

‘Achieving Excellence through Leadership’

# GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**Headteacher:** Miss. L. Whitby

Friday, 30 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Autumn Term Updates

As we are settling into the term and we find ourselves rushing towards October we wanted to make parents and carers aware of a few changes and updates.

### Breakfast Club Prices

Breakfast club has not increased their prices for over 10 years. We have tried to make sure this is accessible and affordable for our working parents as a service to use. With the cost of living and inflation continuing to rise, we will be increasing prices by £1 for each option after half term. Having looked at three local schools, we still feel this is competitive and will ensure the service can continue to run.

### Parent Governor

We currently have parent governor vacancies. Parent governors can offer a unique perspective to our school Governing Board in addition to providing a variety of skills from their own education and career background. School governors bring knowledge to the varied aspects of the school such as finance, business development. Accompanying this update is a letter explaining how you may apply if you wish to.

### Parking

A local Police Officer was supporting safe parking outside school and noted a number of vehicles parking on the double yellow lines. There is safe parking a 3 and a half minute walk away so would urge parents to be aware of this and leave a few minutes earlier to allow this walk [CLICK HERE](#). PC Smith did advise against Facebook posts where vehicle details are shared publically as it can often lead to bad feeling. With over 700 children attending both the Infant and Junior Schools every morning we do not want them to witness any arguments so as to model behaviour which we don't want to see in our pupils.

### Reading Fundraiser – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

A reminder about the Reading Fundraiser where we will be getting cosy with a good book and promoting reading as part of a bed time routine. The children may come in dressed in their night-time clothes as part of this event. Please ensure they still have a warm coat for break and lunch times. If your child has PE on a Friday, they can still be involved and wear their night-time clothes as the PE team will ensure their lesson is appropriate for this attire!

We are asking for donations via the School Gateway as we are raising money to invest in some new books. Alternatively, if you are able to donate a book instead that would be fantastic.

### Reading Parent Workshop

It was brilliant to see such high attendance at the recent parent workshops. Whether it was an opportunity to reassure parents they are using appropriate techniques to support fluency or



comprehension or to give some hints and tips we really appreciated the support and the positive feedback which was given as a result of this opportunity.

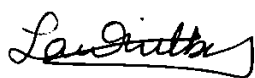
### **Late attendance**

We have an increasing number of pupils who are consistently late in the morning, in addition to being picked up late at the end of the day. This does impact negatively on the children as well as staff who are taken away from other responsibilities to provide safe entry and exit to school every day. School finishes at 3:10 and pupils should be collected promptly at this time. Please make sure you are leaving home in order to have your child enter school between 8:50 and 9:00 before the gates close.

### **Goodbye and Good luck!**

Mrs Gibson is having her last day in after school club today. She has been offered a promotion and will be the After School Club Lead at Giles Infant School from Monday. We wish her much luck and wish to thank her for all her dedication at Smiles@Giles over the years. We will of course continue to see her when she comes in for her Midday Supervisory Role at lunchtime.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Whitby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Louise Whitby  
Headteacher