Monday 7th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see so many of you on the gate this morning and welcome the children back into school. We hope this letter finds you well and rested after the half term break. Thank you for your continued support in helping us start the new term successfully, dressed smartly and ready to learn!

ONLINE SAFETY:

Tips to help keep our children safe! We know that many of our children have access to different devices outside of school and so we'd like to share regular information on how we can all keep our children safe when online. We also know that many of our children use a range of social media platforms to communicate.

FURTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Friendship week: Week Commencing Monday 14th November

Odd socks day: Monday 14th November

Children in Need Day: Friday 18th November

Children are able to wear their own clothes for Children in Need Day and we would welcome a voluntary contribution, which will be sent to Children in Need.

CHRISTMAS AT ST GILES

We are already looking ahead to the Christmas festivities which will start before we know it. We have a planned programme of exciting events which are listed below:

Friday 11th November – PTFA Christmas Jumper Sale after school

Monday 12th December – PTFA "WINTER WARMER" 3.15PM – 4.30PM
Further details to follow from the PTFA nearer the time

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Plays 1.30pm and 6.00pm
We are delighted to be able to invite you into school to watch the Christmas Plays once again. For the benefit of our new parents there are separate infant and junior plays with a short interval in between. Children need to be back at school between 5.30pm and 5.45pm.

Seats are initially limited to two per family at each performance and are £2.00 per adult and £1 per child. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return to school with payment.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know by Friday 2nd December. The cost is £2.30 which will be added to your Parent Pay account.

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day.

Friday 16th December – **Whole School Trip to see Aladdin at Derby Arena**
Children should arrive at school for **8.15am** as we are leaving promptly at 8.30am. We will have lunch on our return to school. The PTFA have very kindly offered to pay for everyone to have an ice cream in the interval. If your child has a dairy allergy please let us know as soon as possible so that we can order an ice lolly instead. A reminder that payment is due by Friday 25th November. Letter with further details was sent 01.11.22.

Monday 19th December – **Secret Santa**
The PTFA have once again offered to organise our "Secret Santa" event which will take place in school during the afternoon of Monday 19th December. Children will have the opportunity to choose a gift and have it wrapped for £1.00. Children cannot buy more than two gifts.

If your child would like to take part, and for this to be a success, we would be grateful of donations of gifts. (e.g toiletries, chocolates, bric a brac etc.) We need gifts for both men and ladies please.

We would be grateful if these could be brought in to school from Monday 5th December.

There is no obligation for your child/children to take part.

Tuesday 20th December – **Christmas Party**
Donations of party food would be welcome. This year we ask that if your surname begins with the letters A-L please send in savoury snacks **(please NO NUTS or sandwiches)** surnames beginning with M-Z sweet snacks please.

Children are asked to come to school in school uniform, but can accessorise with Christmas accessories and a Christmas jumper.

Wednesday 21st December – **Carol Service with Christingle 2.30pm**
Parents and carers are invited to join us in St Giles church at 2.30pm for the service. Children will go home from church following the service so if you are not able to attend please ensure you are at church for 3.15pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER which is the last day of term.

Wednesday 21st December – Break up

Thursday 22nd December – INSET DAY

Monday 9th January 2023 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 10th January 2023 – Back to school

CHRISTMAS PLAYS - TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Childs Name(s) _____

I would like _____ seats for the afternoon performance @ 1.30pm

I would like _____ seats for the evening performance @ 6.00pm

I enclose £ (Cheques to St Giles Primary School)

(£2.00 per adult and £1.00 per child)

There are no physical “tickets” we will have a list of names of those attending each performance

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CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

(only complete if your child *does not* normally have a school dinner)

My child/children _____ would like a Christmas Dinner.

The cost of £2.30 will be added to Parent Pay

You only need to return this slip if your child does not normally have a school dinner