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St Giles' C of E  
Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019[WWW.STGILES.HERTS.SCH.UK](http://WWW.STGILES.HERTS.SCH.UK)

## A message from the Head

The Speakers Cup will very soon be upon us. To participate in Speaker's Cup, the children will be required to make a short oral presentation on a topic of their choice. It is best to choose a subject they feel passionately about, or where they have knowledge which they can share. They will be required to speak for anywhere between 1 and 5 minutes (this may depend on age.)

In a class voting process which will take place on Tuesday 22nd October, the children will listen to all the speeches and nominate their chosen speech from each year group. There will be a small prize for each of the children who receive the nomination. The nominated speeches will then be presented at a special assembly on Friday 25th October where the winner will be chosen by Mr Oliver Dowden, our local MP.

This week, I was lucky enough to be invited to the CPRE rural living awards art competition presentation, where Katelyn from Year 6 came third in her category out of over 700 applicants from around the county. Very well done Katelyn!

Also this week, the NSPCC visited us to talk about children's rights, the pants rule and speaking out. If children do need someone to talk to, confidentially, about anything, they can contact **Childline** on **0800 1111**.

And finally don't forget to sign up for the parent teacher consultations next Thursday, and a reminder that we close at 2pm on that day. Kind regards, Mr Smithard

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

### Prayer

To pray is to make our hearts ready to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Praying regularly will help us to develop a spiritual rhythm. A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives, because it creates new habits of heart and mind.

## Upcoming events

Please visit the school website for a more extensive list - [www.stgiles.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/](http://www.stgiles.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/)

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 3:20pm – Cake Sale after school to raise funds for Cancer Research

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Basketball Finals for selected Yr 6 students

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Speakers Cup presentations

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Mufti Day to raise funds for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Wear your own clothes and donate £1 or more.

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Oct from 2 to 7pm – Parent Teacher Consultations. School closes at 2pm

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Speakers Cup judging by MP, Oliver Dowden

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – HALF TERM

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday

## Attendance

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

**Blanche – 93%**

**St Alban – 99%**

**Frowyke – 97%**

**Cecil – 98%**

**Average attendance this week: 96.8%**

**Overall attendance for the year: 96.15%**

## The Friends of St Giles'

Garnering support and volunteers for anything these days seems to be getting harder and harder. The number of people attending the Friends meetings has dwindled a bit, meaning the same people are helping out time after time.

Austerity and financial changes to education have meant that schools have found it more and more difficult to keep their heads above water, especially small schools like ours.

I cannot impress enough quite how much the Friends do to support and raise funds for our school. For example, they supported us with the new server, paid for the Read Write Inc. materials we use for phonics, and built the computer suite (to name but a few).

On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, the Friends are meeting in the White Hart pub at **7:30pm** to discuss the upcoming Christmas Fayre. Pop in, have a drink and get involved. We would love to see lots of you there.

## Effort Certificate Winners

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

**St Alban – Naz Alcicioglu and Jack Farmer**

**Frowyke – Isla Franklin and Mykolas Sipavicius**

**Cecil – Jamie Jones and Ellie Thrussell**



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

**Gracie Miller, Toby Evans, Kerell Henriques, Naiah Bhola, Ellie T Johnson & Alex Malinowski**

## 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 our English this week, we shall continue to study our non-fiction text and consider how the text is set out, comparing this to fiction texts. This will culminate in each child writing their own page using the same pattern as the author, and writing a factual information sentence. These pages will then be compiled into a class book. Please also encourage your child to take part in Speaker's Cup.*

*In Maths, Year 1 will be continuing to work on number bonds to 10. It is essential for future work that the children know these, and I would ask you to practise with them so they are fluent in ways of combining two numbers to make 10. In Year 2, we shall be consolidating work on formal 2 digit addition with and without re-grouping. Please do practise mental addition of one digit numbers with the children as this, not the method used, is often where they make mistakes.*

*Our Topic work continues to focus on weather and climate. We shall be thinking specific world climates, and about explorers such as Scott of the Antarctic.*

### Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

*The dragon painting has been moved to this week and we are beginning our cubist artwork.*

*In Maths we are beginning to add with renaming, using practical materials to support our exploration.*

*Florida topic work will finish this week by looking at Kennedy Space Centre.*

*In Literacy, we will be holding our Speakers' Cup heats, reading our class book and making links with our RE Hinduism unit.*

### Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

*Next week in Cecil Class, we will be writing our survival guides for the different landscapes we have been researching. We will make sure we use factual descriptive language and use present tense and modal verbs.*

*In Maths, year 6 will focus on solving problems and looking at common multiples. We will be consolidating our work on the bar model as well. Year 5 will be learning about factors, multiples and prime numbers.*

*In Geography, we will be considering why people live near active volcanoes, which is the final lesson on our work to do with volcanoes.*

## PE Corner

After last week's games morning, this week has been a quiet week on the sporting front. This does give us an opportunity to talk about one of the teachers at Oakmere school, Steve Abrams, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He has decided to try and raise awareness of the disease by walking 1000 miles in aid of cancer research. Mrs Johnson joined him on one of the legs of the journey on Monday evening. You may well have seen him coaching Oakmere's football team during one of the many sporting competitions we play against them. Some of the children have decided to do a cake sale today to support his cause too. We wish him well.

## P4C Question of the Week

***Should you follow your dreams?  
What's good about having a dream?  
Can a dream take you down the wrong path?***