team contributed to Team Croydon's success at the first round of the Panathlon. We teamed up with students from Riddlesdown and Priory to take on Lambeth and Lewisham Boroughs.

St Giles Boccia team won all of their games and played really well. This is particularly pleasing as we have some new members to the team this year.

The next round of Panathlon takes place in March at Crystal Palace. Good Luck!



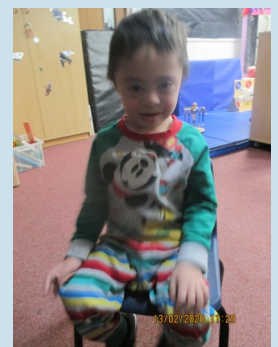
## Dinosaur Wow Event

Our Middle School had fun on Friday at our Dinosaur Wow event. We had an art painting cave, dinosaur footprint trail, egg rolling and the chance to explore fossils.



## Pyjama Day

Thank you for your kind donations on Pyjama day. We raised £71.00 for the School and Mayors Charity.



## Dance at Fairfield Halls

We are very pleased to announce that **SLIDE** is resident at **Fairfield Halls** every **Wednesday**. Join them for a creative dance class, **only £5**.

To book email: [gemma@slidedance.org](mailto:gemma@slidedance.org) / 07887 781361

**1.30-3pm:** Adults with a learning disability

**3.15-4.30pm:** Young people and adults with a learning disability

**7-8.30pm:** Adults (disabled and non-disabled)