

St Giles on the Heath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents

Hello everybody! Hope you are all well and enjoying the fabulous sunshine that we are currently having. It is very busy at the moment so this week's newsletter is slightly longer than normal but full of interesting information so happy reading!

Mrs Wait We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Wait, one of our meal time assistants, on the last Friday before half term. We wish her well in her new post.

Miss Paton I am pleased to welcome Miss Lucy Paton to our fabulous team. She will be working as a teaching assistant 3 afternoons a week. She will be in Reception on Tuesday afternoons, class 1 on Wednesday afternoons and in KS2 on Friday afternoons. She will also be our new Midday Supervisor from Tuesday to Friday every week.

The Cooper Family It is lovely to welcome back William Cooper to our school. William and his family moved away about 18 months ago and have now moved back into the area. William's Sister Holly will be starting Reception in September and is currently settling into our pre – school.

World Book Day This year we would like you to read a bedtime story to your child/ren for the whole of next week.

You will find a 'BOOKS' colouring sheet in your child's book bag and every night you read your child a bed time story they can colour in one of the letters.

The children can also draw characters from the books on the same sheet. We are hoping that some families will stick a photograph on the sheet showing the family having a bed time story. These will then go on display for everyone to view.

Children will be coming home on Monday wearing a share a story sticker today to get the ball rolling...

Also, on the actual World Book Day which is on the **1st March** this year we would like all of the children to come into school dressed in their pyjamas and the staff will be reading stories to the children during the day whilst imagining that it is bed time.

Please remember children will need to wear some warm clothing under their pyjamas and to wear sensible shoes and a waterproof coat as we will still be going outside to play.

The children will each receive a share a story sticker and a £1 book token on World Book Day.

Author Visit We are really excited to announce that the children's author Simon James who has written books including Dear Greenpeace, Sally and the Limpet and many others will be coming into school on the 21st May

We are holding a prize draw where 1 parent from each year group will be able to come and join us on that day and see Simon James in action with their child's year group.

If you would like to enter the draw, then please fill in the reply slip at the bottom of this letter and bring into school by the 11th May.

I would like to thank our school PTA for providing the funds for this activity.

Simon James will be selling his signed books on the day too. You can find more information about him on <http://www.simonjamesbooks.com/>

School Nurse Drop-In Morning

The school nurse will be at school on **Monday 26th February** from 9am for about an hour. If you would like to ask her anything or have any concerns about your child you would like to discuss with her, do pop into the School House building and have a chat with her on Monday.

Car Park Reminder

Just a reminder to everyone about parking courteously. We do understand that the situation is not ideal and as you know there is a plan to rectify this. However, for the mean time our PCSO Raquel Rowe has advised that no one should be parking on the road outside the school as this is extremely dangerous. If there is not enough parking, there is always the village hall car park which is free and with the weather being so lovely it is a great walk up and down the hill.

Parent Questionnaires

These were sent home yesterday so do check your child's book bag if you have not seen one yet. I would appreciate it if you would fill in and return the questionnaire by the 8th March. Please keep the front sheet safe as all questionnaires returned will be entered into a prize draw where someone will be very lucky and win a £20 Waitrose voucher. Thank you.

Netball

Just a reminder that there is a league match at Holsworthy after school on Monday 26th February starting at 4pm.

Community Meal

Our first Community meal of 2018 will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 1315. ***We do still need 1 volunteer helper to serve the meal. If you are able to help, please contact the school.***

Netball Qualifiers

Our netball team has done so well this season that we have been asked to take part in a netball tournament in Barnstaple on Tuesday 06th March.

Keyboards

There will be no keyboard lessons on Tuesday 06th and 13th March.

Explorer Dome

This trip is fast approaching (Thursday 08th March). Please would parents make sure that they have returned the permission slip with payment to the school office – Thank you

Parents Meetings

These will be taking place during the week beginning 19th March.

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.

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	Lilly Palmer for completing an initial letter sounds activity by yourself and for amazing maths too.
Year 1 & 2	Katie Cann for writing a fabulous noise poem
Year 3 & 4	Elise Lovell for great attitude to learning and also great progress in solving maths problems
Year 5 & 6	Keira Moran for 100% effort in all her work and super achievements

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

Mon 26 th February	-	School Nurse Drop In Session 0900 School House
Mon 26 th February	-	Netball League Game
Wed 28 th February	-	Community Lunch at 1.15pm
Thurs 01 st March	-	World Book Day
Fri 02 nd March	-	Swimming Week 7
Tues 06 th March	-	Netball Tournament at Barnstaple
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
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

Half Term Mon 12th – Fri 16th February 2018

Last day of term Thurs 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Staff Training Day Mon 16th April 2018

First day of term Tues 17th April 2018

Half Term Mon 28th May – Fri 01st June 2018

Last day of term Tues 24th July 2018

Occasional Day Wed 25th July 2018

Staff Training Day Thursday 26th July 2018

Staff Training Day Friday 27th July 2018

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training Day Monday 03rd September 2018

Pupils Return Tuesday 04th 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

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Simon James - Author Visit Prize Draw

I would like the opportunity to be present when the author comes into school so please enter this slip into the prize draw.

Parent's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Year Group _____

