



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

"Achieving excellence through Leadership"

**Summer
Term
Friday 14th
May
2021**

Giles Junior School News

Hello!

With the recent announcement of further restrictions being lifted it seems life is returning to something like normal. This is very exciting! We have reviewed our risk assessment and agreed that many of the procedures we have in place continue to be sensible, especially in regard to keeping groups and mixing to a minimum. The one change some classes have made is to change their desks to be in tables of groups rather than in rows. We have agreed as a staff that making this change has a really positive impact on learning and means children can be more easily supported by adults who work within class as well as collaborating more readily with their peers.

We are taking some tentative steps booking events such as sports day and an end of year trip for Year 6. For now we remain cautious and hope families will continue to adhere to the guidance to avoid any extra risks of the school community being exposed to further cases which could potentially mean that a whole class is required to self isolate.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ... not long until we can hug and eat in a restaurant! I might even do both at once!

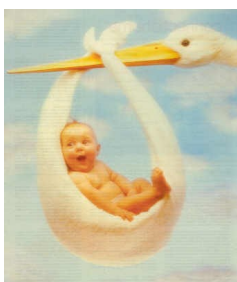
Miss Whitby (Head Teacher)

The Giles Stork is going to be busy!

Well and truly keeping our professions secure for the future we have yet more exciting news to share! Mrs Vary is expecting a baby in Early November. Miss Keam is also expanding her family and is due to give birth in November also.

We will be sharing news of changes to staffing when we announce which teacher your child will be having next year and what class they will be allocated to. This tends to be late June which is when we begin some transition sessions for the whole school.

I am sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Keam and Mrs Vary with their exciting news!



Scooters and Bikes being walked only when on site

It has been lovely to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine at the end of the day. We have been thrilled to see the bike rack being filled with bikes and scooters of children who are riding to and from school.

We have been working hard with pupils from Giles Junior to encourage them to walk their bikes out until it is safely off site where they can ride to their destination.



We would appreciate some support from families in asking younger siblings to remember this as well. They can certainly pick up some speed on scooters (even with little legs) so please carry the scooter for them while on site or ask them to walk with it.

Attendance

Just a reminder that the attendance policy is now running as per the normal school situation. We can continue to authorise any absence which is COVID related (awaiting PCR test due to a child showing symptoms, household isolating awaiting a sibling test result and/or has been in contact with a positive case).

All other absences relating to holiday's which may have been rescheduled will not be authorised. Please continue to support your child's attendance by making sure appointments are made outside school time where possible and that holiday's fall outside school term time.



Ordering Uniform from September 2021

From September school uniform will no longer be delivered to the school. The options are to order it online to have it delivered to your own home or to visit the Smarty Schoolwear shop. Please see the details below for either of these options.

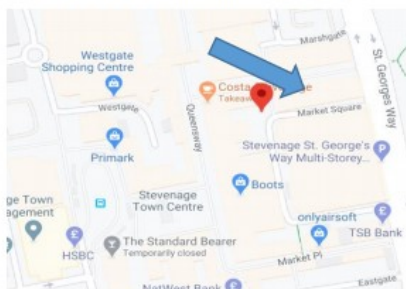


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Wear Orange Day Monday 19th April 2021

The Giving site is now closed and we will be delivering a cheque for

£284.26

to the local charity Feed Up Warm Up.

Thank you for all your kind donations and messages of support for this charity.

We are very proud that Sienna raised awareness and support of this brilliant charity which in these difficult times needs



Basket Ball Trials

If you have a child who is a budding basketball player then see below for some information.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TRIALS

1st & 8th June 2021

U11 Boys & Girls: Tuesday 5pm – 6:15pm
U12 Boys & Girls: Tuesday 5pm – 6:15pm
U14 Boys: Tuesday 6:30pm – 7:45pm
U16 Boys: Tuesday 7:45pm – 9:00pm

Marriott's School Sports Centre
Telford Avenue
Stevenage
SG2 0AN

Cost: £5 per player for each trial date

The club will be adhering to COVID-19 guidelines set by Basketball England.
Trials are closed to parents & spectators.

These are open trials for any committed players of any ability who want to develop their skills and play competitive team basketball.

Website: www.easthertsbasketball.com
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Full HOT Menu back from 7th June 2021

Since September we have been running a reduced menu while we adapted to the children eating within their classroom with “hot boxes” or packed lunch bags. This has meant some of the options have not been available. Such as the legendary ... “Chicken Pie!” Another adaptation has been that pudding has been preselected rather than the previous system where children would have a choice when they collect their lunch from the serving hatch. The children will be offered a choice of dessert which ranges from a range of jelly cups, cheese and biscuits or chocolate mousse. This selection will be available for the children to select in class.

School lunches are available for a cost of £2.60 per day. Payment should be made in advance via the School Gateway app.

It may well be that your child might want to sample the choice. It is fine to order on the day so long as there is credit in your lunch account.

Take a look at the menu below and see if your child might like to choose a menu option after half term.



Menu Week One

Week Commencing: 12th April - 3rd May - 24th May - 21st June - 12th July - 1st Sept - 20th Sept - 11th Oct

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognese or Vegetarian Sausages V with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Sandwich	Italiano Chicken Fillet with Savoury Rice Macaroni Cheese with Wholemeal Herby Bread V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Flat Bread	Roast Pork and Sage and Onion Stuffing or Quorn Fillet V with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Baguette	Beef Burger in a Bun or Vegetarian Roll V with Diced Potatoes Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Mayo Wrap	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza V with Low Fat Chips or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Roll

Pupils' Choice Extra

Menu Week Two

Week Commencing: 19th April - 10th May - 7th June - 28th June - 19th July - 6th Sept - 27th Sept - 18th Oct

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs with Savoury Rice Veggie Mince Fajitas V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Pie with Diced Potatoes Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Flat Bread	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Beany Bolognese V with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Baguette	Gammon Pasta Carbonara with Mixed Side Salad Quorn Hot Dog with Pasta V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Mayo Wrap	Fish Fillet Finger or Cheese and Tomato Pizza V with Potato Wedges or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Roll

Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu

Menu Week Three

Week Commencing: 26th April - 17th May - 14th June - 5th July - 18th Sept - 6th Oct

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Chicken Curry with Brown and White Rice Vegetarian “Meat” Balls with Savoury Rice V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Sandwich	Beef Lasagne with Mixed Side Salad Quorn Pattie in a Bun with Diced Potatoes V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Flat Bread	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Italian Pasta Bake V Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Baguette	Pork Sausages and Gravy or Sweet Potato Slice V with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Mayo Wrap	Battered Fish Fillet or Cheese and Tomato Pizza V with Low Fat Chips or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Roll

Freshly baked wholemeal bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily

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Some photographs depicting portion sizes and / or garnishes have been used for illustration purposes only. All meal prices are set by individual schools and are subject to local variations.

All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy

Parent Courses and Access to Support

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Parent / Carer Sensory Information Sessions

Places are now available to book on our Spring Term information sessions for parents and carers

Understanding your child's sensory preferences

How do our sensory likes and dislikes affect the choices we make in everyday life? How do children develop their sensory awareness?

"Very useful to understand sensory needs and some ideas of how to support them"
 Comment from a parent who attended a session

Our Understanding Sensory preferences information session is for parents and carers who would like to know more about their child's sensory development. They focus on sensory development for younger children, thinking about how this can influence an older child's sensory likes and dislikes. It offers practical advice and strategies that you can try at home with your child.

These sessions provide an introduction to the topic of sensory processing for parents and carers. They provide initial information and advice for families who are worried about their child's sensory development.

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR 2021:

- Tuesday 27th April 10.00 – 11.00 am <https://tinyurl.com/2jkndmp8>
- Tuesday 18th May 11.00 – 12.00 pm <https://tinyurl.com/5tcu63mp>
- Tuesday 8th June 3.00 – 4.00 pm <https://tinyurl.com/5ev3ai7p>

We are also offering parent information sessions on supporting your child's self-regulation. To find out dates of these and other training opportunities please visit our CYP Therapies – Occupational Therapy Service webpage

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-occupational-therapy/>

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Supporting your child's sensory Self-Regulation development

How does the sensory environment around us affect our attention and behaviour? How do children manage the sensory information within everyday situations?

Our Supporting your child's self-regulation information session is for parents and carers who would like to learn more about helping their child to self-regulate. Sensory regulating activities can help children focus and organise the sensory information around them. The session offers practical advice and strategies that you can try at home with your child.

These sessions provide an introduction to the topic of self-regulation for parents and carers.

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR 2021:

- Thursday 29th April 1.00 – 2.00 pm <https://tinyurl.com/a6x2txpn>
- Tuesday 25th May 11.00 – 12.00 pm <https://tinyurl.com/ypsy8rew>
- Thursday 24th June 9.30 – 10.30 am <https://tinyurl.com/342a2jw>

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Family Bereavement Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 0-5yrs

Free 6-Week Programme

Led by: Lisa Lowe
 Family Bereavement Support Worker

Starting on Wednesday 16th June — 21st July 2021

Time: 10 - 11am via Zoom

The Programme will:

- help parents and caregivers to support their children after a significant bereavement;
- understand how grief affects this age group;
- learn how to support your child's emotional well-being;
- strengthen family relationships;
- meet other parents.

Places are Limited
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