



Friday 29th March '19

Bulletin

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## A message from the Head

It's been another busy week of events at St Giles', starting off last Friday, with a group of children and parents going to the England football match against the Czech Republic at Wembley. It was great to see England win 5-0 to kick start their European qualifying campaign, but even better to see our pupils mesmerised faces as the Mexican wave rolled around the stadium. Thanks to Mrs Johnson for organising the tickets.

On Wednesday, a small group of Year 6 pupils attended the Hertsmere Youth conference at the Civic Offices in Borehamwood, where they debated current topics such as global warming, knife crime and mental health. This also gave the children the opportunity to understand more about democracy and what the council do with our money. Thank you to Mrs Bright for taking the children.

On Thursday we were out again in the evening. This time we had a large group pop down to the West End to watch the musical 'Mamma Mia'. It was good to see parents, staff and children up at the end dancing and singing along to the music, and all having a great time. Thank you to Amy Lutton who has been organising these trips for a while now, with great success. I am sure that many of you are looking forward to seeing 'Joseph' in June. Rumour has it that Jason Donovan is back...

Lastly, you should have heard the news that both Mrs Fielder and Miss Reader have decided to leave us at the end of term. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them all the best in their future endeavours and give a warm welcome to Mrs Page and Mrs Thomson who will be joining us for the summer term.

Kind regards, Mr Smithard.

## Our monthly Christian value 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/diarydates/)

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

Wed 3rd Apr @ 9:30am - Grandparents Tea

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Cecil Class residential trip to Moat Mount

Fri 5th Apr @ 1:30pm - Friends Egg Hunt

### 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 - 99%

St Alban - 97%

Frowyke – 97%

Cecil – 95%

Average attendance this week: 97.11%

Overall attendance for the year: 95.5%

## **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 - 3

St Alban – 2

Frowyke - 8

Cecil – 6

Total late occurrences last week: 31

### **Effort Certificate Winners**

Many congratulations to the following children for their efforts this week

Blanche - Dylan Jeetun

St Alban - Jude Ficek & Ava Quinn

Frowyke - Haruna Starling & Evie Clarke-Stewart

Cecil – Anderson Brewster & Lacey-May Tully

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

Sam Daniels, Charlie Wilson, Angelika Sellimi, Josh Evans, Mason Davies-Hall, Phoebe Young-Corbett & Macy Field.



# 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

Most of our writing this week will be focused around Easter and ensuring that the children are well aware of the importance of this festival as part of our Christian heritage. We shall also be engaging with art/craft around this theme.

In Maths, both Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to familiarise themselves with money. In Year 1, we shall be adding simple amounts and looking at different coins whilst in Year 2, we shall engage with more complex calculations such as finding change.

Our Topic work will look at the flora and fauna found in St Giles churchyard. We shall look at this area as a wildlife habitat and work on identifying all we find there in terms of trees, flowers and minibeasts.

## Year 3 & 4 - Frowyke

Next week we will be focusing on the Easter story in class for oracy, writing and RE.

In Maths we will be reviewing our fractions work from the last half term.

### Year 5 & 6 - Cecil

Next week in Cecil, we will be continuing our maths work, with year 6 looking at the area of triangles and parallelograms, and year 5 continuing to work on investigating angles.

In our topic work, we will continue to compare Easter and Passover and consider the importance of these festivals.

We are also excitedly looking forward to our trip to Moat Mount!

#### **PE Corner**

After our win against Wroxham on Monday, our football team have continued their successful season. Both the Year 5/6 team, and Year 3/4 teams beat Ladbrooke on Monday in fine style, recording victories of 4-1 and 2 – 0 respectively. Very well played! Tonight they travel across to Oakmere for another win hopefully. Good Luck!



P4C Question of the Week

Would you rather be able to control fire or water?