



SUCCESS THROUGH WORK AND PLAY



St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

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## A message from the Head

Dear Parents,

This week we were visited by the Junkyard Orchestra. The children were able to experiment with different sounds on the pentatonic scale, using instruments made from recycled waste. It also gave the pupils the chance to build some of their own instruments. The workshops supported the science topic in Frowyke Class, where they are looking at sound – I was impressed when one of the children asked me if I knew sound didn't travel in a vacuum. Thank you to Miss Meadows for the organisation.

Thank you for the support with the reading challenge. It is great to hear children telling me that they are reading at home and seeing how keen they are. With your support, we can ensure that all of our children read fluently, develop their language and put them in a stronger position to achieve academically.

As you may know, this year we have had a big push on improving the children's writing. There will be a new display in the hall to showcase the fantastic examples from each class. Please feel free to pop in and take a look.

Hopefully the weather is going to warm up a bit next week! Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. Smithard

## P4C Question of the week:

Don't forget to discuss this question with your children. There are no right or wrong answers, just ask the children to explain their thinking and you can explain yours to them.

***Would you rather be a giant or really tiny?***

**Posed by Ellie K Johnson (Frowyke)**

## Upcoming events

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

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1:30 to 3:30pm – Yr 4 Speed Stacking Competition @ Dame Alice Owens'

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Cross Country Championships for selected Class 4 students

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Cecil Class Young Voices concert @ The O2

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 8am – Friends Pancake Breakfast

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rotary Sponsored Swim

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr5 to Mount Grace for gym & dance display

The Christian Value we are focusing on at the moment is:

## *Obedience*

The Biblical definition of obedience means simply, to hear, trust, submit and surrender to God's word.

While it can sometimes be seen as a negative thing, Christians believe that first and foremost you should obey God's word. This means being kind to each other, being caring, trustworthy and honest. Obedience to God is about making the right choices not necessarily just doing what you're told by others, or blindly following rules.

## Attendance

Missing just 10 days of school a year means that your child would miss out on 50 individual lessons.

**Blanche - 99%**

**St Alban - 98%**

**Frowyke - 94%**

**Cecil - 89%**

This week's overall attendance is: 94.9%

## Effort Certificate Winners

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

Blanche - Elyas Lemar

St Alban - Teddy Martin & Angelika Sellimi

Frowyke - Olivia Taylor & Lia Hollett

Cecil - Lacey-May Tully & Rex Smith

This week's Value certificate is awarded to:

**Megan Jones**



## E- Safety advice - what do I do if my child sees something upsetting online?

Whilst there are lots of positive things that young people see or experience online there are times when they may encounter something unpleasant, upsetting or worrying. Children may stumble across these types of things in many ways – it could be a misspelling, by following an unknown link or even knowingly looking for it.

### How Can I prevent this from happening?

Using parental controls is the best place to start. You can find these on your home wi-fi which covers all devices using the internet in your house. You can find more information about how to do this here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider> Remember that putting in parental controls does not replace having open conversations with your children about what they are doing online.

### What can I do if my child has seen something upsetting online?

- Discuss the issue: ask your child how they got to the page, or what they clicked on. Try not to be upset with them – remaining calm shows that you are someone they can turn to for help
- Try not to place blame: the child may not have bought up the upsetting item deliberately. Children can be curious – they may have heard things from others or searched for something not realising what they would be exposed to.
- Know where to go: there are plenty of places with the information you need to support you. The [NSPCC](#) has advice on their website, [Netsafe](#) is another good place to look. If your child wants extra support they can phone childline to talk about any issue on 0800 1111

Sources: UK Safer Internet Centre (2018) <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>