St. Giles CE Primary School

Achieving Through Adventure

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you safe, well and rested after the half term break. It has been great to come back into school and see the continued hard work of the children and staff.

Healthy Habits continued

During this short half term we are continuing our push for healthy eating as we are keen to ensure the children of St Giles establish a healthy lifestyle from a young age, developing good habits. Children in Early Years, Year 1 and 2 continue to have daily access to fruit and vegetables as a snack – which are free of charge, so there is no need to bring one of their own.

There will be a continued push in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to bring in *healthy snacks* – such as: fruit, vegetables, fruit or cereal bars for break time. Children are also encouraged to bring in a bottle of water, which can be refilled, to stay hydrated throughout their day in school.

Uniform

Some of you may have seen that there are two clothes rails, with school uniform on, situated in the school reception area. The clothes on these rails are available for anyone to help themselves to. We hope this will help to ensure that your children are in the correct uniform for school. There are no expectations to contribute if you take something, however any donations would be appreciated.

School Football

Mr Green, from All Saints' Junior School, has organised a Matlock and Dales school football league involving schools from the local area. This league will be contested throughout the remainder of the academic year. The aim is to develop relationships with other schools and have some competitive fixtures too. The league is for any child in KS2. I have a list of those who have expressed an interest in playing and I will be making sure that each child will have the chance to represent the school. If this proves to be a success, then there is hope for other sports to be played in future years.

Future Fixture dates:

St. Giles vs All Saints ***Tuesday 28th February 23 –*** RESULT: 3-7
St. Giles vs South Darley ***Thursday 16th March 23***
St. Joseph's vs St. Giles ***Monday 27th March 23***
Darley Dale vs St. Giles ***Thursday 20th April 23***
St. Giles vs Castle View ***Tuesday 2nd May 23***
All Saints vs St. Giles ***Tuesday 16th May 2023***
St. Giles vs South Darley ***Tuesday 6th June 23***
St. Giles vs St. Joseph's ***Monday 19th June 23***
St. Giles vs Darley Dale ***Thursday 6th July 23***
Castle View vs St. Giles ***Tuesday 11th July 23***

World Book Day

It was great to see the enthusiasm shown for World Book Day, the children looked great in their costumes and it was lovely to see so many children with their favourite books too. All the children worked brilliantly on their World Book Day tasks and it was wonderful to have a whole school focus on one book, The Barnabus Project by the Fan Brothers.






Reading at St Giles

Reading is such an important skill for everyone. It unlocks new worlds and characters to get to know; the ability to read is the cornerstone of our world. We have so much information given to us, in text form, it is vital children can unlock as much of this as possible. To support this at home, we ask that as parents and carers you listen to the children read at home and enjoy books with them. We encourage you to do this five times a week, whether it is your child reading to you, or you enjoying a book with them. All we ask is that this reading is recorded in their reading record, which should be coming home daily and being returned to school each day too.

Computing Investment

The school have recently had a huge overhaul of its computing equipment and have spent a large amount of money purchasing new iPads and laptops as well as brand new charging cases for them too. This now means that each class has full access to this equipment in order to facilitate their learning.



Music Trolley

School have also invested in a music trolley which is now fully stocked with instruments which the children use in their music lessons in school. The trolley will allow for the children to have access to all the wonderful music equipment we have.

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

We will be holding a Non Uniform Day and inviting children to bring in their Red Noses to support Red Nose Day. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 for the charity.

Blogs

Each class now has it's own Blog, celebrating some of the amazing learning and activities the children experience in class. These blogs are linked with Facebook and will promote St Giles and our learning.