

Newsletter – May 2022

Although this half term is quite short there has still been lots happening in school.

On Tuesday 3rd May 2022 PC Sarah Dufton came into school and spoke to every class about Online Safety. There will be a parents workshop sometime in the future; we will share information about that when we have it. The infants topic is Land Ahoy! Reception have been learning about Pirates through stories, they have filled in application forms to become pirates and created a treasure map. Year 1 and 2 have also been reading pirate stories and have been learning about physical and geographical features as well as animals and their habitats.

Year 3 and 4 had a brilliant time on their residential trip to Lea Green last week. Year 5 & 6 had an amazing day out on Wednesday at the Harry Potter museum. We must also say a huge well done to our Y6 pupils who all completed their SATS tests last week. They are now proudly wearing their leavers hoodies.

Friday 27th May – Jubiliee Celebrations

Next Friday afternoon we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. Children can come dressed in Red, White & Blue. We would appreciate donations of cakes, buns or biscuits as we are having a Garden Party in the afternoon. Children are invited to produce a portrait of the Queen in any media form and/or they can make a crown. Entries should be brought into school by next Friday so they can be displayed throughout the school.

School Opening by the Queen

St Giles School was officially opened by The Queen on 22nd May 1992 and we would like to mark this event in school. We are inviting the local community to share their memories of that special day with us, loan photographs and other artifacts so that we can create a display in school. If you have anything yourself or you know someone that may have something of interest please ask them to make contact with us. There will be an opportunity to come into school to see the display and we will invite people into school to talk to the children about what it was like 30 years ago. The children are also going to be studying what life was like in Matlock in 1992. Further details will follow about this after half term.

St Giles Church Garden Party – Saturday 2nd July

We have been asked if we would be able to take a group of children to perform some Country Dancing at the church Garden Party. Historicaly we have always been involved but due to the pandemic it has not been possible for the last few years. If your child is in years 3-6 and is interested in taking part please let us know as soon as possible. We will arrange some practices after school in June; these will be on Mondays until 4.00pm. Your child needs to be available on Saturday 2nd July in the afternoon, for about an hour, so please take this into consideration before agreeing for them to take part.

Nursery Survey

We are looking into the possibility of introducing nursery provision for 3 and 4 years olds at St Giles. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey following the link below. Please share this with your family, friends and neighbours.
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kV8po_u4aEGNK7W3NkyDmF0XPLivmLBFubNlDeix2tZURFlJVjhaQTRPQk5BWjRGUFEzQVNaRU8wTCQlQCN0PWcu

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the latest parent survey. If you have not already done so PLEASE could you take a few minutes and follow the link. Your views are really important to us.
https://forms.gle/3bkHUAMqvAMf2J2y9

Class 3 - Music Performance – Friday 10th June

To mark the end of this years' Wider Opportunities music programme parents of children in Class 3 are invited to a short concert at 11.00am on Friday 10th June.

INSET DAYS

A reminder that the remaining two INSET days this school year are on:
Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June
Advance notice – the first day of the new school year is **Monday 5th September.**
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are INSET DAYS

Dates for your diaries

Friday 27th May – Break up for half term
Monday 6th June – INSET DAY
Tuesday 7th June – INSET DAY
Wednesday 8th June – Back to school
Friday 10th June – Music performance by Class 3 at 11.00am
Wednesday 15th June – New starters parents meeting 5.00pm in school
Tuesday 21st June – New starters transition visit
Tuesday 28th June – New starters transition visit
Saturday 2nd July – St Giles Church Garden Party
Monday 4th July – Y6 Anthony Gell Transition day
Wednesday 6th July – Y6 Highfields Transition Day
Wednesday 6th July – Moving up morning
Friday 8th July – Sports Day 9.30am
Friday 8th July – PTFA Summer Family Event – 6.00pm -8.00pm further details to follow
Wednesday 13th July – Summer Performance 6.00pm (Class 4 only– details to follow)
Friday 15th July – Reserve Sports Day
Friday 22nd July – Leavers Service in St Giles Church – details to follow
Friday 22nd July – Break up
Thursday 1st September – INSET DAY
Friday 2nd September – INSET DAY
Monday 5th September – First day of term