



St Giles School News

January 2022

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

www.st-gilesschool.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am happy to report that the school's heating system is now working well. Despite some positive Covid cases on our staff team, we continue to prioritise face to face education. Unfortunately, this means pausing our swimming programme for the majority of our pupils so that our swim team can support class teams. We are working hard not to close classes, but in some classes we have had to rota pupils. We are working hard, where this is the case, to give you as much notice as possible and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Many congratulations to Dalzell T and K classes, who represented St Giles school in the Croydon Memorial Holocaust competition. The chair of Croydon SACRE, Richard Chatterjee, announced two winning and three commended entrees yesterday. St Giles was one of the commended entries. The winning and commended entries will be available on Faiths Together in Croydon website.

We continue to encourage secondary parents to test their children twice a week using the lateral flow testing kits that we have sent you. If you are finding this challenging, please contact the Special School Nursing team. We also encourage all secondary pupils to take up the option of having their children vaccinated against Covid-19. 2 doses are now being offered to children aged 12 to 15 to give them the best protection against COVID-19. The DfE and NHS advise that the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are safe and effective for the majority of young people. If you would like further information, again contact the Special School Nursing team.

Our new Nursery class continues to grow. This term we have welcomed Jaxon, Tari, Sayon and Natalia-Nicola to the class. Further up the school, Noah has joined Pink class. I am happy to say that plans for the new outdoor learning and play area are developing well. The improvements will be phased and we hope to replace the larger play equipment this academic year. We plan to open the nursery at our Summer Fair which is on Saturday June 11th.

Friday 11th February is an INSET day. Our staff team will be working on the Early Years Curriculum, the Engagement Model and Phonics. Monday 21st February is also a holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours faithfully,
Kathy Lewis

NEW Household Support Fund launches for Croydon residents

After receiving funding from government, the council has now launched a fund to support residents who are struggling to buy food, heat their home or purchase essentials such as fridge/freezer, oven/microwave, a bed or bedding.

Residents can refer themselves. Residents must be able to demonstrate that they do not have funds to cover the items being requested and will need to evidence any income and provide a bank statement.

Full details and application form can be found at the link below. Applications for food/fuel will be processed within 48 hours and household items, within 4 weeks.

[Household Support Fund \(HSF\) | Croydon Council](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

Contact: dhp2@croydon.gov.uk

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www.croydon.gov.uk

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

February 2020
Fri 11th—Inset day
(No school for pupils)

Mon 14th- Mon 21st:
Half Term

Mon 21st:
School closed

Tues 22nd:
School starts

Inclusion Club (For Young People with Disabilities)

Inclusion Club is for Young People with Disabilities aged 8-25 Years Old

Every Sunday: 3:30pm-5pm and 5:30pm-7pm

Price

Sign up to become a member and benefit from the amazing facilities and activities on offer! For an annual membership fee of £5 then just 50p per visit .

Activities on Offer

Loads of different sports (football, netball, basketball etc..)

- Indoor rock climbing
- Boxing & Martial Arts
- Arts, Crafts & Fashion
- Fitness Centre (Gym)
- Dance & Drama
- Outdoors (Kayaking, Climbing etc.)
- Enterprise & Employability
- Film & Multi-Media
- Music
- Restaurant & Kitchen
- Health, Beauty & Wellbeing

Legacy Youth Zone
125 Whitehorse Rd,
Croydon,
CR0 2LG
Tel: 020 3976 9990
Email: enquiries@legacyyouthzone.org

Kids Wild Adventure Club - February Half Term - Online booking



We are pleased to announce that we have now gone online with our booking system, which should make everything much easier for you and for us!

To book you can now visit our Eventbrite page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kids-wild-adventure-club-tickets-239956385007>

We are offering the usual blend of outdoor fun where they could be doing anything from friction fire lighting, greenwood crafts, exploring, camp fire cooking, climbing to playing wide games. We are child led, so your children will be making their own choices about how their day goes, under the expert eye of our qualified and highly experienced staff team.

No parents are needed here. You can leave your Precious Ones with us for the day, and we will make sure they have a great time outdoors, and are well looked after. They will need a packed lunch, warm, waterproof layers and to be fully independent in terms of personal care.

We will need a signed and completed consent form for every child taking part as we will have duty of care for your children while they are with us, so we will be in touch once you have made your booking to send this to you. We will also send you a kit list.

To find out more about our 'access for all' pricing scheme please visit www.gowildwithusuk.com/prices