

‘Achieving Excellence through Leadership’

GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Christmas season is now upon us and while we cannot celebrate as we usually would, with a play, concert or Christmas fair. We still want to fill Giles with Christmas cheer. So, with this in mind, during the last week of term, there will be several Christmassy activities for your child/children to have the opportunity to take part in.

Thursday 3rd December, we will be taking part in Elf Day to raise money for The Alzheimer’s Society.

All children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in their best Elf costumes and enjoy taking part in the organised Elfie activities and magical Christmas fun in class throughout the day.

If you would like to make a donation to the cause, this would be incredibly appreciated, however it is not essential. Here is the link to our Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/>

Wednesday the 16th December, is Christmas dinner day. Children will have a choice of turkey or Quorn fillet served with all the seasonal Christmas trimmings. Then finish with a delicious Christmas tree shortbread biscuit. They can choose their option on the day, this does not need to be pre-ordered. Children will also be able to wear their Christmas jumper or something Christmassy on this day, if they want.

Thursday 17th December, children can bring in £1 to decorate a paper chain link. This will be joined to others in their class to make a huge Christmas paper chain. Miss Whitby or Mrs Jones will then come around to randomly cut one of the links. Whoever the link belongs to will win a selection box! All proceeds will go towards maintaining the Magic breakfast scheme (which the funding for has now ceased). We have therefore chosen, as a school, to dedicate time to termly fundraising to continue our commitment, at Giles, to mental and physical wellbeing (Habit 7-“sharpen the saw”).

Friday 18th December is the last day of term and we will be having a Games Day. Children can bring in an electronic item or game to play with at their desk, alongside but not sharing with others. Please remember to remove Sim cards from mobile phones. There will be other activities like Christmas colouring and word searches provided by us. We will be finishing early on this day : Year 3&4 - 1.50pm and Year 5&6 – 2.00pm finish.

Christmas cards and Staff Gifts

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have Christmas Cards in school this year. Instead, we will make cards as a class activity and share them with our buddy, so everyone gets one homemade card.

If you would like to bring in a Christmas gift for a member of staff, we will need to quarantine them for 72 hours before passing them to the member of staff.

Although this is not the type of Christmas we are used to, we have faith that we can still have a very merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

The Giles Team

