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March Newsletter

We hope you are all well and are enjoying the some of the blue skies and lighter days which are arriving.

It has been a busy start to this short Spring term and, in particular, it has been lovely to welcome both Mrs. Holanda back into school after her period of adoption leave and Mrs. Rogers after a short bout of illness.

Phew! What a busy start – thank you for your support

It has been a busy start to this short term with much to celebrate. Have a look at some of our busy events!



The School Disco

It was lovely to see so many children (and staff) support and enjoy our recent school disco.

The children enjoyed their pizzas, donuts, foam machine, face painting as well as the music!

Thank you to our PFA who continue to work tirelessly to support all of our children. You can find out more about the impact of their support below.

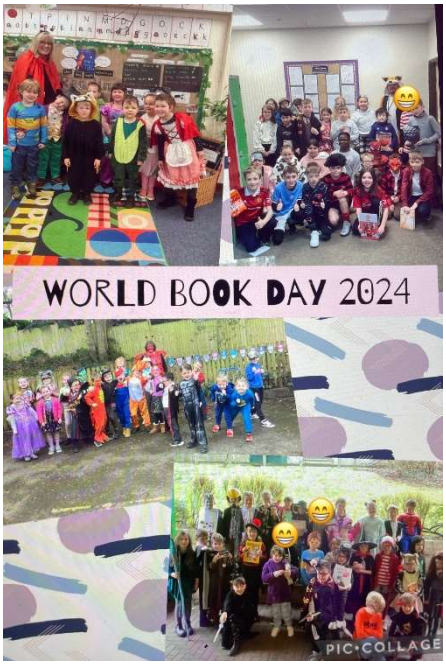
Celebrating reading: World Book Day and mystery readers

The staff (and the children!) greatly enjoyed World Book Day last week.

The children continue to enjoy having mystery readers visit the classes (and we have several more parents visiting this week).

Please pop in and speak to the office if you would like to visit at the end of the school day and share a considered book with our children.





Year 1 and 2 Fun Run at All Saints'



The children in year 1 and 2 enjoyed their 'fun run' over at All Saints' Junior School. The children took part in many different activities during the morning which were organised and led by Qualitas It was lovely to hear and see the children cheering on each other, encouraging each other and their competitive streak! Super teamwork Class 2! Well done!

Stay and Play and Book Looks

Don't forget – this week marks the return of our popular Stay and Play (Class 1 and Class 2) and Book Looks (Classes 3 and 4). These have been very well received by our parents and relatives and the children and staff hope to be able to welcome you into school to learn more about what you child/ren have been learning.





Red Nose Day 2024

Phew! As if the exciting events above weren't enough, we have another whole school celebration lined up! This week we're going to celebrate Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March.

Here are some ways that we will be involved:

- Come to school wearing something that makes them smile and bring in a donation of £1. This could be by coming into school in your own clothes and by coming in with crazy hair!
- Take a look at the Red Nose Day website to find out other ways that you can get involved and help raise money: https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday

Thank you to our Parents and Friends Association (PTFA)



We are sure that you would like to join all of the children and staff in thanking the Friends of St. Giles.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of this group of parents, we have been to spend over £3,000 to improve break times for our children.

Miss. Simpson has worked with the School Council who chose:

- ★ A beautiful cosy corner with books and crafts;
- ★ New scooters: a fleet of 10 new scooters (with helmets, knee and elbow pads).

Online safety: helping our children stay safe when on online.

All of our staff, from across our partnership, recently took part in online safety training.

Staff in all of our schools are continuing to notice and act on issues related to messages sent between children, many of whom are accessing age inappropriate messaging apps including Whatsapp (which is rated as 16+).

Please find attached some guidance and advice which we hope you find useful. Please get in touch if you have any online safety concerns.



Easter

We hope you will be able to join us for our Easter service at St. Giles on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March.

Our children in Years 3 and 4 will be leading our service, delivering a short performance in church where they will be joined by children from across the school.

Keeping in touch and up to date

We hope that you are finding the weekly updates, sent out on a Friday useful. Please remember that these, along with the class newsletters which are sent every half term, are available on our website: www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk

Please do check out our active FaceBook page where we share our children's learning.

As always, if you have any questions then please contact staff via our school office: enquiries@st-giles-matlock.derbyshire.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.



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