St. Giles CE Primary School

Achieving Through Adventure

Thursday 25th May 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. It has been wonderful to see the continued hard work of the children and staff in school this half term. Well done to all our Year 6 children for completing their KS2 SATS earlier this month. They all worked incredibly hard and we are all proud of their attitude and effort.

Good news!
I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating Mrs. Rogers whose daughter welcomed a baby boy last week. Congratulations!
We're also pleased to share that Mrs Rogers is recovering at home following her operation (whilst also co-ordinating a house move)! We look forward to seeing her back in school in a few weeks time.

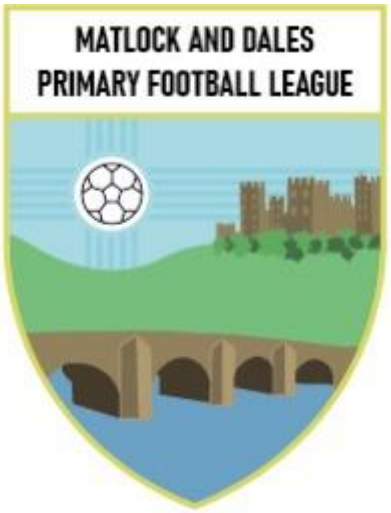
St. Giles Book Awards



We have now launched our first ever St Giles Book Awards. The children are enjoying reading the books that are up for the vote – read more on our school blog!

We do hope you can enjoy reading along with us at home.

Matlock and Dales Primary Football



It has been lovely to see our children travelling to local schools and taking part in the Matlock and Dales Primary Football league (and the team our out again today at the annual Bunting Cup).

The football season continues into the final term and we wish our team all the best! You can catch up with the league table via this LINK.

Future Fixture dates:
St. Giles vs South Darley ***Tuesday 6th June***
St. Giles vs St. Joseph's ***Monday 19th June***
St. Giles vs Darley Dale ***Thursday 6th July***
Castle View vs St. Giles ***Tuesday 11th July***

Forest Schools

It has been exciting to see our wonderful wooded area start to benefit from a make over so that all of our children can benefit from teacher led Forest Schools sessions. Governors have committed £5,000 so that our Forest Schools area will have:

- Full shelter for use in all weathers
- Seating area with a fire pit area

- New entranceway

Two teachers from Darley Churchtown are completing their training during the summer term and will be using the site in June before we launch weekly sessions, for our children, in the new school year.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Tucker and Miss. Parsons to St. Giles and I can't wait to see all of our children benefit from Forest Schools.

Lunchtime provision

We are looking forward to welcoming Qualitas into school after May half term to lead daily sporting activities during lunchtime. It will be exciting to see our children benefit from a series of planned and varied activities.

Warm weather

As we have seen a little bit of sunshine this week, can we remind parents to send in a sun hat with their child. Looking forward for the coming weeks can we also remind parents that sun cream should also be applied before coming into school.

Online safety

Thank you for your continued support in working with us to ensure our children are safe when online. We hope you are finding the weekly Online Safety Posters useful. They are all saved on the website and can be found in this link: www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk/online-safety/

St. Giles Summer Fayre PTFA



Hopefully you have all received the recent PTFA newsletter which was full of news of forthcoming events and fundraising ideas. 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.

We hope you are encouraging your children to take part in the **2023 Challenge.** We look forward to hearing about how they raise **£20.23!**

The next date for your diary is the **Summer Fayre on Saturday 10th June from 2-4pm.** Further details will follow from the PTFA. We look forward to welcoming family and friends into school to enjoy this event.

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Keeping in touch

Remember you can keep in touch with our busy and happy school via our class blogs, website and active FaceBook page.

I hope you all enjoy your half term break when school closes tomorrow afternoon. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school when we reopen on Monday 5th June.

Many thanks,



Ben O'Connell
Head Teacher

Reminder of Diary Dates for the remainder of the school year

Thursday 25th May – Bunting Cup
Thursday 15th June- South Peak Sports – details will follow
Thursday 29th June – New Starters meeting for parents 5.00pm in school
Friday 30th June – Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 4th July – New Starters transition visit 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th July – New Starters transition visit 9.30am - 11.00am
Wednesday 5th July – Highfields Transition Day
Tuesday 11th July – Class 2 trip to Sudbury Hall
Tuesday 11th July – Class 4 Performance and Year 6 presentation
Thursday 20th July – Leavers Service – St Giles Church 11.00am
Thursday 20th July – Last Day of Term
Friday 21st July – INSET DAY
Monday 4th September – INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th September- INSET DAY
Wednesday 6th September – FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM