End of Term Newsletter 2022

Tomorrow is my last day at St Giles Primary School and my last day in Matlock. I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for making me feel so welcome. I have had the best time ever, exploring Derbyshire and working alongside your children.

St Giles is an amazing school because of your fabulous children. I have never known such polite, caring, talented, sensible children. Their generosity, patience and resilience is a strength that I know will stand them is good stead for their future lives. They all have high aspirations which is a credit to you all. I know they will all go on to achieve great things, some of them I am sure will be on my TV in the future if the Class 4 performance last week is anything to go by.

I wish you all a lovely summer. I may even see you all again in Matlock as I know I will be returning on holiday in the very near future.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 6

We wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they move onto secondary school. They have been amazing and we will miss them all.

PTFA

Thank you to the amazing PTFA for their generosity and fund raising efforts this year. It has been lovely to enjoy some events in school again after the last couple of years. The Family Disco was a huge success and so well attended. Staff and children really enjoyed their ice creams on Tuesday. The recent First Aid Day in June school was also funded by the PTFA and the children learned so much as well as having lots of fun.

St Giles has Talent

Wow! The children of St Giles have talent in abundance. We had a fun afteroon on Thursday and enjoyed some amazing performances by the children. Well done to everyone who took part.

Communication to Parents

Wherever possible school communicaton to parents is paperless. We usually send letters via email. From September letters will be sent via Parent Pay and Class Dojo. If you haven't already activated your Parent Pay account please let the school office know.

Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone who is up to date with Dinner Money, Trips and After School Club. Please check your outstanding balances and ensure that everything is paid as soon as possible. We do not want to carry forward any debts into the next academic year.

PE Days

We have agreed that children will continue to come to school in their PE uniform on the days they have PE. Your child will have PE on the following days from September.

Reception – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3 & 4 – Swimming on Tuesday and PE on Thursday
Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday and Friday

Uniform

There is a reminder of our school uniform attached to this Newsletter. There is an expecation that your child comes to school wearing their school uniform every day.

Dinner Money

We have been informed by Derbyshire Councty Council that the price of a school meal is increasing by 10p to £2.30 from 1st September 2022. Children in years Reception to Year 2 continue to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal. If you think you may be eligible for income related free school meals you can apply through Derbyshire County Council using the link below.
https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

Current Year 2 Children

Children who are moving up to to year 3 will no longer be entitled to the Universal Free School Meals that they have enjoyed since Reception. So unless your child is entitled to income related free school meals they will pay for school meals from September; alternatively they can bring a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

From September the price of Breakfast Club will rise to £3.00 and After School Club charges will increase by 50p to £7.00 for the first hour and £9.00 for two hours.

INSET DAYS

A reminder of the INSET DAYS for the next academic year
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September
Thursday 22nd December
Monday 9th January
Friday 21st July
The first day of term is Monday 5th September 2022.

Uniform

Uniform is worn at St Giles Church of England Primary School to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the whole school community. The Governing Body and Head Teacher have agreed the uniform in consultation with the staff team.

We trust that parents & carers will engage with the school and support us in ensuring children wear a smart uniform.

Boys Uniform:

Plain black or grey trousers (or shorts in warmer weather)
White shirt or polo shirt
Red sweatshirt or fleece this can be decorated with school logo
Sensible hardwearing black shoes

Girls Uniform:

Plain black or medium length grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
White blouse or polo shirt
Red sweatshirt or cardigan this can be decorated with school logo
Sensible hardwearing black shoes or boots without heels
Red gingham style dress for warmer weather

P.E:

Red t-shirt (Plain red or decorated with school logo)
Black or navy shorts
Black plimsolls
Tracksuit and trainers are required for outdoor PE in colder weather

Outdoor Education:

As we like to use the excellent outdoor facilities at school, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school. We are happy to store the wellies here, please make sure they are clearly named. A clothes peg can also be useful to keep them together!

Jewellery and Watches:

Please note that jewellery is NOT permitted in school for Health & Safety reasons. However watches are allowed but must be removed for P.E and other related activities.
If your child has pierced ears, small studs are allowed. However these MUST be removed by the child for PE and swimming (please see further information below).

If your child is unable to remove the studs themselves they will not be permitted to take part in the P.E lesson. The only exception is if a child has recently had their ears pierced when they may, for P.E only, be covered with microtape or a small plaster until such time as their ears have healed. Please send suitable plaster or tape into school and make sure their teacher is aware. Staff are not permitted to assist children with the removal of or replacement of earrings.
The only exception to the above is when your child goes swimming. The swimming pool does not allow children to wear earrings for school swimming or to use tape to cover them.

Hair and Make-up

Make up and nail polish are not considered appropriate for school.

For health and safety reasons if your child has hair that is long enough it should be tied back or secured for school and for P.E. -this includes hair that may obscure vision.