



LEARN, GROW & FLOURISH



St Giles' C of E
Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

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A message from the Head

It has been lovely to see that the sun came out this week, which meant that the children were able to get onto the field. Unfortunately, the forecast suggests it's not going to last so please make sure that your children bring coats to school.

I have been reading in the press about the 'Momo challenge'. For those of you who don't know, there have been widespread reports of a creepy doll figure that targets children through social media. As the week has progressed, it appears that the stories were a hoax. Regardless of this, these kinds of reports can be terrifying. I think the key message remains that we all need to make sure that we constantly talk to our children about what they are doing online, reassure them that no one can make them do anything they don't want to do and give them the knowledge to make safe choices. A good source of information on hoaxes and internet scams can be found at

<https://www.snopes.com>

You can read the story here:

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/viral-momo-challenge-is-a-malicious-hoax-say-charities?fbclid=IwAR0dn7E2gJyCZUpZxOI_gR04pVufLzhQjx1RQFLUIKnEG9TD1IE8K6qbJeg

On a more positive note, don't forget that world book day is coming up next week, which means dressing up as a book character. I also look forward to seeing you all for pancakes on Tuesday.

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

Justice

Justice isn't about retribution or punishment. Justice is about acting out of a concern for what is right and seeing right prevail. It is about social justice, especially for those who suffer most and are least able to protect themselves.

Upcoming events

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

Tue 5th Mar @ 8:30am – Friends Pancake Breakfast - £2 entry

Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day. Dress as your favourite character for a £1 donation.

Sat 9th Mar – Rotary Sponsored Swim @ The Furze Field Centre

Wed 13th Mar – Parent/ teacher consultations. School closing @ 2pm.

Thu 14th Mar – Red Nose Day. Dress in red for a £1 donation.

Fri 15th Mar - School Closed for INSET day

Tue 19th Mar @ 7pm – Moat Mount meeting

Attendance

Thanks for your continued support with your children's attendance. There is a strong correlation between a child's attendance and academic success.

Blanche – 97%

St Alban – 100%

Frowyke – 90.6%

Cecil – 92.3%

Average attendance this week: 94.98%

Overall attendance for the year: 96.4%

Punctuality

Being punctual for school sets a good example for your children as they get older, particularly as they move into, Secondary school, University and the workplace.

Blanche – 10

St Alban – 7

Frowyke – 11

Cecil – 7

Total lates last week: 35

Effort Certificate Winners

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

Blanche – Jack Farmer

St Alban – SM & Glenn Tilbrook

Frowyke – William Cullen & Marios Spyrou

Cecil – Milly & George



Hot Chocolate Friday – this is awarded to children who always go over and above the expectation in their behaviour

Haruna, Eren, Ellie Thr, Jack W, Dylan R, Dylan Je, Jude

What are our children doing next week?

Reception - Blanche

Please take a look at the reception newsletter, where you can find all the information you need.

This is sent out by separate email.

Year 1 & 2 - St Alban

In English, we shall be focussing on personal recounts of experiences with which the children are familiar. We shall be continuing to work on correct punctuation and editing our work to ensure that the meaning is clear.

In Maths, we are starting to focus on fractions. Initially we shall look at halves and quarters of shapes. In Year 2 we shall then look at three quarters and halving amounts and numbers.

Our Topic work will continue to focus on our local study of St Giles' Church. We have visited the church already and are getting familiar with the specific vocabulary related to the features of a church. Please do ask your children about lecterns, pulpits etc!!

Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Maths, we will be equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions.

In Literacy, we are looking at the poem, 'The Spider and the Fly'. The focus will be on vocabulary, direct speech and comprehension.

We will be continuing to make our masks and carving soap scarabs in our topic time.

Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

Next week in Cecil Class, Year 6 will be continuing to learn about ratio and proportion, whilst year 5 will look at rounding and ordering decimals.

In English, we will complete our Spiderwick Field Guide work by writing our reports, diary entries and poems.

In Science, we are looking at the best conditions to grow bacteria by hopefully growing mouldy bread!

PE Corner

This week Frowyke class took part in the rapid fire cricket tournament at Queen's school. All of our teams did extremely well winning most of their games, particularly as it was a Year 4 competition. This should hold the Year 3s in good stead for next year. Team 1 have made it through to the Partnership finals next week. Very well done!

P4C Question of the Week

What would you rather eat/drink?

Mrs Twit's worm spaghetti

George's marvellous medicine

The BFG's snozzcumber