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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you well as we head towards what promises to be warmer and sunnier weather! It was lovely to see so many of you on the gate and welcome the children back into school.

This newsletter is one of hope and celebration as we have enjoyed much fun-filled activities over the last few weeks and have lots of exciting and wonderful things that are happening in school during our final term. Starting with…

Our Year 6 Children

A very special mention and a big well done to our year 6 children for completing their KS2 SATS just before the half term break. We are all very proud of their attitude and efforts. To celebrate the end of SATS our children joined lots of other Y6 children at a Celebration event at Whitworth Park to participate in a range of different fun filled activities.







PTFA Family Walk

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA for organising the family walk event to raise money towards their 2024 challenge. It was lovely to see so many families join to complete the walk, which was filled with lots of laughter and snacks! Thank you to the Village Hall who opened their doors for us to enjoy a well-deserved juice, cake and ice lollies.

We hope you are encouraging your children to take part in the 2024 Challenge. We look forward to hearing about how they raise £20.24!

I am sure you will join me in passing on huge thanks to our dedicated PTFA committee and members for their efforts in supporting our school. The funds raised from this year's events will go towards new playground markings, further enhancing our students' outdoor play experience. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the scooters and cozy corner provided by the previous funds, and we are excited to continue improving our school environment with your generous support. Thank you for your continued dedication to our community.





Little Smiles at St Giles

Our toddler group runs every Thursday during term time, welcoming numerous families each week.

It's a wonderful opportunity for children to play and socialise while parents and caregivers connect and support each other.

We're continuing to hope our planned nursery will commence during the next school year – we'll continue to keep you updated as soon as we hear more!





Sporting Fixtures

Our children have been out representing the school again taking part in the cricket tournament at Matlock Cricket Club, they competed brilliantly as a team and played with skill and determination. Trials for the South Peak Sports have taken place and of course our annual school Sports Day is on Friday 21st June.

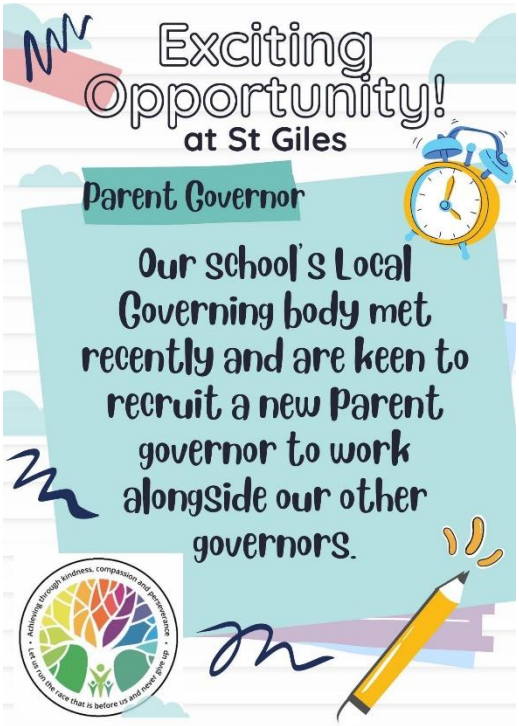
It has been lovely to see our children travelling to local schools and taking part in the Matlock and Dales Primary Football league. The football season continues into the final term and we wish our team all the best!

Forthcoming Football Fixtures

Monday 10th June – St Giles v South Darley
Tuesday 25th June – Darley Churchtown v St Giles
Tuesday 9th July – St Giles v Castle View

Vacancies at St Giles

We are pleased to announce that our school currently has two vacancies available: one for a Parent Governor and another for a Midday Supervisor.



Are you a parent passionate about contributing to every child's educational journey? We have an amazing opportunity for you! We're looking for a dedicated Parent Governor to join St Giles Primary's governing body.

As a Parent Governor, you'll have a crucial role supporting and challenging the school's work, ensuring our school delivers the best for our children. Your insights and strategic perspective will be invaluable in ensuring the school's vision is brought to life, the children achieve, and the school's finances are used effectively.

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch. Our closing date for interested parties is 21st June.

For more information or to apply, visit our school website where you can find all information needed.
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We are currently looking for a midday supervisor to join us. If you have a passion for working with children and ensuring a safe and enjoyable lunchtime environment, we would love to hear from you.

Apply today to become a valued member of our team!

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Summer Weather

As we have seen a little bit of warmer sunshine and hopefully a promise of what is to come, can we please remind parents to send in a sun hat with their child and a refillable water bottle to help them stay hydrated throughout the day. Sun-cream should also be applied before coming into school where-ever possible.



Top tips for staying safe when out and about during the sunnier months:

Follow the S.C.R.I.P.T:

- **S** – "**something for nothing?**" – if something seems too good to be true it usually is – if you are being offered something for free don't take it.
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- **C** – **Communicate** – tell people where you are going and who with. Make sure your mobile phone is charged, and you have enough credit to message or call someone in an emergency.
- **R – Remember** – what time did you say you were coming home? Where did you say you were going? Stick to the plan.
- **I –**Trust your **instincts –** if you think a person or place feels or looks unsafe go to somewhere you feel safe and call someone you trust.
- **P –** Have a **plan –** if you are going somewhere with friends stick together and keep each other safe.
- **T – Think –** be risk aware especially near roads, railways or water.

Enjoy being safe outdoors!

Collective Worship

Value for reflection: Respect

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7.12

We are very proud of our daily Collective Worship which involves all children and staff. During this final term our children will consider and reflect on the value of Respect. The work in Collective Worship complements our PSHE curriculum and the behaviour principles which all staff teach and model and helps to make our schools a positive and supportive environment where all our children can achieve through kindness, compassion and perseverance.

Online safety: mobile phones and smart watches in school

It has been exciting to welcome Sarah Dufton (Derbyshire's Digital Police Community Support Officer) into school, to work with both children and staff. Keep your eyes peeled for some parent workshops which Sarah will be offering.

We'd like to remind parents and carers about our practice surrounding phones and smart watches in school. Please remember that you can access more guidance and advice via our website (Under: Parents/Online Safety).

MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES in school

We realise that sometimes your child may need to bring a phone into school to communicate with a family member after school.

Once they arrive at school, their phone will be placed into the class phone box and locked away in the office for the duration of the day.

At 3.30pm, a member of the office team will return the phone box to your child's teacher where their phone will be handed back to them as they leave the school site.

Children are NEVER allowed to use their phone or smartwatch while they are on school grounds, unless for medical purposes that have been risk-assessed.

There are a range of simple phones available that children can just use to call.



Transition

We can't believe we are here either! Where has this school year gone?

Full details of our new classes for September will be shared with our families and children on Friday 14th June. Arrangements for our planned transition days are listed below:

Wednesday 3rd July – Transition Day and Move Up Day
HIGHFIELDS TRANSITION DAY FOR Y6 PUPILS
Pupils attending the Year 6 Highfields transition day will need to make their own way to and from Highfields. They do not need to come to St Giles before or after their transition day.

MOVE UP DAY – Children who are moving up to a new class in September will spend the day in their new classrooms
NEW STARTERS TRANSITION MORNING 9.30am - 11.30am

Thursday 4th July - Year 6 Lady Manners Transition Day
Pupils attending the Year 6 Lady manners transition day will need to make their own way to and from Lady Manners. They do not need to come to St Giles before or after their transition day.

Phew! As you can see, we're all set for a busy and exciting end of year in school. We look forward to seeing you over the final seven weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.





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