



November NEWSLETTER

St Giles Junior School

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Dear Carers and Parents,

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our parents' meetings this term. As you are well aware, the strong and positive relationships between home and school are vital in ensuring the success of our students, your children.

It is great to see that we have so many supportive parents who are keen to reinforce the values and key messages from school, who support their child's home learning and who reiterate the high expectations that we have. A change from previous years is that our next meetings for you will be held in the summer term. A report on your child's progress, academic and social, will go out in the spring term.

Carer/Parent Survey

Question	Agreed
The two transition days in July helped my child to understand the expectations and routines	82%
On the first day back my child was happy as they knew where to go and what to do	88%
My child enjoyed their first day back	92%
My child knows and understands the three values of St. Giles: being safe; being respectful and being ready	91%
The welcome meetings are a good way to understand the curriculum expectations and to meet their new teacher	86%
I feel comfortable approaching school with questions	87%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	82%
My child feels safe and supported at school	81%
My child knows who to approach if they have a worry	90%
My child has friends at school	92%
I would recommend this school to another parent	84%
The school website, App and emailing system keeps me up-to-date with news and information	87%

Thank you for taking part in the survey from parents' meetings which was so positive. It's good to see that the work staff put into your children is being recognised by so many. However, we still have more to do as we feel there seems to be a few parents who remain neutral. We are asking anyone who needs more information about what we do to for your child to contact us, so we can show you how we support your child to be ready to succeed on their learning journey.

Bedworth Armistice Parade and Service

Our Head and Deputy boys and girls attended **Bedworth Armistice Parade and Service** and met the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth, Judy Tandy, before placing the school's remembrance wreath at the War Memorial.

Thank you to Mrs Randle and Mrs Hough who supported the students during this important local event, and a huge thank you to the students' support given to the Poppy Appeal – we raised over £200!



Sporty St Giles

Inter-schools competitions have started up again at the school. We have lots of competitions arranged for this term that will test the skills and sportspersonship of our students.

Though looking at the 'game faces' on our Y3&4 Dodgeball Team they seemed determined to win every game.





WORLD CHAMPION

You will have read about Ollie's sporting exploits in October's newsletter but now we are pleased to announce Ollie has returned to our school as a **World Champion!**

Competing in the World Martial Arts Games, Ollie was placed in silver and bronze in several events, but came first in the Continuous Spar.

We all congratulate him on this tremendous achievement and look forward to supporting him as he progresses through the ranks.

Christmas Fair

Donations of quality Bric a Brac, toys, unwanted gifts, bottles etc are needed for the Christmas Fair on the **Friday 6 Dec, 3.15 pm**, to supplement the stalls.

Can you let us know if you are donating food items, such as cakes, so we know what will be coming in.

Library Visits

Y4, 5 & 6 had a successful trip to see the inspirational author Lauren James at Bedworth Library. Thanks to Mrs So for organising the event and for the adults who helped supervise the walks there. Y3 also had their own trip this month.

Data Sheets

Thank you if you have returned your data sheet including contact details. We still have a significant number of data sheets that need to be returned. Please review the information, update if necessary, sign and return ASAP.

BEING IN AND ON TIME IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE!

Being in school and arriving on time for school is important especially as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the student who are late. Students can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day and key elements of their learning. Well done to classes A and D with attendance of over 97%, and to the 79 students who have current attendance of 99% or better.

Remember

Classroom doors open at 8.45am School starts at 8.55am Late arrival is between 8.55am and 9.30am Arrival after 9.30am is recorded as 'arrived after registers closed'.

Considerate Parking

Please could we ask you to show consideration to our neighbours when parking your cars on Hayes Lane. We have received complaints of parents' cars blocking residents drives whilst you wait to pick up children, which is not fair on the residents who are then unable to get their cars on and off their drives.

Safeguarding

Children are never too young to start thinking, learning and talking about friendships, how to treat others, and what to do if they face a bullying situation.

Open conversations are healthy, and as a parent or carer you're in the perfect position to support and guide your child to develop positive relationships and be there for them if they need help.

Be clear what bullying is with your child. Bullying happens repeatedly and is intended to hurt or harm. Explore types of bullying such as physical, social, emotional, verbal and online bullying, and use these ideas to give names to things your child might have seen or heard about. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

November 25th	Tuesday 26 th : Year 3 Space Centre trip Fri 29 th - Class C class assembly at 9:10 am
December 2 nd	Wednesday 4 th : Cadbury World - Class C & Half Class D Thursday 5 th : Y6 health questionnaire by School Nursing Team Friday 6 th : Puppet assembly 10:10 am Friday 6 th : Christmas Fair (3:15 pm - 5:00 pm)
December 9th	Tuesday 10 th : Cadbury World - Class E & Half Class D Thursday 12 th : Christmas Crafts - Year 3 & 4, 9.00 - 10.15 am
December 16 th	Monday 16 th : Year 3 Christmas Performance - doors open at 5:30 pm for prompt 6.00 pm start. Tuesday 17 th : Year 3 Christmas Performance - 9:30 am start. Wednesday 18 th : Christmas Dinner for Students Wednesday 18 th : Christmas Jumper day (£1.00 donation welcome for Save the Children charity) Friday 20 th : Student attend Christmas service at St Giles Church (am) Friday 20 th : Children break up for Christmas holidays at 3:15 pm
	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>
January 6th	Monday 6 th : children return to school - 8:45 am start