

‘Achieving Excellence through Leadership’

GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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"Excellence in Leadership"

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Dear Parent/Carer,

CLUBS INFORMATION SPRING TERM 2024

For the Spring Term, once again staff have offered to run club sessions which match their own interests or talents. **The cost to attend a club will be £20 for the whole term (10 weeks) - payment will be required to secure your child's place. The payment is non-refundable so please go through details of the club with your child before they are available to book.**

All we ask is that your child is committed to joining in and that this is something they are genuinely interested in being part of for the whole term. To help you discuss the options with your children there is a short synopsis to explain the context of some clubs. **We are unable to amend any bookings once you have booked in.**

Places will be available to book on a staggered basis, the details for the release dates are below. The reason for this is we need to be in school to release each club and each club takes 5 minutes to go live. We appreciate that this makes it a challenge for working parents but we are unable to do this in the evening so have scheduled in for lunchtime in the hope that this will make it fair. **To book the club, the payment must be made in full. Refunds are not possible should your child be absent on the day of the club or if your child no longer wishes to attend or is attending a sporting event.**

We ask families to be considerate of all families when accessing these clubs and view them as an extra curricular activity rather than additional childcare. Therefore please book your child on their first preference and wait to see if there are other options available before booking for multiple clubs for your child/ren to give everyone fair access.

Should a club you wish to access becomes full then please request to be placed on a waiting list or please see if there is another club still available to book.

We have thought carefully about our offer across the whole school year and making sure we offer places as fairly as possible for each year group.

When booked should your child no longer wish to attend we will not be offering a refund, which is why we have given details to enable you to discuss what your child will enjoy prior to booking the club. If your child is ill then no refund will be given for the session. Should there be a time the club is cancelled we will extend the end date for the club to make sure they are all offered the 10 sessions throughout the term.

Please see page 2 & 3 for all of the club descriptions, booking details and release dates....



CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

Chess Club (Year 5&6)

This club is running on a Monday after school and is open to Year 5&6.

Tag Rugby (Year 5&6)

This club is open to Year 5&6 and is running on a Monday after school.

Performing Arts Club (Year 4,5&6)

This club is running on a Monday after school. Performing Arts will include singing, drama and dance (particularly musical theatre style). We will choose a musical and then pick one song, one dance routine and one drama extract from the show and rehearse them for a mini performance at the end of term. The musical for next term will be Matilda. We will particularly be looking at combining the three disciplines into one performance so that we will be singing and dancing at the same time and learning the skills to do this.

Film Club (All Years)

We have designed this club in mind with children who like an opportunity to wind down after school! We will be choosing some classic films to watch over a series of sessions. We will get the children to make predictions, talk about characters and develop vocabulary along with enjoying the film of choice! We would ask that permission is granted to watch PG films (as well as U) if they are attending this club.

Jigsaw Club (All Years)

Jigsaw club we will have a selection of children's jigsaw puzzles that pupils can either work on individually or with a partner. We will also have a 500 or 1000 piece jigsaw which children will have the opportunity to work on with an adult.

Sometimes, Chromebooks will be available for children to try online jigsaws and children can also design their own puzzles.

This will be running on a Tuesday after school.

Fun Maths (Year 3,4&5)

This club is running on a Tuesday after school. Fun maths is a club where children can become familiar with numbers and base facts whilst having fun. We will be making things, painting and colouring!

Football (Year 5&6)

We have two football clubs running this term one for Year 3&4 and one for Year 5&6. For Year 5&6 the club is running on a Tuesday after school. This is being run by members of our PE Team.

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Cheerleading (All Years)

This club is being run by Miss Sewell on a Wednesday after school. You will be taught cheerleading routines to music.

Choir (All Years)

Choir club is an expressive and inclusive place for all those who wish to explore the music genres through singing. Being a part of this club may lead to having the chance to perform outside of school, as choir, at places like the Hertfordshire school's gala at the Royal Albert Hall and various other performances and concerts. Each week the children will have the opportunity to suggest songs that we will learn to sing and at times, add musical accompaniments to. This will be running on a Thursday after school.

Homework & Mindful Colouring Club (All Years)

At Homework club, children will be able to practise their times tables and spellings using our online platforms of TTR and Spelling Shed. There will also be other games and activities to help children further develop these skills. Children will also be encouraged to read to an adult for additional practise in this area if needed. This is running on a Thursday after school.

This club will also be combining the therapy of colouring, breathing exercises and grounding techniques. The club is suitable for those who like peace and tranquillity after a busy day at school. We hope to use this session as an opportunity to teach the children very basic tips for calming their minds and lowering anxiety.

Art (All Years)

This club will be running on a Thursday after school and is open to all year groups. We will be looking at a variety of different art techniques and encouraging the pupils creative skills.

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RELEASE DATES AND BOOKING DETAILS

Please refer to the separate club timetable which states in red under the booking procedure, when each club is available to book.

All clubs are limited, so places will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis as they are booked. Please bear in mind that spaces are filled extremely quickly, so please set your reminders for the date and time they will be going live. All clubs will be going live on one of the following days – 11th or the 12th December, please refer to the club timetable for the exact date and time which is stated in red. If you log in and cannot see the club then it is very likely that all the spaces have been booked already and therefore that club will no longer be visible to parents in the School Gateway.

Please book a space for the club your child would like to attend through the School Gateway clubs section only, do not go through the payment (trolley) section to book a club. A warning message will appear if you try to make payment first, your club will not be booked if you do this. You need to go through the club section, make your booking then a payment will be requested at the end of that booking. Full payment is required when you book to secure the place for your child. The office is unable to book spaces for anyone as payment is required from a parent at the time of booking.

We are sending this letter out with plenty of notice so you have a chance to read through and address any queries you may have before the clubs go live and are available to book.

We do hope that the wide selection of clubs available will appeal to all of our children and with more spaces open to them, a greater number of pupils will be able to join.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Louise Whitby
Headteacher

