



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Spring
Term
Friday 16th
April
2021**

Giles Junior School News

Hello!

I am pleased to have purchased some thermals so I can go and visit my mum and dad in their garden. It feels like a little glimmer of hope and I would like to continue to thank families for the efforts they go to, which helps minimise the spread of infection, throughout our school community. Keep adhering to the one way system, wearing face masks and collect a rapid test so we can avoid any adults on site who may have COVID-19 without symptoms.

I have enjoyed hearing the whoops and cheers from the football field as Year 6 took part in some “friendly” matches within their own class bubbles this week. I would like to thank Mr Stephenson for organising this, supported by Mr Glennon. This has given us the opportunity to see pupils enjoying extra curricular activities and getting the most out of what we can offer at school while being safe. I know Mr Stephenson is busy planning future events as we start to come out of hibernation.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with two members of the Lighthouse Team this week. Jocelyn and Chelsie will be supporting the rest of the school to embark on different ways they can “sharpen their saw” which is Habit 7. This will be our assembly theme for the next few weeks. During this difficult time it can be very easy to neglect the body, mind, heart and spirit. It never ceases to amaze me how eloquently pupils from Year 3 upwards can express what they are doing to foster continual improvement. I hope your child might share what they are going to work upon over the next few weeks to sharpen their saw.

Keeping with positive news we have another Giles Junior bundle of joy on the way! Mrs Arris is expecting her baby towards the end of October. We are considering setting up a crèche at this point in time! I am sure parents will pass on their congratulations in due course.

Have a great weekend! I am going swimming for the first time in 8 months!

Miss Whitby
Head Teacher



Parents Evening

If you have not booked in for your video appointment already, please do so ASAP. The booking system closes on 22nd April at 6pm.

The video calls will be held on:

Monday April 26th 4:30-6:30 & Wednesday April 28th 3:30-5:30

As usual, if you have had an SEN review, this is in place of a separate consultation.

Please click on the link to book your appointment :

<https://gilesjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

For Year 6 Germany and 3 Wales class you will not be having your video consultations on these dates. New dates will be sent out to you very soon!

Reconstruction Works in Durham Road

Following on from an email we sent out this week, please be reminded about the footway reconstruction works in Durham Road between **28th April - 10th May 2021**.

The footway will need to be clear of parked vehicles between the hours of **9.30am - 3.00pm**.

Class Photos

On Friday 30th April, Kittle Photographic will be in school to take class shots and the Year 6 Leavers Book pictures. **Please can we ask all children to come in on that day wearing full school uniform.**

The classes that have PE on this day (4 Zambia, 4 Costa Rica and 5 France) please bring in trainers to school which they can wear with their uniform for the PE lesson on the 30th April, after they have had their photo taken.

Children will be given information to bring home on the day, explaining how to order photos and the yearbooks for year 6 online.

Year 6 Clay Sculpting

Year 6 would like to share with you some clay sculpting they did before the Easter holidays. In the pictures you can see them busy practising and perfecting their clay sculpting skills. They managed to design and create their own mugs and bowls using the work of a Japanese artist: Ikuko Iwamoto as influence.



Wear Orange Day Monday 19th April 2021

We will be taking part in a "Wear Orange Day" on 19th April. This has been requested by Sienna C in Year 5. The goal for Sienna is to raise enough money to cover family food parcels for 53 local families and of course raise awareness for this fantastic charity.

If you are able to make a donation we have set up a Just Giving Page, if you are not able to donate please just wear orange on the 19th April and help us raise awareness for this local charity.

Just giving Page : [CLICK HERE](#)

Please have a look at the Feed Up Warm Up Website for more details :

<http://feedupwarmup.co.uk>

For the children that have PE on this day, please can you wear trainers to school.



Family Lives Parenting Groups

If you are interested in the following groups please let us know as soon as possible as the school will need to refer you.

Getting on with your Pre-Teen or Teenager - Do they have an FFA, CIN, CP or a YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN?

Worried about your teenager? Join our online group and get support in dealing with your teen's behaviour. Wednesday 9th June - 14th July 7pm - 9pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or email services@familylives.org.uk

www.familylives.org.uk
We build better family lives together

Bringing up confident children for parents of children with SEN

Join our virtual group online on Monday 17th May to 12th July (8 weeks) 12.45pm - 2.45pm

For more information, contact Louise on 02045228700 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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We build better family lives together

Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)

Every Thursday from the 10th June to 15th July, 9.30am - 11.30am

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email LouiseV@familylives.org.uk

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