



LEARN, GROW &amp; FLOURISH

St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March '19[WWW.STGILES.HERTS.SCH.UK](http://WWW.STGILES.HERTS.SCH.UK)

## A message from the Head

This week has been another busy week at school. Today we have been fundraising for Comic Relief. The children have come in wearing red, donating money to support the charity and also wearing their red noses. Many thanks to all of you for putting your hands into your pockets again for what is a very good cause. Just a quick reminder that the reason why we have celebrated it today is because there is an INSET day tomorrow, which means the school will be closed to all pupils.

Yesterday we held our very first school games day where the children competed in their teams. They took part in lots of different physical activities including keep fit maths, football and basketball, and developed their understanding of the impact of sport on the body. Many thanks to the Year 6 children and our learning mentors who helped run the event. Particular thanks goes to Mrs Johnson for putting it all together.

I have previously talked a little bit about children playing 'Fortnite' as a number of our pupils, some as young as 6, are telling me that they have played it online. The PEGI rating for Fortnite is 12+ due to 'scenes of violence'. Please talk to your children about what they are doing online and remind them that not everyone on the internet is who they say they are.

Finally, thank you for coming to parents evening. As always if you have any feedback for us please get in touch. Have a lovely weekend.

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

### Justice

*Justice isn't about retribution or punishment. Justice is about acting out of a concern for what is right and seeing right prevail. It is about social justice, especially for those who suffer most and are least able to protect themselves.*

## Upcoming events

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

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - School closed for INSET day

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 10:30-12:30 – Singing Club rehearsal @ Brookmans Park School

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 6pm – Moat Mount meeting

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Youth Conference for selected Yr 6 students

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 3:20pm – Mother's Day Sale

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 10:30-12:30 – Singing Club rehearsal @ Brookmans Park School

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Apr @ 09:15 – Church Worship @ St Giles' Church. All welcome

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr @ 7pm – Singing Club performance @ The Wyllyotts Theatre

## Attendance

Thanks for your continued support with your children's attendance. There is a strong correlation between a child's attendance and academic success.

**Blanche – 93%**

**St Alban – 92%**

**Frowyke – 96%**

**Cecil – 96%**

**Average attendance this week: 94.86%**

**Overall attendance for the year: 95.55%**

## Punctuality

Being on time for school sets a good example for your children as they get older, particularly as they move into Secondary School, University and the workplace.

**Blanche – 8**

**St Alban – 2**

**Frowyke – 6**

**Cecil – 6**

**Total late occurrences last week: 30**

## Effort Certificate Winners

Many congratulations to the following children for their efforts this week

Blanche – Joe Wilson

St Alban – Angelika Sellimi & Toby Evans

Frowyke – Dylan Jones & India Mizelas Hall

Cecil – Bethany Boulter & Ayla Weston



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

Jude Ficek, Gracie-Rae Williams, Louie Harrison, Isla Franklin, Cailen Patel, Ellie Lutton & Nathan Bhola

## 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

*In English, we shall be working on writing letters. We shall look at the conventions of letter writing and trying to use text to describe and persuade. As our stimulus, we will use the book "Dear Greenpeace" by Simon James.*

*In Maths, Year 1 will continue to familiarise themselves with addition and subtraction of numbers up to 20. Year 2 will re-visit multiplication and division, with particular reference to the inverse relationship between the two. We shall also look at the link between division and fractions of numbers.*

*In Topic work, we shall be looking at the exterior of St Giles' Church and begin to explore the churchyard by finding out what lessons we can learn from gravestones. We are going to turn into history detectives!*

### Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

*In Maths, we are continuing to learn about fractions - understanding how they work and how we can simplify them. I have been pleased to see the impact of 'times table rock stars' is having - it's great to see the children practicing them at home. For English we will continue with our writing inspired by the "Spider and the Fly".*

*From next week we will be starting a new topic. The children will get to choose the direction of some of this work which will focus upon the science around forces.*

### Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

*Next week in Cecil Class, we will be reading more of our new class text "Holes" by Louis Sachar, and using show-not-tell and precise vocabulary to describe and write diary entries.*

*In Maths, year 6 will be learning about algebra and year 5 will be continuing with their work on angles.*

*In Geography, the children will begin to work on their UK cities and counties projects, so please ensure their research homework is in school on Monday 18th March.*

### PE Corner

*This week, we have been organising more competitive sports matches, with netball and football competitions to be played.*

*Mrs Johnson was very pleased with the support the year 6s gave the rest of the school during the Games day which gave them the chance to take the role as sports leaders.*

*Congratulations to 'Grow' for getting the most points during the day.*

### P4C Question of the Week

**Would you rather have a bucket stuck on your head, or a cement block stuck on your foot?**