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St Giles' C of E
Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

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A message from the Head

After a bit of a variable week weather wise, it's nice to see that the sun has popped its head out again recently, meaning that the children have been able to continue using the field. This also meant that Key Stage 1 were able to harvest some of the vegetables from the garden, including a rather large cucumber, runner beans and tomatoes. We even had some sweetcorn. Harvest festival is coming up in early October and once again, we are collecting grocery items to donate to people in need within our local community. Can I please ask that you check that items are in date before handing them in.

This week, St Alban and Cecil classes embarked on an exciting new science mission. We are taking part in a 6-week pilot partnering with 'Schools in Space' to launch a video camera 22 miles into the atmosphere. The aim is to bring back our own footage of the curvature of the earth. For more information, please visit - <https://schoolinspace.wordpress.com/>

Thank you to those parents who attended the meet the teacher events this week. It was great to see lots of you there. Resources were given out at the meetings including **knowledge organisers**, reading information and some writing exemplars. Unfortunately, Miss Shelbourn went down with the sickness bug this week which means we are going to reschedule the meeting for next Thursday. Can I remind parents that if your child vomits, they need to be kept off school for 48 hours

after the last episode in order to prevent the bug spreading.

And finally, please remember the Doves of Peace homework is due no later than the 18th of September for World Peace Day.

Kind regards, Mr Smithard

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

Service

Jesus said that he *'came not to be served, but to serve.'* Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper *'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.'*

Upcoming events

Please visit the school website for a more extensive list of events -

Mon 16th Sep @ 9:15am – Church Worship @ St Giles' church. All welcome

Wed 18th Sep – Individual Photo Day

Wed 18th Sep @ 11:30am – Reception Parent Lunch

Thu 19th Sep @ 3:30 and 6:30pm – St Alban class Meet the Teacher

Attendance

Research suggests that children with better attendance are more successful at GCSEs.

Blanche – 99% St Alban – 91%

Frowyke – 97% Cecil – 99%

Average attendance this week: 96.45%

Overall attendance for the year: 95.5%

Knowledge Organisers

What? Knowledge organisers are one page documents that outline the minimum knowledge needed for children to access a topic. They include vocabulary and pictures to help support both parents and children. We have started using them in History, Geography and Science.

Why? The idea is that the children know the information on there so that they can commit it to their long term memory. Our short term memory only holds about 5 pieces of information at a time. Any more than that means that it's difficult to remember things. However, our long term memory is like a huge vault. By committing knowledge to our long term memory, through practise and revision, we can tap into them whenever we like.

How can I help? Please discuss them with your children, particularly sharing the vocabulary.

Effort Certificate Winners

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

St Alban – Kian Hodsdon & Dylan Jeetun

Frowyke – Dylan Ray & Leo Chaplin

Cecil – Lily Bright & Harvey Thomas



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

Jack Sharpe, Mariella Hale, Isabelle Potter, Saffron-Mae Knight, Haruna Starling & Ellie Thrussell.

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 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Literacy, we will be completing our work on poetry and compiling a class book for our library.

In Maths, we will continue to explore place value, and make number patterns that increase or decrease. We will be planning how we will send the camera into space for Science, and locate Florida on a range of maps for our topic work.

Year 1 & 2 - St Alban

In English, we shall be looking at labels, lists and captions. This unit will be based upon looking at three well known texts and identifying how stories are sequenced, how we can summarise key events, and understanding the roles the characters play in cause and effect.

In Maths, Year 1 will be comparing objects using matching and counting and using the terms 'equal to', 'as many as', 'more than', 'greater than' and 'less than' as key terms. In Year 2, we shall be continuing to look at two digit numbers and being able to recognise the value of each digit (tens and ones).

Our Topic work on weather will focus on what the weather is (key subject vocabulary), and we shall also see how great artists paint the weather. We will then have a go at doing this ourselves!

Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

Next week in Cecil class, we will begin our new text "Boy in the Tower", developing the work on suspense and tension that we started with the picture book "The Watertower". We will explore characters' feelings and thoughts, make inferences and search for clues and evidence to inform our writing.

In Maths, year 5 will be comparing numbers and investigating number patterns, whilst year 6 will be rounding numbers and looking at using mixed operations (e.g. a number sentence such as $4 \times 7 + 2$). Please talk to your children about their place value work as this will support their learning this week.

In Geography, we will be learning about how geographers describe the Westman Islands, which we are learning about, and using our research about European cities to create graphs using Purple Mash.

PE Corner

Thank you to those of you who have been bringing in Aldi stickers to support towards getting a new sports kit. I've found that if you ask for a few more at the till, the staff there are more than happy hand a few more out.

We have also recently purchased some new footballs ready for the new season. We are currently reviewing the Sports Premium Grant and will be looking to improve resources in lots of different areas. Watch this space.

P4C Question of the Week

Would you rather watch sports, or participate in them?