

St Giles on the Heath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 02nd February 2018

Dear Parents

Hello and hope you are all well?

48 Hour Sickness Policy If your child has been sick they must stay away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This 48 rule has been put in place to try to stop the spread of sickness. It is particularly important at the present time as many pupils and staff are struggling with low immune systems due to some very bad coughs, colds and flu at the end of last term and through this half term. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bags2School Don't forget to bring in your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, etc. by Monday 05th February. If you would like another bag just let the school office know and we will send one home via book bag.

Netball Well done to all our Netball team who worked hard playing against a team with some very good manoeuvres.

Community Meal Our first Community meal of 2018 will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 1315. Please let friends and neighbours know that they are very welcome to book a place. It will be a lovely 2 course roast meal with refreshments all for only £6.00. We do also need 2 volunteer helpers to serve the meal. If you are able to help, please contact the school.

New Staff It brings me great pleasure in welcoming two new members of staff to our fantastic staff. Both Lucy Robinson and Kim Stafford are currently working part time in the Foundation Stage Unit whilst Debbie Gynn is off on maternity leave.

Kim Stafford has also been working temporarily in class 1 on a Wednesday afternoon. This is only for a short while.

Fact of the Week Following on from last week's fact, Pie Corbett an expert Educational Trainer who has written at least 200 books has quoted from research that the **size of a child's vocabulary makes a huge impact on their reading comprehension.**

Vocabulary size (word knowledge) is a major stumbling block to comprehension and can therefore have a knock on effect onto other subjects as well as tests/future exams.

70 – 80% of vocabulary comes from reading.

Therefore when your child reads to you or reads to themselves please encourage them to ask you what an unfamiliar word means or help them look the word up in a dictionary. Please talk to them about the stories they have read to check for their understanding.

Some of the things that we are doing in class, could be done at home such as finding unfamiliar words within books and writing them on post it notes. The words can then be defined by the whole family or by using the dictionary. Another activity that we do that can be done at home is to have a word of the week which the family can try and use in sentences as much as possible.

Explorer Dome On Thursday 08th March we will be taking Years 5 and 6 pupils to Holsworthy College to visit the Explorer Dome. Pupils will be transported to and from the event by Holsworthy College minibuses and Mrs Wawman will travel on one of the buses with the children. We

do need one adult, who has a current DBS check with the school, to go with the children on the other minibus and to walk around the Dome with the children. If you are able to help with this very interesting event do contact the school.

FPTA

100 Club Thank you once again to all those who have supported this fundraiser. It means another £200 profit for funds which will benefit all of our children.

Our January winners were:- 1st prize - Gemma Bush, 2nd prize – Adele Jones, 3rd prize – Kate Jewell

The next draw will be on Friday 23rd February

Valentines Disco This fun event will take place on Friday 09th February at St Giles Village Hall. The disco will run from 5 – 6.30pm for Pre-school, Reception and Years 1 and 2 pupils and they will need to be accompanied by an adult. The disco for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will run from 7 – 8.30pm. The entrance fee will be £2.50 per child. Hotdogs (£1.00) and sweets (£0.50) will be on sale and there will be free squash.

FPTA Dates for your Diary

Valentines Disco in Village Hall	-	Friday 09 th February
Non Uniform Day (Easter Egg donations)	-	Friday 23 rd March
Film Afternoon	-	Friday 23 rd March
Easter Bingo/Games/Easter Egg Hunt	-	Saturday 24 th March
Linsey Hollidge Choir Concert	-	April
BBQ and Duck Race	-	June
Summer Fayre at School	-	Friday 20 th July
Panto Trip	-	January 2019

Worker of the Week

The workers of the week this week are:-

Reception	Chloe Warren for making good progress in her reading
Year 1 & 2	Joe Conway for writing his own story in the style of Fatou 'Fetch the Water'
Year 3 & 4	Alfie Palmer for super expression in his reading
Year 5 & 6	Morgan Jones for a mature attitude to his work and super achievement in his practise tests

After School Activity Clubs

Tuesday	Football	External Coach	Years 3 – 6
	Keyboards	Mr Parkin	Years 3 – 6 (parents pay for this activity)
	Guitars	Mr Rogozinski	Years 1 – 6 (Fully Booked)

Wednesday	Netball	Mrs Attewell	Years 3 – 6 (Fully Booked)
Thursday	Choir	Miss Smith	Years 2* - 6 (pupils must be free readers)
Friday	Code Club	Mr Williamson	Years 5 & 6

Dates for Your Dairy

Fri 09 th February	-	Swimming Week 5
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb		Half Term
Fri 23 rd February	-	Swimming Week 6
Mon 26 th February	-	School Nurse Drop In Session 0900 School House
Fri 02 nd March	-	Swimming Week 7
Thurs 08 th March	-	Explorer Dome Visit
Fri 09 th March	-	Swimming Week 8
Mon 12 th March	-	Netball League Match
Thurs 15 th March	-	No Choir
Fri 16 th March	-	Swimming Week 9
W/C Mon 19 th March	-	Parents Evenings
Fri 23 rd March	-	Swimming (last one)
Thurs 29 th March	-	No Choir
Thurs 29 th March	-	Last Day of Term
Tues 17 th April	-	Pupils return to school
Wed 25 th April	-	Community Lunch
Thurs 26 th April	-	Fire Service Talk for Years 2 and 5
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May		SATs Week for Year 6
Wed 23 rd May	-	Community Meal
Tues 05 th June	-	Move on Up Day at Holsworthy
Mon 11 th June	-	Sports Day PM
Mon 25 th June	-	Reserve Sports Day 1
Mon 09 th July	-	Reserve Sports Day 2

Term Dates

Spring 2018

Half Term	Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th February 2018
Last day of term	Thurs 29 th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Staff Training Day	Mon 16 th April 2018
First day of term	Tues 17 th April 2018
Half Term	Mon 28 th May – Fri 01 st June 2018
Last day of term	Tues 24 th July 2018
Occasional Day	Wed 25 th July 2018
Staff Training Day	Thursday 26 th July 2018
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 th July 2018

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 03 rd September 2018
Pupils Return	Tuesday 04 th September 2018

Half Term Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October 2018

Last day of term Wednesday 19th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Staff Training Day Monday 07th January 2019

Pupils Return Tuesday 08th January 2019

Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

Last day of Term Friday 05th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training Day Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Pupils Return Wednesday 24th April 2019

Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Last day of Term Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Staff Training Day Wednesday 24th July 2019

Staff Training Day Thursday 25th July 2019

Local Community Activities

Launceston College The Royal Shakespeare Company will be performing at Launceston College on Friday 09th February at 7pm. They will be performing Julius Caesar as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Rome' season, a play which explores betrayal, the responsibility of national leaders and the lengths people will go to in order to achieve power. This is an interactive 'First Encounters' performance, which means it is designed for ages 7 upwards and will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are on sale through the Launceston College website.

Fight Fuel Poverty Do you need to reduce your household energy bill? Why not seek advice from Devon Communities Together. They can be reached on 01392 248919 or info@devoncommunities.org.uk to arrange a free home visit.

Tiny Tots Ltd Tiny Tots are excited that they are now able to offer an Outdoor Woodland Holiday Club due to moving to a new location at Sheers Barton, Lawhitton. The outdoor club will be run by an experienced and fully qualified Forest School Leader. Bookings are now being taken for the Easter holidays, commencing on Tuesday 03rd April for 2 weeks. The school will be open from 0830 until 1530 with the option to extend. The daily childcare cost will be £35.00 per child. For further info please contact Janine or Emma on 01566 772134 or look on Facebook: Tiny Tots Ltd

Bude Lifeboat Junior Run This is the 10th running of this 1 mile race around Bude's cycleways and towpath. It will take place on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 6pm for School Years 3 and under and 6.30pm for School Years 4 and above. There will be a senior 6 mile race starting at 7.15pm. Entry forms can be collected from the RNLI shop in Summerleaze car park or online at www.buderats.co.uk