

St Giles on the Heath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 09th March 2018

Dear Parents

Hello to you all. Hope you are all well and thank you for your understanding when the school was closed last week due to the severe weather warning. Plenty of snow was had in my direction. The children have been telling me about their own experiences in the snow. Anyway, back to normal weather now!

World Book Day Well done to everyone for bringing their 'books' posters into school. It was lovely to see some of the photos of families reading stories to their children. Many of these posters will be displayed in the porch area of the school house.

Parent Questionnaires Thank you to lots of you who sent their questionnaires back to school. We had a 48% turn out rate which was much better than last year. I am currently busy crunching the figures and reading the feedback. The results will be shared with my governing body and yourselves in due course. The winner of the £20 Waitrose gift card is number 37. To receive your gift card please bring in your sheet with the same questionnaire number on - Thank you.

Netball Tournament 7 of our Netball players represented our school in a netball tournament in Barnstaple on Tuesday. They did extremely well and came 11th out of 15 very strong teams. They all enjoyed the experience of playing in the tournament.

Community Meal 25 parishioners sat down to our community lunch last Wednesday. A big Thank you for Mrs Smeeth for another beautifully cooked meal, Mrs Punch for helping her, Mrs Kersley Williamson and Mrs Palmer for helping to serve the meal to our guests.

Explorer Dome Class 3 had a fantastic time at the Explorer Dome in Holsworthy on Thursday. It is always a very educational and enjoyable trip.

Mothering Sunday Service There will be a special Mother's Day service at St Giles church at 11am on Sunday 11th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and we are hoping that some of our school choir children will be singing at the service. It's a special time for all families in spring, although currently it feels a lot more like the "Bleak mid-Winter!!" The service will be taken by Canon Andrew Wilson who suggests wearing warm layers of clothing, plenty of singing and then taking your mum home and spoiling her for the rest of the day!

So far only five children have returned their slip to say that they will be able to attend the choir at the Mother's Day Service. Ideally Claire Hillless (Honey's mum) needs at least 8. If you can attend then please turn up at 11am on Sunday. Thank you.

Keyboards There will be no keyboard lessons on Tuesday 13th March.

Class 1 There will be a letter coming home in book bags today to advise parents that Class 1 pupils will be going on a walk around the school grounds next Wednesday (14th March). Please would parents make sure that their children bring in wellington boots on Wednesday.

Choir Just a reminder that there will be no choir on Thursday 15th March due to attending a Full Governors Meeting.

Teacher-Led Activity Clubs There will be no teacher-led activity clubs (Netball, Choir) during the week of 19th March due to Target Setting meetings with parents.

Sunset Club There will be no sunset club on the last day of term (Thursday 29th March). Thank you.

School Council - Sports Relief This year, for Sports Relief, the School Council will be organising a sponsored run for the whole school.

This will take place on Friday 23rd March. The children will be able to come into school in any suitable sports gear that they will be able to run in. Class 3 will have 30 minutes to run as far as they can. Class 2 will have 20 minutes and Class 1 15 minutes to run. The Foundation Stage Unit children will be running around the Foundation Stage Unit grounds and all other pupils will run around the school playground. 10 laps of the school playground is about 1 mile. A sponsor form will come home in book bags.

Environment Club This club will start again on Monday the 26th March for Year 2 pupils. Please complete the permission slip below if your Year 2 child would like to attend. Mrs Wawman suggests that old clothes and willies are brought in as the children will be outdoors and may get muddy.

Netball Club Just a reminder that this club will stop running at Easter

Tennis After Easter the Tuesday Football activity club will cease and be replaced by Tennis. If your Key Stage 2 child would like to take part in the tennis club please complete the permission slip at the end of this newsletter.

Chicken Pox There has been one case of chicken pox so please be aware, especially if you are pregnant.

Advice from PCSO 30099 Raquel Rowe Dear All, I would like to advice everyone to be aware where you park your car if you drop or collect your children. I noticed on numerous occasions that some of the people do park on the pavement outside the school near the layby. You **should not** park on the pavement; this causes obstruction to drivers coming out of the school. Please think of the safety implications to yourselves and others. There is a car park in the parish hall you are more than welcome to use – Yours local PCSO, PCSO 30099 Raquel Rowe

FPTA Dates for your Diary

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 Johan Perry for making excellent progress with his writing

Year 1 & 2 Ben Beacham for writing a good 'noises' poem and also for very good maths work this week

Year 3 & 4 Alfie Allin for super science thinking

Year 5 & 6 Ryan Hodge for being a motivated learner and contributing willingly to the life of the school

Used Stamps Our school will be collecting used stamps to help raise money for the UK Air Ambulance Services. These charities receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies. All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services. Please drop any stamps you have into the school office – Thank you

After School Activity Clubs

Monday	Environment Club	Mrs Wawman	Year 2 (From Monday 26 th March 2018)
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

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
Mon 19 th March	-	Launceston College in to see Year 6 pupils
Tues 20 th March	-	Holsworthy College in to see Year 6 pupils
Fri 23 rd March	-	Swimming (last one)
Fri 23 rd March	-	Non Uniform Day
Fri 23 rd March	-	FPTA Film Afternoon
Tues 27 th March	-	Vista Photographs for Rec to Class 3
Wed 28 th March	-	Community Meal 1.15pm
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

Last day of term Thurs 29th 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 22 nd – Friday 26 th October 2018
Last day of term	Wednesday 19 th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Monday 07 th January 2019
Pupils Return	Tuesday 08 th January 2019
Half Term	Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd February 2019
Last day of Term	Friday 05 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Pupils Return	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
Half Term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2019
Last day of Term	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 24 th July 2019
Staff Training Day	Thursday 25 th July 2019

Community News

The parish council is holding a free basic ***first aid and defibrillator training*** evening at Coronation Hall on Tuesday 06th March at 7pm – All Welcome.

Forest School Holiday Club This holiday club at Lawhitton is offering free taster sessions running on the 10th & 17th March from 10am – 12pm. The holiday club will start in the Easter holidays and continue through May half term, summer holidays and October Half term. The club will be solely outside, located in our woodland and run by a qualified Forest School leader. Please call 01566 772134 to book your place on one of our taster sessions.

Environment Club

Starting on Monday 26th March 2018

Child Name:-

My Year 2 child would like to take part in Environment Club on a Monday. We will make sure that old clothes and willies come into school each Monday.

Signed: - _____

Print Name:- _____

Date:- _____

Tennis Club

Starting on Tuesday 17th April

Child Name:-

My Key Stage 2 child would like to take part in the tennis club starting on Tuesday 17th April between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Signed: - _____

Print Name:- _____

Date:- _____