

St Giles on the Heath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter of 2017! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a lovely New Year. I look forward to seeing you on the 4th January 2018.

During our morning assembly we said a very sad farewell to Vanessa Wonnacott who has been on our Governing Body for many years. We also wished Debbie Gynn good luck as she leaves us temporarily to have her baby. We hope to see her soon. During her maternity leave we welcome Lucy Robinson and Kim Stafford to our pre – school team.

Foundation Stage Unit Play This was absolutely delightful. It was so lovely to see and hear the children sing and act their parts in Wriggly Nativity. A big well done to all of the children who took part and a big thank you to all of the FSU staff for all of their hard work.

Christmas Parties Thank you to everyone for donating party food. The children looked lovely in their party clothes and had a very exciting time during Magic Martin. Father Christmas also came with his helper to deliver presents to every child.

Christmas Lunch We had a fabulous Christmas lunch on Wednesday. A big thank you to both Sarah our cook and Jeanette for doing such a brilliant job. Thank you also to all of our MTA's for doing such a good job setting up the hall. One child was even heard saying 'It's beautiful' as he walked in.

Spring Term Our school term starts again on Thursday 04th January 2018. There will be Sunrise and Sunset Clubs on Thursday 04th and Friday 05th January. The following clubs will be starting from the week commencing Monday 08th January 2018.

After School Activity Clubs

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| Tuesday | Football | External Coach | Years 3 – 6 (Numbers limited to 20) |
| | 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 |

Chess Club This will now run as a lunchtime club for those who would like to play.

Swimming At the start of the week pupils in Years 3, 4, and 5 were given a swimming letter to bring home. These swimming lessons will start on Friday 12th January and carry on for 10 weeks.

Angel Competition Results There was a technical hitch with the results of the Angel Competition written in the newsletter!! Here are the correct results:-

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| Pre-School | - Dylan Griffiths-Callow |
| Reception | - Elspeth Sutherland |
| Year 1 | - Ruby Bain |
| Year 2 | - Rubyn Hamilton-Godfrey |
| Year 3 | - Isabella Jewell |
| Year 4 | - Phoebe Hollidge |
| Year 5 | - Honey Sloman |
| Year 6 | - Rosalyn Tucker |
| Adult | - Bill Jewell |

FPTA Don't forget the Christmas Fair taking place from 10 – 12noon at the Coronation Hall on Saturday 16th December. There will be lots of activities for the children to take part in and their home made decorations will be on sale to mum and dads.

Dates for Your Dairy

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| Sat 16 th December | FPTA Children's Christmas Fete – Village Hall |
| Sun 17 th December | Choir performing at Carol Concert in Village Hall |

Term Dates

Spring 2018

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| Staff Training Day | Wed 03 rd January 2018 |
| First day of term | Thurs 04 th January 2018 |
| Half Term | Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th February 2018 |
| Last day of term | Thurs 29 th March 2018 |

Summer Term 2018

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| 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

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| 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 Football Club

My Child _____ would like to take part in the after school Football club starting on Tuesday 09th January from 3.30 – 4.30pm at school.

Parents Name:- _____

Signature:- _____

Date:- _____

Community Activities

Children's Christmas Carol Service Come along to our carol service on Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm in St Giles church to get you in the mood for Christmas! The church will be beautifully decorated for this special evening and will be hosted by the vicar Reverend Andrew Wilson. Children (and adults!) are welcome to wear festive fancy dress; shepherds and angels, or a fun Christmas jumper. Lots of singing will be required by all and refreshments will be available afterwards. Then it is just 6 sleeps to go everyone!