



St Giles School News December 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a very busy Autumn Term. Our pupils have enjoyed a number of exciting seasonal events. At the beginning of December, upper school pupils from Kahlo and Hawking classes enjoyed an exciting trip to Woodlarks Campsite Winter Wonderland. Last week our Lower, Middle and Upper School Departments all enjoyed a visit from John Fisher School who shared Christmas carols with us for the first time since 2019.

It has been particularly lovely to see so many parents and carers in school over the last two weeks. Kahlo, Dalzell K and Dalzell S classes organised a Winter Wonderland craft fair for their parents last Friday. Lower School classes invited parents to an interactive, sensory performance of "The Night Before Christmas".

This week our classes have enjoyed a Christmas party with a visit from Santa and his elves. On Friday we look forward to welcoming Dr Brockett from St Augustine's Church to Upper School Assembly. We will be saying goodbye at this assembly to Roger Crowther from Purley Rotary Club. Roger is moving away from Croydon. He has been a good friend to the school since 1992. Recently the Rotary Club generously donated money to the school to replace the wheelchair swing and roundabout.

Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Amy Slayford, teaching assistant in Christy class and Magda Szarycka, Gold class teacher. We thank them for their hard work and support for the school, wish them well for the future and hope that they will stay in contact with us.

School will open again on Wednesday 4th January. Staff will be attending an INSET day on Tuesday 3rd January on Positive Behaviour Support.

Wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Lewis
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2022

Fri 16th: School finishes 3.30

Mon 19th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays

January 2023

Tue 3rd: Inset day: school closed for pupils

Return to School on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Upper School Event

Some of our Secondary pupils attended a Christmas Party at Woodlarks activity centre where they met Father Christmas and received some lovely presents. It was an fantastic day for all the students as they got to meet elves, snowmen and reindeers.



“The night before Christmas” was the theme for our Lower School and Nursery pupil’s Christmas event. Parents joined us in school for this interactive experience.



Dalzell Classes and Kahlo invited parents in to join them for a Winter Wonderland craft fair where they were presented with the beautiful gifts the pupils had made in D.T.



Primary Panathlon

A group of Middle school learners recently took part in the Primary Panathlon Challenge at Archbishop Lanfranc School. They have been practicing activities in PE so they could take part in the event. There were six other schools who took part in the fun. All our Learners won medals and had a great time.



Decorating the Christmas tree

Pink class had a wonderful time being festive and decorating the school Christmas tree.

They chose the different colour tinsel and baubles to put on the tree.

