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St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

Friday 7th September '18

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## A message from the Head

Welcome back from what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break. I would like to also welcome all new parents to the St Giles' school community.

Next week sees the start of our new Breakfast Club, which Mrs. Johnson will be running. We have just introduced a new booking & payment system for parents called School Gateway, and will be adding more and more to it over the next year. The aim is for payments to be easier for parents to make, and to reduce the amount of cash processed by the office. You can sign up for Breakfast Club sessions via School Gateway. If you haven't managed to sign up yet, please do.

In addition to the School Gateway, there is also a Class Dojo app. We use Class Dojo to award the children team points. It is also an easy way for class teachers to communicate with parents both as a group and individually. Please sign up if you haven't already done so, and if you have any issues with it, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We have lots of events coming up this term, please look out for the Parent's Forum and Meet the Teacher evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. It would be great to see lots of people there. Lastly, if you have arranged for someone different than usual to pick up your child, please let us know in advance.

Have a great weekend.  
Kind regards, Mr. Smithard

## Upcoming events

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

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sep – All clubs begin with the exception of Netball (delayed until next week), and Astronomy which begins in October. Breakfast Club also launches.

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Sep – Music lessons begin.

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sep @ 11:45am – Reception Parent lunch.

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Sep @ 6:30pm – Parents Forum & Meet the Teacher Evening.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep @ 2:30pm – Harvest Festival in school – parents welcome.

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Cecil Class to St Albans Cathedral for Harvest Service. Parents to collect from the cathedral @ 3:15pm.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent Teacher consultations. School closes at 2pm and appointments run up until 7pm.

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu vaccinations for Reception to Yr 5.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9:30am – Reception & Class 1 Nativity dress rehearsal.

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2:30pm – Reception & class 1 Nativity performance.

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm – Classes 3+4 Carol Concert @ St Giles' Church.

## New staffing update

I am delighted to welcome Kerry Leonard and Lesley Bright to our school team.

Kerry is working in Reception and Lesley will be taking up her post next month. Please make them both very welcome.

## P4C theme of the week:

Please talk to your children about the topic at home, ready for Monday.

## What are the differences between adults and children?

## Attendance

A child who has a 90% attendance rate, will miss 20 days of school per year which equates to 4 weeks, and 120 hours of lost lesson time.

**Blanche - 96%**

**St Alban - 100%**

**Frowyke - 97%**

**Cecil - 98%**

Our current overall attendance is: 97.55%

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## 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.*

### Year 1 & 2 - St Alban

*Our theme for this half term is 'Marvelous Materials'. We will be exploring different materials, their properties and how they are useful in our everyday lives. We will start by identifying and sorting different types.*

*In English, we will be looking at writing stories and starting to develop our understanding of adjectives and verbs.*

*For Maths, we will be starting with place value and counting to 20.*

### Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

*Our theme for this half term is 'Extreme Earth' which encompasses lots of physical Geography. To begin with, we will be looking at volcanoes.*

*In Maths, we will be looking at place value - specifically reading and writing numbers up to 1000 and beyond.*

*For English, we will be writing recounts, starting with newspaper reports.*

### Year 5 & 6 - Cecil

*Our theme for this half term is 'Let's Explore' where we will be looking at different countries throughout the world.*

*In Maths, we will be looking at place value - specifically being able to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000.*

*For English, we will be writing recounts, starting with newspaper reports.*