



SUCCESS THROUGH WORK AND PLAY



St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

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## A message from the Head

We have just about come to the end of the term, and what a term it has been! There has been a lot of change here at St Giles' this year, and hopefully you are all seeing the school move forward for the better. In response to the parent survey, which you can see on the website, we have addressed some parents concerns about reporting children's progress. If your child is in KS1 or 2, you will receive a progress report next week outlining their current attainment in maths, English and science. It will also show you some areas that the children are working on, or need to improve. We are also changing the time of year when you receive your child's report so the full report will now come out at the end of the Spring term, which will allow us to give the children targets to achieve over the Summer term. We will then give you another summary at the end of the school year.

I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to the Friends for organising the Christmas Fayre this year. I know it was disrupted by the snow, but despite the conditions, the turnout was amazing. It's lovely to hear that the whole community came together and made it a really special occasion. At the last count we had made over £1000 for the school, which will really support us in what we do here. For example, the new server was funded by the Friends. Without their support, we really

wouldn't be where we are today.

The chocolate hamper, awarded to the child selling the most raffle tickets, went to Elyas Lemar in Blanche class – many thanks and very well done!

I would also like to say many congratulations to the children who entertained us in the KS1 and Reception Nativity on Wednesday and the KS2 Carol concert last night. Thank you to all the staff involved. It takes a lot of time and effort to put these shows together but was well worth it.

Lastly, we have currently raised over £875 for Centrepoin from the church sleepover. What a fantastic total for such a worthy cause!

Merry Christmas, Mr Smithard

## Upcoming events

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

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 parties during school

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 3:20pm – Parent Presents Sale

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9:15 – Christmas Church Service

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 1:30 – School ends

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:30 to 3:30pm – School Disco

## Effort Certificate Winners

This week's certificates will be presented in church on Tuesday.

## New School Start Times

Further to my email, starting in January, the school gates will be open from 8:30am, with children starting lessons at 8:45am. The walking bus will meet at 8:25am.

## End of Term/ Start of Term

Don't forget that we finish at 1:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, and return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## Attendance

There is a clear link between good attendance at school and achievement. Only 35% of children who miss between 10 and 20% of school go on to achieve 5 GCSEs at A – C.

**Blanche - 87%**

**St Alban - 95%**

**Frowyke - 93%**

**Cecil - 91%**

Our current overall attendance is: 91.27%