



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

"Achieving excellence through Leadership"

**Summer
Term**

**Friday 14th
June 2019**

Giles Junior School News

Hello to all the lovely families of Giles Junior.

It is lucky we carry our own weather at Giles as this has not been the British summer we all hoped for! It has been hard for the children to stay off the playground for most of the week, but they have coped the best they can and we will hope for a break in the rain very soon!

I am hoping many of you have seen the parentmail for the upcoming E-Safety event on 10th July. We require a reply slip indicating numbers for the parent's session, so please ask for this information if you have not received it.

I will soon be pacing around outside with a clipboard - please don't be concerned! I am going to work with Mrs Mendel and the Site Managers from both schools to review the current parking situation. We recognize the need to reduce the amount of vehicles coming onto the site to drop off or park to drop children off. As we will be having a further 60 pupils on site over the next few years we need your help to reduce this. While our car parking facilities were abundant before the expansion, it is now being filled to

capacity and we will need to review how we can make the site safer for our staff and pupils. If you have any suggestions on how we can work together to do this then I will have my pen and clipboard at the ready.

My final plea is to consider downloading the School Gateway App. We currently have 50% of families using this. We hope to become more efficient with the way we enable you to book places on trips and afterschool clubs. If you would like more information please pop into the office.

Mrs Racher
Acting Head Teacher

Charity Event

We sent out a letter last week about Brooke and Madison from 3 Italy, who have organised a fund raising event for Cancer Research, which has been taking place this week. Every class got the opportunity to see a mystery bag of pens. Any children wishing to guess the exact number of pens will have their guess recorded for a small donation. The winner will be announced in assembly on Monday 17th June. We will let you know how much money has been raised in the next newsletter.

We would like to thank Brooke and Madison for thinking of how they can help Cancer Research UK with this innovative idea. If you would like to donate to this cause please drop your donation into the school office.

Thank you for all your support.



Bank Holiday Change for Next Year

Next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020.

Sports Day Dates

Please note new dates for our sports days:

Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day

Tuesday 25th June
09:30 - 11:30

Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day

Friday 28th June
09:30 - 11:30



Summer Term Dates 2019 (These could be subject to change)
Highlighted Dates are new events added to the diary

Description	Date	Time
Nobel School - Blazer sizing session at Nobel school	Mon 17th June	15:30 - 17:00
Coffee Morning - All parents welcome!	Wed 19th June	09:00 - 10:00
French Breakfast Morning for Yr 5&6	Wed 19th June	AM
Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day (NEW DATE)	Tue 25th June	09:30 - 11:30
Parents meeting for new Yr 3 children starting in Sep 2019	Wed 26th June	17:30 - 19:15 (TIME CHANGE)
Cricket Tournament Boys Yr 5 & 6	Thur 27th June	09:00 - 15:30
Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day (NEW DATE)	Fri 28th th June	09:30 - 11:30
Yr 4 Trip to RSPB Rye Meads	Fri 28th June	All Day
Yr 6 PGL Trip to depart	Sun 30 th June	12:00
Times Tables Challenge	Tue 2 nd July	09:00 - 09:30
Yr 6 PGL Trip to return	Wed 3 rd July	15:45 (approx.)
School Camp Out	Sat 6th July	13:00
School Camp Out	Sun 7th July	Finish 13:00
Summer Reading Challenge Assembly	Mon 8th July	09:00
Online Safety Day: Parents session (all parents welcome) : 09:00-10:00 Year 6 Parent session : 14:15-15:15 Parent session (Yr7 & older) : 18:30- 19:30	Wed 10th July	All Day
Transition Day (Yr6 at their new secondary school & all other years to spend time in their new class)	Thur 11 th July	All Day
Reports to go out	Fri 12 th July	PM
Yr 5 & 6 merit assembly	Mon 15 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Dress rehearsal for Yr 5 & 6 play	Mon 15 th July	13:30 – 15:00
Yr 5 & 6 production	Mon 15 th July	18:30 – 19:30
Yr 5 & 6 production	Tue 16 th July	18:30 - 19:30
Yr 3 merit assembly	Wed 17 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Last Yr 4 swimming session	Wed 17 th July	AM
Dance & Drama Production	Wed 17 th July	17:00 - 18:00
Yr 4 merit assembly	Thur 18 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Rock Steady Concert	Thur 18th July	14:30 - 15:00
Bouncy Castle	Fri 19 th July	All Day
Yr 6 leavers disco	Fri 19 th July	18:30 - 20:30
Last day of term	Wed 24 th July	14:00 finish
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
INSET DAY — SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 2nd September	
INSET DAY — SCHOOL CLOSED	Tuesday 3rd September	
First day of the Autumn Term	Wed 4th Sep	08:50

French Breakfast for Year 5&6

On Wednesday 19th June Year 5&6 will be having a French Breakfast morning. They will be able to put their French language skills to good use and sample some delicious French breakfast treats. The children have been learning about breakfast foods and drinks and how to order these in a café.

By practising the language in context, children learn better and it creates a real sense of purpose, which hopefully will foster an enthusiasm for languages which will last for a lifetime.

Mrs Prevost
French Teacher



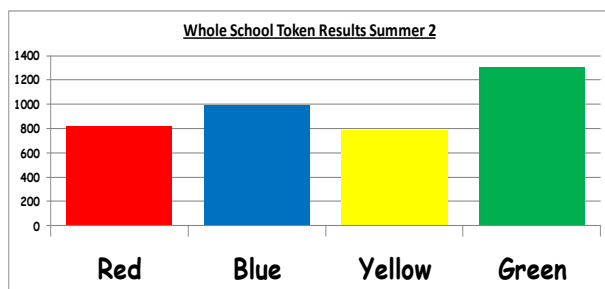
Year 3 Paradise Wildlife Park Trip

The sun was shining and animals were chilling! What a fantastic day Year 3 had on Wednesday 22nd May at Paradise Wildlife park. We spent the day wandering around learning about all of the different species of animals and we also enjoyed a talk by one of the keepers. The lovely weather meant that we could enjoy a picnic on the grass and then feeling brave, we ventured into the dinosaur park. Luckily we all made it out safely and back on to the coach.

A very big thank you to all of the parent helpers who joined us for the day. We couldn't do it without your wonderful support and also the Year 3 team would like to say a very big well done to the children who represented Giles Junior school beautifully by showing how polite they can be and walking calmly around the park. We are all very proud of them.

The Year 3 team.

House Tokens

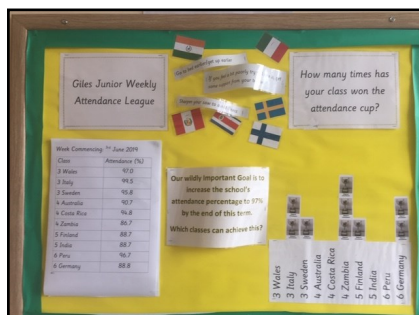


Well done to the Green Team who are currently in the lead for this half term.

Attendance Data

Last weeks highest attendance goes to Year 3 Italy.

- They achieved an amazing 99.5%



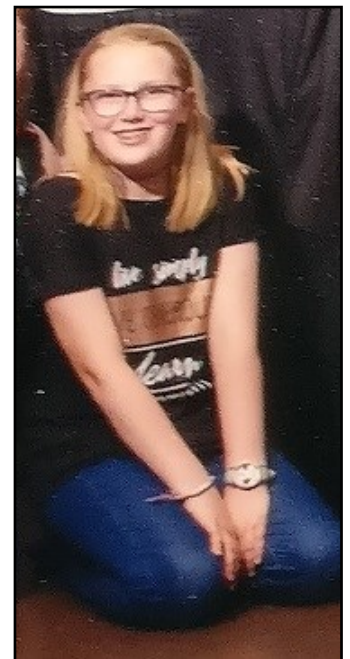
Celebrating Pupil Success

'OUR HOUSE' 2019

Well done to Chloe who performed in the Our House production at the Gordon Craig theatre last week. She took part in all five shows and loved being a part of it.

This is the second play Chloe has been in, following Wind in the Willows earlier this year.

Good luck to Chloe for her future shows!



Race For Life

A group of staff will be taking part in Race For Life on 7th July at Fairlands Valley Park. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please hand donations into the School Office. Good luck everyone!



Goodbye Mrs Whelan

Sadly, Mrs Whelan will be leaving us at the end of term. We would like to thank her for her commitment and hard work over the last twelve years!! We will miss her.



Sports Update

Under 11 SSFT Girls Cricket Tournament

On Thursday 13th June our school took part in this annual girls cricket event. As in previous years, our girls once again delivered a great performance. We finished in joint first place with Bedwell, however as they scored more runs throughout the tournament, we ended up bringing back the Silver Medal.

Well one girls, you were amazing !



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Delivered by ADHD/Autism Specialist Trainers from ADD-vance



DSPL2 are pleased to present

Understanding ADHD for Parent/Carers

This 2-hour workshop is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers to help them build on existing skills in supporting children with ADHD

The workshop will take place between 6 pm - 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 At

The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School Hydean Way, Stevenage SG2 9GG

To book, please email d.hansen@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

Please note that this course is only open to Stevenage, Knebworth, Datchworth, Benington, Walkern, Aston and Graveley parent/carers

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The workshop will take place between 6 pm - 8 pm on Thursday 24th October 2019 at

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Calling All Recyclers

Next week, Miss Robinson will be building drum kits with Year 3. We are asking for any spare plastic tubs, balloons, rubber bands, cardboard, tubes, string etc that might help our Year 3's create their super drum kits.

Thank you for your support.

Camp Out

A letter has gone out this week regarding the "Camp Out" which we are holding again this year!

We listened to many of your comments and suggestions to make this event even better. We are holding the 2019 'Camp Out' on Saturday 6th July. You are welcome to arrive from 1pm on Saturday and departure will be by 1pm on Sunday 7th July.

I would like to clarify that if you will be booking a pitch, the cost will vary on the size of the tent you have. For a 4 man tent, the cost is £8 and for anything bigger the cost is £10.

Friends of Giles will NOT be providing you with tents or any camping equipment.

This year we have decided to introduce a day pass, we hope this will enable even more families to join us for this event. This will be charged at £6 for a family of 4, an additional £1 will be charged, per person, for families larger than 4. You will be able to visit on Saturday 7th July 2019 between 3pm – 9pm.



If you are interested in coming along or want to find out more information, please collect a pack from the School Office.