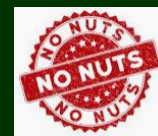




LEARN, GROW & FLOURISH



St Giles' C of E
Primary School



Weekly Bulletin

Friday 7th May '21

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A message from the Head

Dear Parents,

This week has flown by, largely due to the extra day off over the Bank Holiday weekend. It is still a bit chilly, so can I please ask that all children bring a jacket. We do try to get the children outside even if it rains, so a light jacket or raincoat remains an essential piece of kit for the children each day.

This week, I was pleased to see that the football team were able to play their first fixture of the year, held here against Cuffley School. I am told there were a few grumbles about the match being closed to spectators and I understand the frustration as many of you wanted to give the children your support. Unfortunately, as a school, we are still bound under some pretty strict guidelines. As restrictions ease we will start to allow parents in to school to watch the games again (hopefully for the next match). What I am pleased to report is that we won both matches 1 – 0 and 2- 0 respectively, with Teddy, Beau and Jack bagging the goals. Very well played to everyone on the teams, and thank you to Bradley Lutton for his continued support.

Continuing with the sports theme,

sadly the Year 6 Potters Bar Cricket Tournament has been cancelled again this year. However the club are looking to promote cricket and get more children involved. If your child is interested in playing cricket or wants to learn, you can find more information here:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/pottersbarcc>

This week, the Year 5 and 6 families had their meeting about the Mersea Island trip in June. We have taken groups there before and they have always come back elated asking if they can go again. I am sure it will be great fun and a fantastic experience for them all. Please make sure that you complete the parental consent form and hand it in to the office.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week. This year's theme focuses on how nature is central to our psychological and mental health. You can find out more about it here:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Have a great weekend!
Kind regards,
Mr Smithard

Upcoming events

Please visit the school website for a more extensive list www.stgiles.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/

Mon 31st May to Fri 4th Jun – Half Term – school closed

Mon 7th to Fri 11th Jun – C4 trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea Island

Fri 25th Jun – INSET Day – school closed

Wed 30th Jun – Class Photo Day

Fri 2nd Jul – Sports Day

Thu 8th Jul – Secondary Transition Day

Thu 22nd Jul – End of Term – school closes at 1:30pm

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

Perseverance

It is said that Edison failed 10000 times before he made the electric lightbulb. Do not be discouraged if you fail a few times. Christians often describe their spiritual life as a journey - persevering through despite many temptations and setbacks.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
By J.K. Rowling
(recommended by Isabelle Potter)

Book of the Week



“Harry leaves Privet Drive for the last time with Voldemort and the Death Eaters not far behind. The final battle is about to begin. I love the Harry Potter series because it’s great!”



The Friends of St Giles’

The Bonus Ball

This week’s winner of the Bonus Ball winning number:

43

Many congratulations to Jim Larcombe who had the lucky number this week.

Uniform

If you would like to place an order, please email your request to UniformShop@stgiles.herts.sch.uk

How can I help at home? Science

There are plenty of ways that parents can promote science at home and spark your children’s interest. Dr Fred Stein suggests that parents should try to encourage scientific thinking and provide science opportunities for children wherever possible. One of the key ways is to model curiosity, which he describes as the most essential trait of a scientist. It is important to ask questions and express an interest in finding out more about what you notice and read. See if you can find out answers to questions by trying things out.

Some questions lend themselves better to casual experiments than others, such as, “Will seeds in the fruits and vegetables we eat grow?” “What food does our dog like best?” or “Which is the best biscuit for dunking?” Others may require consulting a resource such as books or the internet such as, “Why is the sky blue? or “How is a black hole formed?” It’s most important to communicate the idea that you can find out answers to your own questions, and that the most reliable answers are the ones you find through your own experiments because you don’t have to take someone else’s word for it.

You can also promote science by:

- Visiting a science museum, zoo or aquarium (when things reopen)
- Gardening together
- Building something together such as a solar cooker or a windmill
- Watching science programs on television such as The Blue Planet or Spring Watch
- Purchasing or borrowing books from a library on topics that interest your child
- Participating in programs that expose children to nature, such as the Cubs or Guides

After lockdown there are a host of resources available at home that you can tap into if your children love science. One particularly good place to visit is the Royal Society’s webpage: <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/education-skills/teacher-resources-and-opportunities/resources-for-teachers/science-at-home/primary/>