



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Autumn
Term
Friday 12th
November
2021**

Giles Junior School News

As you can see by this Newsletter we have been very much enjoying getting back to some normality and resuming trips and event days which enrich the children's school experience.

A recent pupil survey has given us some useful insights in pupils' perceptions of their experience at Giles Junior School and as a staff team we have been working with the children to see what positive influences we can all have to make their school experience even better.

Most encouraging was that 95% of our pupils think that the headteacher and staff do a good job most or all of the time! Phew!

It was interesting reviewing this questionnaire and realising that some children don't realise the things we have at Giles Junior School are above and beyond what is offered at other many Primary Schools. A great example of this is our strong pastoral team lead by Mrs Mackenzie who works closely with our Family Support Worker, Laura Smith. Having this additional support truly makes a difference to pupils mental health and wellbeing which has been so important over the last two years.

Some pupil requests to improve the school such as having candyfloss for pudding and installing a swimming pool will not be fulfilled sadly. We are in the process of looking to install some additional playground equipment for the children to use during break times and lunch times as our next project.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone for sending in your donations for poppies.

This week all classes have been making poppies in their art lessons using different types of media.



Year 5 West Stow Trip

Last week, Year 5 embarked on the first school trip of the year. The trip kicked off the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings topic which they will be studying this half term.



Our young historians had an excellent time at West Stow's Anglo-Saxon village where they learned about how the Anglo-Saxons lived, including how they made houses and grew crops to feed families on their settlement without the tools and technology of which we all rely on today in modern Britain.

The site at West Stow also had a museum which was full of fascinating sources all of which have been found at West Stow during its excavations over the years. The museum gave the children a further insight to what life was really like when the Anglo-Saxons began to settle in Britain after The Romans had departed.

It was a great day out and all the children in Year 5 were excellent role models for our school. Thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip.



Year 3 Ancient Egyptian day

On Monday 1st November, Year 3 had an Ancient Egyptian experience day, to start off our first History unit. The children learnt all about Egypt - where it is on a map, what the climate is like and which continent it is in. They practised writing in hieroglyphics and tried cracking some codes! They also explored lots of artefacts in our very own Ancient Egyptian museum. The children looked fantastic in their Egyptian costumes!



Dates for Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 15th November	Parents Evening System opens to take bookings from parents at 6pm	6.00pm system opens to parents
Thursday 18th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day 1 (for children that we have consent for)	All Day
Thursday 25th November	Parents Evening System closes at 10.00am	10.00am closes to parents
Monday 29th November	Parent Consultations - Video Appointments (For all classes except 5 Turkey)	4.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 1st December	Parent Consultations - Video appointments (For all classes)	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Friday 3rd December	Parent Consultations - Video Appointments (For 5 Turkey class only)	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Monday 6th December	Occasional day - SCHOOL CLOSED	All Day
Tuesday 7th December	Year 4 Christmas Dress Rehearsal	9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 8th December	Year 4 Christmas Play to parents	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Monday 13th December	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day 2 (for children that we have consent for)	All Day
Monday 13th December	Year 3 Merit Assembly (for invited parents only)	9.00am - 9.45am
Monday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert to parents	1.30pm - 2.15pm
Monday 13th December	Year 3 Wales Carol Concert to parents	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 14th December	Year 4 Merit Assembly (for invited parents only)	9.00am - 9.45am
Tuesday 14th December	Year 3 Sweden Carol Concert to parents	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 15th December	Year 3 Italy Carol Concert to parents	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 15th December	Year 5 Merit Assembly (for invited parents only)	9.00am - 9.45am
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch	Lunchtime
Thursday 16th December	Year 6 Merit Assembly (for invited parents only)	9.00am - 9.45am
Friday 17th December	Games Day	All Day
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term	Finish 2.00pm
20th December - 5th January	Christmas Holidays - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Thursday 6th January	First day back to school for all children	8.40-8.55am

Anti-Bullying Week

This year, we are holding Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November. It's a chance for us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils to wear odd socks to school. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 15th November to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. The rest of your child's school uniform should be worn as normal. We can't wait to see some crazily odd socks!

Miss Ajazi, PSHE Lead.



Video Call Parents Evenings

We have sent out a letter to all parents and carers today, inviting you to 'virtually' attend one of the video consultation evenings (please see dates below). This will allow you to meet with your child's class teacher remotely by video call. In order to do this, you will need a smart phone or laptop with a microphone for the appointment.

Interviews will last ten minutes, starting at your allocated time and will end automatically finishing after ten minutes. A countdown will be visible on both your screen and the teacher's screen so as to avoid being cut off mid-sentence. There is no opportunity to extend the meeting length.

Video Call Times (for all classes except 5 Turkey):

Monday 29th November 2021: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

or

Wednesday 1st December: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Video Call Times for 5 Turkey only:

Wednesday 1st December: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

or

Friday 3rd December: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

This is an important appointment and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. **We would like your child to be present with you on the video call, if possible.**

The online appointment system opens from 6.00pm on Monday 15th November 2021, you will be able to book in from this day and time. The booking system will close on Thursday 25th November at 10.00am. Please visit <https://gilesjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book in your appointment.

IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY HAD A SEN REVIEW, OR HAVE ONE BOOKED IN, YOU WILL NOT NEED TO BOOK IN FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Please refer to the letter that was sent out to today, for further details or contact the school office with any queries.

Nasal Flu Day- Thursday 18th November

If you have completed your nasal flu immunisation consent form, this will be taking place in school, on Thursday 18th November. If the School Nurses do not manage to get round all the children then they will be returning for a second day on 13th December.

Photo Orders

Please be reminded that you have until TODAY, Friday 12th November to order your school photos online. You can choose either free delivery to school or a direct home delivery for a small fee. To order your pictures you will need to go to

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