



St Giles School News September 2022

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents and Carers,

September is nearly finished and I am pleased to report that our learners are settling back into school life. The school journey to Woodlarks Camp Site for some of our Upper School learners in Hawking and Kahlo class was a big success. Many thanks to the staff team who travelled with them and also to Paul Thirkettle, one of our vice chairs of Governors, who cooked for us.

Two members of our Governing board, Mike Swadling, our chair of Governors and Karen Skeets, one of our parent governors, have resigned. We thank them for the support and hard work that they have offered the school over the years and wish them well in the future. Kat Shields, our other vice chair of Governors, will be an interim chair of Governors until the next full Governing Board meeting. We are sending out information about a parent governor election later this week. Please contact our school office if you would like more information about this important role.

The updated infection control risk assessment is on our website. Please contact us if you have any questions about it. We would like to remind you that if your child is unwell or out of school for any reason, it is important that you write to give us the reason as well as calling to let us know. You can do this through the home-school book or via an email sent to office@st-giles.croydon.sch.uk.

I look forward to welcoming you to school on Wednesday 12th October to our Parents' Evening. As always, do please contact your child's class teacher through the home-school book if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss before then.

Best wishes,
Kathy Lewis

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

September

Thu 29th: OT Workshop

October 2022

Week beginning 10th "Move and Groove week"

Wed 12th: Parents Evening

Thu 20th: October Harvest Assemblies

Fri 21st: Kings Dental screening

Mon 31st Inset day

Half Term : Mon 24th - Fri 28th

November 2022

Fri 11th: 'We Remember' assembly

Fri 18th: Children in need day

December 2022

Thu 1st: Christmas tree up

Fri 2nd: Old Scholars

Wk beginning 5th: Lower Christmas event week

Thu 8th: John Fisher Carol Singing (PM)

Wk beginning 12th: Christmas lunch Class parties and Father Christmas Virtual Nativity Assembly.

Christmas Holidays: Mon 19th – Mon 2nd

Support organisations for families requiring additional food/financial support

Citizen's Advice Croydon

Offer a range of services such as helping to maximise income, review welfare/benefits and refer to other local support services.

<https://www.citizensadvicecroydon.org/>

Tel: 0800 144 88 48

Croydon Voluntary Action

Well-connected and knowledgeable about support in the local community, around Croydon. Have access to information about food support schemes as well as other support on a very local (post code) level.

<https://cvalive.org.uk/contact-us/>

Main Switch Board: 020 8253 7060

Fun at Woodlarks

Six Upper School Learners and staff recently went on an Adventure to "Woodlarks" for our annual school journey. Woodlarks provides accessible camping for people with all kind of disabilities. It has been 3 years since our last trip due to the Covid pandemic. We were very excited to get back there!!

For many of our Learners it was their first time away from home and their families. It was an opportunity to be with their friends and try different things in a new environment.

Our pupils did lots of exciting things including:

Swimming in an outdoor pool

Camp fire songs in an outdoor community room

Scavenger hunt in the woods

Big art using the objects found in the woods

Washing plates and cutlery / hanging up tea towels to dry

Playing games with their friends.

Everyone agreed it was great fun (staff included) and we all want to go back next year!!



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 12th October (4-6pm)

We look forward to seeing all parents, virtually or in person as this is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and teaching assistants to discuss their progress. Times to be confirmed.