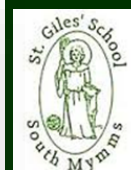
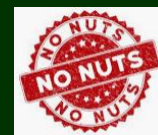




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St Giles' C of E
Primary School



Weekly Bulletin

Friday 11th Sept '20

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A message from the Head

We have completed our first full week and I am pleased to see that lots of the children are back in school and working hard. Hopefully the pick-up and drop off arrangements are working better now that we have made a few tweaks – thank you to those of you who had a bit of input on this. Just a reminder about the one way system for the end of the day - we would appreciate if parents would enter the main playground by the small gate, spread out across the playground whilst waiting for the children, and then leave through the double gates by the bike shed or through the church gate. I appreciate this is all very unusual, but please help us to follow social distancing guidance by using the one way system.

This week, Cecil Class voted for this year's school ambassadors and I'm delighted to announce that they have chosen **Jack Deadman** and **Haruna Starling**. They are both credits to the school and will do a fantastic job.

I have been talking to lots of parents on the gate each morning and something that has come up is a need for more clarity on the reason for absences. As a general rule, if your child has a bit of a headache, is bunged up or has a bit of a sore throat, they are fine to come to school. Think about how you feel on some occasions when you go to work – you go in even if you have had better days. Children need to develop this resilience too or they will find it hard as they get older. Remember that every day missed is a missed day of learning. The Government does have guidelines to help you know if your children are too ill for school, which can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Winter is coming and there will be coughs and colds circulating. Upper respiratory symptoms, like a runny nose and sinus congestion are very uncommon in Covid-19. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours), and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Most people with Coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you are concerned we would advise you to call 111.

I also had a question about track and trace and the implications for GDPR this week. As a public institution, we are duty bound to engage in the track and trace programme and are under obligation to share data if required. At no point will we share data without a sound legal basis, but please be aware that we will share data where necessary. You can find a copy of our privacy notice on our website. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Lastly, we have had a couple of enquiries about swimming - we are still waiting for clarification about changing etc. but will update you as soon as possible. We have also sent out the flu vaccine forms this week. We will need your permission for the vaccine to be administered to your child. Please fill them in and hand them into the office with your decision.

Have a great weekend!
Mr Smithard

Upcoming events

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

Mon 14th Sep @ 11:30m – Reception parents lunch - CANCELLED

Wed 16th Sep – Individual photo day

Fri 2nd Oct – Harvest Festival - CANCELLED

Mon 5th Oct – Yr 4 & Yr 5 trip to Celtic Harmony (please supply £2 spending money)

Thu 8th Oct – School Games Day (TBC)

Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct – Half Term

Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need – dress in something spotty and donate £1

Fri 27th Nov – Occasional Day – School Closed

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

Joy

Followers of Jesus find Joy in his presence. Christian happiness is not a fleeting emotion, but a state of mind that comes from a strong relationship with God. In that relationship believers feel secure, loved and valued, with the love of God helping followers have strength in difficult times.

**The Famous Five: Five and a Half-Term
Adventure**
by Enid Blyton
(recommended by Gracie Miller)



Book of the week



“Timmy spots some suspicious looking people on the train. What is so unusual about one of the passengers? I like it when the dog barks at the baby. My brother liked hearing me read it.”

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

Next week in Maths, we will continue to explore number through using concrete materials including number bonds up to and including 10 and 20, and counting in different steps.

Our phonics programme, Read Write Inc. starts next week – the children have already been assessed and all ready to go. Please support them by practising the sounds at home.

Please bring your wellies for forest school. Once they are here they can stay at school but please remember to name them. We will continue to work on developing our listening skills for learning, and exploring natural materials around us.

Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Literacy we will be reading ‘Tell Me a Dragon’ and collecting, and exploring adjectives and noun phrases to use in our writing. In Maths we are looking at how many ones, tens, hundreds or thousands are in a number, and counting, ordering & comparing number 2 or 3 numbers. In Science we have started to think about electricity – please take a look at Class Dojo for home learning. Importantly, the children are thinking about what makes good habits for learning.

Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

Next week in Cecil Class, we will be continuing with our learning about Mary Anning, focusing on accurate sentence structure and cohesion between sentences and paragraphs. In Maths, both year groups will be continuing to work on place value.

In Science, we will learn about how light travels and in RE, we will learn about the annunciation. We will also be making our worry monsters in PSHE and developing our sketching skills in Art.