

St Giles on the Heath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

Dear Parents

Hello everybody! First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone for their understanding during the bad weather/school closures. Many of the staff members had a considerable amount of snow (22cm in some places) and were unable to safely come in. Therefore, having a shortage of staff makes it impossible to open the school due to staff: pupil ratios. Hopefully weather conditions will now improve and the spring weather will finally be on its way.

Major highlights of this week

This week KS2 had a great time with Mr Wesley Pugh (external sports adviser) this Wednesday learning more handball skills. He is due to come back in the summer so that the children can put all of their skills to the test in a match.

Parents evenings have been one of the many focuses of the week and all have been very positive and constructive. Thank you to you all for your support.

Rearranged Parents Evening Anyone who had a parents evening booked for Monday 19th March will now have their parents target setting meeting at the same allocated time but on Monday 26th March. Thank you for your understanding.

New School Governor & Final Governor Vacancy I am delighted to announce the addition of a new member to our Governing Body: Michelle Holgarth joins us as a Co-opted Community Governor. She already has a wealth of experience within education and we have no doubt will be a valuable asset to the team.

We now only have 1 vacancy on the Governing Body. This is for another Co-opted Governor and is open to all **non-parent** members of our community (all our Parent Governor positions are currently filled). We are looking for a prospective candidate ideally with a financial background. Do get in touch with either myself or the school office if you know of anyone who would be interested in this rewarding opportunity. Many thanks, Naomi Kersley Williamson (Chair of Governors).

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

From the Administration Team A big Thank you to all those parents who have brought in cash to pay off any money owing before the year end. This has been a great help and will mean the year end procedures will be a little easier.

Film Afternoon Thank you to the FPTA for organising the film afternoon for the children today. The film will be 'Boss Baby.' It is great to see so many names on the list to see the film. I am sure they will have a wonderful time.

School Council - Sports Relief This happened today and the children in each year group ran a long distance in the time allocated for them. Well done to all of them for taking part. Many of them were highly competitive and compared their distances ran. We have some great runners in our school. Thank you to everyone for raising lots of money for Sports Relief. A very deserving cause.

Environment Club I am afraid that I need to cancel next Monday's Environment Club as I have had to re-schedule the parents target setting meetings which should have taken place last Monday when the school was shut due to snow – Mrs Wawman

Community Meal Help Required Please can we have two volunteer helpers to serve the meals to our parishioners on Wednesday 28th March. It just requires an hour of your time from 1.15 – 2.15pm. Please contact the school office if you can help

FPTA Non Uniform Day This will now take place on **Thursday 29th March** (last day of term). Instead of a monetary donation on the 29th March, please would pupils bring in Easter Eggs. These eggs will go towards the Easter Bingo, Games and Easter Egg Hunt now taking place at Coronation Hall on Saturday 31st March (moved from Sat 24th March). We hope to see lots of you at the Easter Egg Bingo and Hunt

Cricket We are really pleased to announce that we have been able to secure the services of Brenden Worth to run an after school Key Stage 2 cricket club again this year. The club will run for 12 weeks (not 24th May) and will start on Thursday 19th April. If your child would like to take part in this club please complete the permissions slip at the end of this newsletter.

Years 2 and 5 Both these year groups were given a letter to bring home this week giving information about a fire safety workshop which will take place on Thursday 26th April. If any parents do not wish their child to take part in this workshop please return the completed 'opt-out' request form by Monday 23rd April.

Norse School Menus Pupils will be coming home with the menu for the next term from our lunch provider. We try to keep as closely as possible to this menu. Please do note that children can choose to have Tuna Mayo, Baked Beans or Cheese on their baked potato each day, this is a little different to the menu sent out. We will continue to send out our bi-weekly menu choices.

FPTA Dates for your Diary

Non Uniform Day (Easter Egg donations)	-	Thursday 29th March
Easter Bingo/Games/Easter Egg Hunt	-	Saturday 31 st March
Linsey Hollidge Choir Concert	-	Saturday 28 th April at 7.30pm
BBQ and Duck Race	-	June
Summer Fayre at School	-	Friday 20 th July
Panto Trip	-	January 2019

Advance Notice There will be no choir on Thursday 19th April as I have an after school meeting

Worker of the Week

The workers of the week this week are:-

Reception Finley Martin – for amazing maths and excellent writing

Year 1 & 2 Frank Lovell for fantastic writing and handwriting

Year 3 & 4 Molly Plumb for her great acting and organisational skills with her group

Year 5 & 6 Zander Zambuni for being a superb ‘all-rounder’

Used Stamps There is a silver box in the school foyer for everyone to place their used stamps in. These stamps are being collected to raise money for the Air Ambulance.

After School Activity Clubs

Monday	Environment Club	Mrs Wawman	Year 2 (from Mon 23rd April 2018)
Tuesday	Tennis	External Coach	Years 3 – 6 (from Tuesday 17 th April)
	Keyboards	Mr Parkin	Years 3 – 6 (parents pay for this activity)
	Guitars	Mr Rogozinski	Years 1 – 6 (fully booked)
Thursday	Choir	Miss Smith	Years 2* - 6 (pupils must be free readers)
	Cricket	Mr Worth	Years 3 – 6 (starting on Thurs 19 th April)
Friday	Code Club	Mr Williamson	Years 5 & 6

Dates for Your Dairy

Tues 27 th March	-	Vista Photographs being taken by Southgate Studios for Rec to Year 6
Wed 28 th March	-	Community Meal 1.15pm
Thurs 29 th March	-	No Choir
Thurs 29 th March	-	Last Day of Term
Thurs 29 th March	-	FPTA Non Uniform day with Easter Egg donations please
Mon 16 th April	-	Non Pupil Day – Staff Training day
Tues 17 th April	-	Pupils return to school
Thurs 19 th April	-	No Choir today
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
Mon 21 st May	-	Author Visit to school
Wed 23 rd May	-	Community Meal
Thurs 24 th May	-	No Cricket Club today
Tues 05 th June	-	Move on Up Day at Holsworthy
Mon 11 th June	-	Sports Day PM

Wed 20 th June	-	Diamond Cricket Tournament
Mon 25 th June	-	Reserve Sports Day 1
Wed 27 th June	-	Diamond Cricket Tournament Reserve Day
Mon 09 th July	-	Reserve Sports Day 2
Thurs 12 th July	-	Holsworthy College Year 6 Transition Day
Thurs 12 th July	-	Launceston College Year 6 Parents Evening
Fri 13 th July	-	Holsworthy College year 6 Transition Day
Mon 16 th July	-	Launceston College Year 6 Transition Day
Tues 17 th July	-	Launceston College Year 6 Transition Day
Tues 17 th July	-	Holsworthy College year 6 Parents Evening from 5pm
Fri 20 th July	-	FPTA Summer Fayre at School
Tues 24 th July	-	Pupils last day
Wed 25 th July	-	Staff Training Day
Thurs 26 th July	-	Staff Training Day

Term Dates

Spring 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

Community News

Circus Berzercus The Ashwater Parish Hall committee have organised for a circus to visit on Sunday 25th March at 2pm. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend (no unaccompanied children). The doors will be open from 1.30pm and there will be refreshments to purchase. For any further details please call 01409 221073. This should be a really great afternoon for all.

AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB

(Key Stage 2 pupils)

My child _____ would like to enrol for the after school Cricket

Club starting on Thursday 19th April and running for 12 weeks. This club will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Please note that there will be no club running on Thursday 24th May as Mr Worth is unavailable on this date.

Signed:- _____

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Date:- _____