



LEARN, GROW & FLOURISH



St Giles' C of E
Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

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A message from the Head

First of all, I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy New Year. I can't believe it's 2019 - it seems like a date that should be far in the future. Hopefully you all had a relaxing holiday and fun filled Christmas. The children have got straight back into the school routine and it's great to see them dressed smartly in their school uniform, prepared for the new term.

From next year, the Government have decided to begin testing children in Year 4 on their times tables knowledge. The children are expected to know up to (and including) the 12 times tables by this stage in their schooling. We have introduced Times Tables Rock Stars to help support the children improve their rapid recall of the times table facts. By the end of Year 2, children should know at least their 2's, 5's and 10's. Please help us help them, by supporting your children at home with their times tables alongside daily reading.

You may have noticed the lovely flowers in the planters by the main entrance. These were kindly done by Ms Laura Hall. Thank you, the school looks much better for them!

In case you haven't heard, Miss Shelbourn had the unfortunate experience of breaking her arm over the holiday. She will return to school as soon as she is sufficiently healed. We wish her well with her recovery.

And finally, please remember to pack your children's PE kit every day. Mrs Johnson will still be taking the children outside for PE whenever possible, so can I also please ask

you to include black jogging bottoms to help keep the children warm.

Kind regards, Mr Smithard

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

Koinonia

Koinonia means 'that which is in common' and is often translated as 'fellowship' or 'community'. It expresses the quality of relationship within the Christian community.

Upcoming events

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

Feb 18th to 22nd – Half Term

Wed 13th Mar – Parent/ teacher consultations

Fri 15th Mar - School Closed for INSET day

Apr 3rd to 5th – Cecil Class to Moat Mount

Apr 8th to 18th – Half Term

Tue 23rd April - School Closed for INSET day

Wed 24th Apr – Blanche & St Alban classes to Alban Arena to watch Dear Zoo

Attendance

Our attendance has really improved this year. Just a thought, if you had a slight cold or a bit of a headache, would you take a few days off from work? Sometimes we all feel a little under the weather but we still have to go in. Please have the same attitude with your children's schooling.

Blanche - 90%

St Alban - 97%

Frowyke - 99%

Cecil - 99%

Our current weekly attendance is: 96.21%

Our overall total for the year is: 95.95%



Effort Certificate Winners

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

Blanche - Penelope Spyrou

St Alban - Isabelle Potter & Anna Starling

Frowyke - Haruna Starling & Mykolas Sipavicius

Cecil - Ellie Lutton & Phoebe Colbridge

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

Beau Ficek, Lia Hollett, Naiah Bhola, Ella Cullen, Louie Harrison, Naz Alcioglu.



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

This term our topic will be on the weather. We will be looking at seasonal changes and what that looks like in the UK. Maybe take your child out for a walk in the woods, and talk about the seasons and how they affect the natural world around us.

For English, we are reading 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegely as inspiration for writing an adventure story. Specifically, we'll be thinking about synonyms and developing description.

In Maths, the Year 2 children will continue to work on multiplication strategies, focusing in on 2's, 5's and 10's. In Year 1, we are concentrating on number bonds to 10 and 20.

Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Maths, we will be focusing on division, linking multiplication to division using arrays and rehearsing division facts. This will then progress to worded problems and divisibility rules/ factors.

In Literacy, we have a busy week writing and editing our Iron Giant stories. We will be thinking about rules for speech and oracy at the end of the week too.

The topic focus will be designing and making a light/ torch. Please discuss at home and help the children to collect any recycling materials that they might need to make the casing.

RE/ PHSE discussion will focus on what kind of world Jesus wanted, in particular, fairness and justice.

Year 5 & 6 - Cecil

Next week in Cecil class, we will be re-writing our class story, Cloud Tea Monkeys, from the point of view of the main character, Tashi. We will be including the fantastic vocabulary we have developed over the last few weeks, including verbs, adverbial phrases and relative clauses. In Year 6, we will be continuing our work on measures, including converting units of capacity and reviewing length and mass.

In Year 5, we will be continuing to work on fractions, comparing and ordering them and beginning to add them. In our Civilised topic, we will be learning more about the Ancient Civilisation of Baghdad and the fact it was built as a round city.

PE Corner

We are currently taking part in a school sports survey. Some of the children have already taken part, but we also need our Year 1 parents to participate too. The school receives £50 for every 5 parents who complete the survey so please follow the link and complete the survey. Every little helps! <https://ipsos.uk/KZOXZ>

P4C Question of the Week

When a book is adapted into a movie, would you rather read the book first, or see the movie first?