



LEARN, GROW & FLOURISH

St Giles' C of E
Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

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A message from the Head

To begin with, thank you to all of those parents who have been making a concerted effort to get their children to school on time. However, there is room for improvement as we still recorded 42 late comers this week. Please aim to arrive at 8:30am to ensure your child is on time, as it really does help to set them up for a productive day of learning.

This week, I had the opportunity to spend half an hour with the reception children. It was lovely to listen to them share some of the songs they have learned, and tell me the sounds of the letters they know. Thank you to all of those parents who are supporting their children at home with their reading and letter sounds. It makes a big difference to your children, and will hold them in good stead for the future.

On Monday, we were lucky to have Kate Cunningham, author of the Vlad the Flea books, visit us and talk to the children about the Great Fire of London and World War 1. It is always great to see the children engaged in learning and talking about the process of writing with a published author.

Lastly, can I please remind parents who give children packed lunches to cut grapes and tomatoes in half. They can present a choking hazard and we want to ensure our children's safety.

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/>)

Wed 30th Jan – Frowyke speed stacking competition. Parents to collect from Dame Alice Owens @ 3:30pm.

Tue 5th Feb – Menu change for Chinese New Year

18th to 22nd Feb – Half Term

Tue 26th Feb – Yr 4 Rapid fire cricket

Wed 13th Mar – Parent/ teacher consultations. School closing @ 2pm.

Fri 15th Mar - School Closed for INSET day

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

Apr 8th to 18th – Easter Holidays

Tue 23rd April - School Closed for INSET day

Attendance

Did you know that there are only 190 school days in a year? This leaves you with 175 days to go shopping, have days out, plan family trips and have lovely holidays.

Blanche – 89%

St Alban – 98%

Frowyke – 99%

Cecil – 99%

Our current weekly attendance is: 96.57%

Our overall total for the year is: 95.2%

Internet safety update – Fortnite

I was talking to some of the Year 2 children who happily told me that some of them have played Fortnite. It has a **PEGI rating of 12**, PEGI have said this is due to the 'frequent scenes of mild violence, it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers audibly or via on-screen text chat. PEGI ratings are there for good reason and work in the same way as film ratings, meaning that they are enforceable by law. If you would like further information, please click on this link: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

Effort Certificate Winners

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

Blanche – Gracie Miller

St Alban – Elyas Lemar & Louie Harrison

Frowyke – Jack Smith & Jack Deadman

Cecil – Bethany Boulter & Katelyn Reece

Values Certificate – Louie Herzig

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

Joe Wilson, Emilia Gubb-Blackwood, Toby Evans, Evie Clarke-Stewart, India Mizelas-Hall, Lacey-May Tully & Alfie Carty



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 Maths, Year 2 will be looking at sharing numbers into equal groups in preparation for working with division. Year 1 will work with subtraction to 10/20, and we shall look at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

In English, we will start looking at the text "Monsters: An Owners Guide" by Jonathan Emmett. In addition, Year 1 will continue to work on common exception words, while Year 2 will practice reading comprehension.

Our Weather topic continues, and we shall be exploring ideas of temperature and how these are measured with thermometers

Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

In Maths, we will be looking at exploring unit and non-unit fractions.

In Literacy, we will look at developing Comprehension and vocabulary, as well as exploring features of non-fiction texts, including types of pictures (illustrations, diagrams, paintings, photos etc), and ways in which they enrich the written text. We will think about how captions need to be informative and poignant.

Our light project still needs to be completed and appraised. We will continue to focus on Ancient Egypt and how artefacts help us learn about the past.

Year 5 & 6 – Cecil

Next week in Cecil Class, we will be beginning a new core text, based on the "Spiderwick Chronicles". We will be building up to writing reports, beginning by developing our vocabulary and using adverbial and prepositional phrases.

In Maths, both year groups are approaching their half-year assessments, so we will be undertaking revision on everything we have done this year. It would be helpful if you could revisit place value, multiplication and division and fractions, as we will be doing the same.

In our Civilised topic, we will be beginning to look at plants and their life cycles.

PE Corner

I am pleased to say that we are once again working in partnership with Mount Grace School, with some of their Sixth Form students coming in to support PE as part of their course work. It's good to have young people working as positive role models for our children.

P4C Question of the Week

Would you rather sit in a bath of cold baked beans or warm vanilla custard? Why?