



### SUCCESS THROUGH WORK AND PLAY



St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

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## A message from the Head

Welcome back after what has hopefully been a restful half term break. It's lovely to see the children looking refreshed and ready to go.

This year, one of the school's main focuses is to develop our children's writing. As you may know, the standard expected of children's writing is higher than it's ever been – for example children in Year 2 are expected to use accurate full stops, capital letters, and question marks, as well as begin to use commas to mark phrases and clauses, and use apostrophes for contraction. They are also expected to use some subordinating connectives like after, because, which and when in their writing. Spellings are trickier too - Year 2's are now expected to spell words like quantity and plainness.

As a school, we understand the importance of our partnership with parents at home. Next week we are doing two Read Write Inc. phonics training sessions – one in the morning and one in the evening. These early building blocks are vital for your children to help them read and write properly. If your child is in reception up to Year 2, or older if needed be, please take the time to attend one of the sessions – it is very important. Next term we will be looking at the expectations in writing across the school up to Year 6 and beyond, so look out for that too.

We are thinking about changing how the start of the school day is organised so that the children get a chance to socialize before school, and are all in the classroom prompt and ready to learn at the same time. We will trial it for the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, where the playground will be open from 8:30am, with school beginning at 8:45am. If the weather is wet the children will be able to go straight in from 8:30am.

Lastly I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Lutton, for helping organise the theatre trip. It is an amazing opportunity for our children to see a West End show and the children and families who went thoroughly enjoyed it.

Kind regards,  
Keith Smithard

## Upcoming events

(for a more detailed list visit the school website; <http://stgiles.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>)

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Read Write Inc. presentations for parents in Rec, 1, 2 & 3 @ 9:15am & 7pm

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Service at St Giles church @ 10:45am

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need, wear something spotty!

## Effort Certificate Winners

Many congratulations to the following children for their efforts this week:

**Blanche - Mariella Hale**

**St Alban - Dylan Jones & Chantelle Reece**

**Frowyke - Jack Smith & India Mizelas-Hall**

**Cecil - Ingrit Mehmeti & Finn Wright**

## Attendance

Statistics show that children who miss a lot of school are more likely to have poorer grades in Secondary school. Help us reach our target of 98% of children in school.

**Class 1 - 98%**

**Class 2 - 98%**

**Class 3 - 99%**

**Class 4 - 97%**

Our current overall attendance is: 97.97%