



JUNE NEWSLETTER

St Giles Junior School

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Dear families,

This will be our penultimate newsletter before the school year ends, and what a year it has been ... again.

Soon you will be receiving your child's End of Year report. (We feel that you need to receive congratulations for all the support you have given this year). Throughout these challenging times your children have continued to make progress while you were their teachers at home. Teaching is wonderful! but it is also demanding and tiring, particularly when you are also trying to juggle working from home and looking after your family!

Thank you for all your hard work.

Your children are not, by any means, the lost generation that we read about in the press. They have developed skills that would have been very hard to teach at school; skills that other generations would not have had at their age. These are skills that feature in end of year reports: resilience, determination and the ability to self manage their time. You will also read about how hard they have worked and how well they have coped. There will also be targets for them to continue to work on over the holidays.

We have to acknowledge that the children will have made additional progress in some areas and fallen back slightly in others. Please do not be alarmed if your child is not where you might want them to be at this stage in their education.

We are on a journey of recovery that is going to be a long term process. Due to reduced time in school for everybody, not all objectives have been covered as fully as we would have liked. However, we are putting a number of measures in place to prioritise learning and help children get to where they need to be.

With your patience and continued support, we are confident that the scales will be rebalanced.

Mr Mann

Euro 2021 Lunch



With England and Scotland facing each other at Wembley Stadium on Friday 18 June, pupils and staff had the opportunity to dress up and celebrate the occasion and this included a special lunch menu from school caterers, Educaterers.

The football themed menu featured some delicious options including English seaside breaded fish fillet or bread roll pizza. Thank you to the kitchen staff, Sandra and Karen, for taking the time to support this event.

Office News

Up to Date Information

At the end of July we update our register details ready for September. Please let us know if your phone number or email details change. Correct contact telephone numbers are vital in the event of an emergency and email addresses are important so that you don't miss out on key information.

Outstanding dinner monies

Can you make sure any debts are cleared ASAP please, particularly Year 6 parents and carers.

GDPR

For your information we have an updated pupil and parent/carer privacy statement on our website - [Link](#)

New Variant Risk

As always, the safety of our whole school community is our absolute priority, so we have done whatever has been needed to minimise as much risk as possible to protect our children and staff. We are hoping that there will be no more cases with the bubbles in school, but may we remind you that when we ask your child to isolate on the advice of public health, it is crucial they stay at home as this is to prevent the risk of infection. **They should not be out in public at all.**

What are the symptoms of the new strain of COVID?

A cough and loss of smell or taste are **less common** symptoms for people who have contracted the coronavirus Delta variant.

Meanwhile, sore throat, runny nose, fever and headaches are **more common** among patients.

Types of coronavirus test— clarification for parents

There are two types of coronavirus tests:

For people who do have coronavirus symptoms

- The polymerase chain reaction (**PCR**) tests check for the genetic material (**RNA**) of the virus in the sample.
- This test must be booked online or by calling 119.
- The test is sent to people at home or they can attend a walk-through centre and the sample is sent for processing at a laboratory.

Most people get their result the next day,
but it may take up to three days.

For people who do not have coronavirus symptoms

- Lateral Flow Device (**LFD**) tests detect proteins called 'antigens' produced by the virus. These are also known as Lateral Flow Tests (**LFT**).
- These simple and quick tests enable parents to rapidly conduct tests, without the need for a laboratory.
- They can be self-administered and the results are given in 30 minutes.

Key points: Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFD) - for people with no symptoms

Playground Activities



We will hopefully be introducing a variety of different lunchtime activities soon and would like your support. If you have any good quality children's books, board games or dressing up clothes, can you send them in. We are looking to support the active games that currently go on with a range of play opportunities to enliven the mind and imagination.

Changes due to Covid restrictions – Sports Day & Induction Day

Following the government announcement to extend Covid restrictions some changes have had to take place to planned events:

- A recent communication confirmed that the whole school Sports Day would not take place. Instead class sports days, in class bubbles, will happen over two weeks, with no spectators this year.
- Unfortunately the usual transition day, where all pupils swap classes, can no longer take place either as we must maintain current risk assessments and class bubbles. However, staff will be meeting with each other (socially distanced) and they will also have some time allocated where they can read stories and meet with children outside.
- Transition events for Year 6 pupils can still take place between schools but will now take place virtually. The Local Authority has specified that this approach to transition must apply to 'all phases', which effectively means that children who are due to start Year 3 in September 2021 will also have their transition offered virtually.
- We are working hard to plan a leavers event for our Year 6 pupils but this will have to take place outside and class bubbles maintained throughout. More details to follow.

Safeguarding

This month we received a couple of emails from Warwickshire Children's Safeguarding Board and Childnet to express concerns about children, accessing inappropriate and in some instances disturbing content on social media channels – specifically TikTok and Snapchat.

As parents and carers you are responsible for what your child accesses and we want all children to feel safe whether in school or at home.

If you require any help with setting up internet or app restrictions or want additional help or advice, please use the following link

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



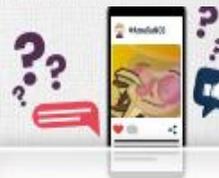
Let's Tackle Online Hate Together



Make sure you know how to report content on any sites or apps that you use. Don't be afraid to report any hateful posts that you see.



Don't respond to the people positing hate: sometimes an ongoing conflict is exactly what they want. Instead, report, block and unfollow them.



Set a positive example through your own online behaviour. Before you post or share anything, ask yourself if you would say it to someone offline.



Show support for online campaigns against hate and 'like' posts that you see promoting positive messages. You could leave an encouraging comment, too!



If you see upsetting messages online, talk to your friends and family about them. Maybe take a break from the app or site you saw them on.



Remember that you have the power to shape your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that inspire kindness and connection, and block or unfollow the ones that don't.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Twitter - @natonlinesafety

Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 16.06.2021

This poster from the Football Association is about stopping online hate. Please share this with your child and make sure they are aware of how to report anything like this on the games that they are playing.

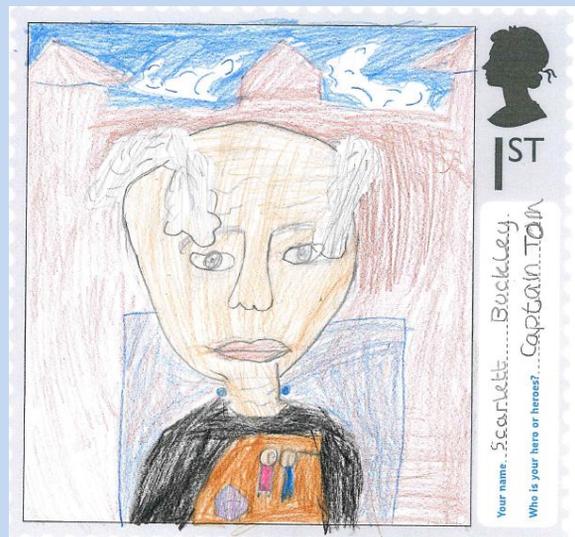
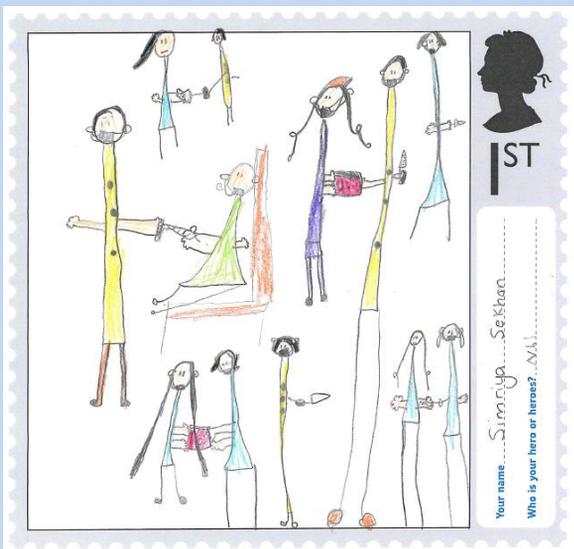
Stamp Designs

We thought that we would share just some of the amazing designs completed by our pupils recently for a Royal Mail competition.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety.

Royal Mail wanted to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps designed by children.

The winning entries will be judged in September.



Stamp Designs





Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 23 June was **National Thank a Teacher Day**. Fortunately, all the staff at St Giles take on the roll of teacher, that's why they work in our school. I want to say a massive thank you, not just for this day, but for every day and to every member of staff who make St Giles Junior School the exceptional place that it is. They have delivered over and above, every single day for your children with courage, determination and commitment to the Exhall community.

Mr Mann

App Calendar

School dates are now loaded on the calendar on the Schudio App

How to Use the Schudio App

Download the Schudio App - go to the App Store and search for 'schudio'

Install the App

Select St Giles - you will see a list of schools based on your location, select the school you are interested to hear more about.

Allow the school to send push notifications.



Diary Dates

Summer Term Dates 2020/2021

Wed 21 July: Break up for the summer holiday

Thu 22 July — Wed 1 September: school closed for summer holiday

Autumn Term Dates 2021 /2022

Thu 2 September: Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Fri 3 September: Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Mon 6 September: Students return to school



**August 2nd-6th, 8.30-3.30 @Nicholas Chamberlaine sports centre
£80 for the week or £20 per day**

Contact Chris on 07494862824 or email chris@juniorfitnesssquad.co.uk



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JFS PRESENTS
**SUMMER
CAMP**



SPORTS GAMES

**BOOTCAMP STYLE
EXERCISES**

**CIRCUIT
SESSIONS**

**ARTS AND
CRAFTS**

STREET DANCE

ASSAULT COURSE

HIIT TRAINING

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