



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

"Achieving excellence through Leadership"

**Summer
Term
Friday 17th
June
2022**

Giles Junior School News

The sun is back with vengeance and we are certainly enjoying the shade of the gazebo at the moment. I have been tasked with finding some fans to help make classrooms a little cooler but do remember to make sure your child has a water bottle, hat and has applied sun cream should this warmer weather continue!

Yesterday was an exciting evening for me, as I had the first ever opportunity to lead a face to face new to Year 3 parents meeting since I have been Headteacher. It was really lovely to meet and chat to lots of the new parents and to see familiar faces where we will get to meet younger siblings of pupils we already know (or have known!)

As you can see on the next page there are lots of upcoming events in the next few weeks as we race towards the end of another academic year. Please can **Year 6 parents be aware the date of the Leavers Presentation has changed from Thursday 7th July to Wednesday 6th July** as the hall was unavailable on the Thursday. Details about how to book your seats will be coming out soon, there will be an afternoon and evening performance on the same day.

On Tuesday we welcomed our HIP (Hertfordshire Improvement Partner) Carole Hindstridge in to review PE provision. She was very impressed with the behaviour, quality of teaching and general passion shown by every child observed in Year 3 and 5 during the morning. It made me reflect how incredibly fortunate we are to have such high quality sports provision provided by Mr Stephenson and his brilliant apprentices Mr Bunyan and Mr Haley.

Parents will have the opportunity to observe their own child's sporting prowess very soon during our first full sports day since Mr Stephenson has joined us.

Miss Louise Whitby (Headteacher)

Sports Day - Monday 11th July

We are planning to have our Sports Day on the morning of Monday 11th July from 9.00am until approximately 11.30am. The whole school will be taking part all together, competing in their house teams. You should have received a message via our School Gateway system informing you what house team your child is in and what colour they are:

Jordan House – RED
Simmonds House – GREEN
Kane House – YELLOW
Williams House – BLUE



We are asking for children to be wearing something that is the colour of their house team, on 1st July (practise Sports Day) and on 11th July (Sports Day) along with their PE kit.

The school can provide coloured wrist bands for children if they do not have a coloured garment that is required.

Please be aware there is very little shade on the school field, so all children will need to have a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream applied before they come into school on both these days.

All parents are welcome to stay, watch, and cheer the children along on 11th July. Any parents wishing to stay will need to make their way to the school field via the green gates by the main office.

Diary Dates - Summer Term

Date	Event
Thursday 23rd June	Year 4 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Friday 24th June	Year 6 D&T Workshop in School (For half of year 6)
Friday 24th June	Commonwealth Games Event at Fairland's (selected children)
Monday 27th June	Year 6 Fun Day
Tuesday 28th June	Basketball Match against Round Diamond
Friday 1st July	Practise Sports Day (All children to wear house colour with PE kit)
Monday 4th July	Football World Cup Week
Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation (afternoon & evening performance)
Monday 11th July	Sports Day - 9.00am (All children to wear house colour with PE kit)
Monday 11th July	2.30pm - Rock Steady Concert
Monday 11th - Friday 15th July	Last week of sports clubs (Tag Rugby, Netball, Girls football, Cheerleading, Basketball, Stevenage FC & Rock Steady)
Tuesday 12th July	Year 4 Merit Assembly (for selected parents only) am
Tuesday 12th July	Year 5 Merit Assembly (for selected parents only) pm
Wednesday 13th July	Year 6 Merit Assembly (for selected parents only) pm
Thursday 14th July	Transition Day (Y6 to spend the day in new secondary school & younger years to spend time in their new class)
Friday 15th July	Year 6 D&T Workshop in School (For 2nd half of year 6)
Friday 15th July	Year 3 Merit Assembly (for selected parents only) am
Monday 18th July	Year 6 end of term trips
Tuesday 19th July	Year 6 end of term trips
Wed 20th - Thur 21st July	Year 6 Big School Camp Out Experience
Friday 22nd July	Last Day of term - early finish 2pm

Jubilee Picnic Lunch



On Friday 27th May we were all excited to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a picnic on the school field. It was fantastic to see everybody spending time together, on their picnic blankets, enjoying the sunshine! We all had a lovely time celebrating and we enjoyed an ice lolly too. Thank you so much to all parents who donated towards this, and another thank you to the Abilities in Me Foundation who also donated to enable this to happen.



Scotland's Class Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

On Wednesday, the class of Scotland went via train to Shepreth Wildlife Park. From beginning to end we were so impressed with the mature, polite, and proactive way our pupils carried themselves. From talking with the staff at the station about the trains, to listening carefully to the education lesson at the wildlife park. Staff working there praised the behaviour of our young people and we all had a wonderful day.

The sun shone as we laughed and enjoyed everything the day had to offer. The animals were absolutely mesmerising (I fell in love with a tiny orange frog!)

I could not be prouder of the unique and amazing children we have in our Scotland class, and I look forward to our next adventure!

Miss Robinson and the team in Scotland.

World Cup Week

Giles school will be running a Football World Cup this summer term across a whole week from Monday 4th - Friday 8th July.

The actual world cup is due in December this year when the weather conditions are unfavourable. All pupils will be allocated a team from this year's world cup. Classroom activities will be set throughout the week in order to create World Cup fever.

Children are to wear PE kits as normal on their P.E days.

Night Owls

Last week, as part of our Science topic "Living Things and their Habitats" we were lucky to get a chance to meet a range of owls!

Erika and Olivia from 'Nite Owls' brought in 8 beautiful owls to show us, including an owlet who was only 8 weeks old!

Erika and Olivia explained an array of interesting facts and information regarding each of the owls and a handful of children were able to get involved and become falconers and support the owls as they flew above our heads in and around the hall and landed on the owl training glove worn by the children.

It was an 'owl-mazing' experience for all the children (and staff) and we all had a photo taken with one of the Owls!

All proof cards have been given to children earlier this week. Instructions on how to purchase a picture are in the pack. Payment and proof cards need to be returned in the envelope provided to the school office within 10 days if you would like to order a picture.



**Summer Holiday Courses at**
Trotts Hill School and
Mary Exton School
25 July – 26 August 2022
Panshanger Primary
25 July – 19 August

7 Weston Barns, SG4 7AX
01462 790152
info@risingstars-wagonstars.co.uk
For children aged 4-11

Activities including
Indoor and outdoor games! Crafts!
Inflatables! A variety of Sports!
Chill and Care!



✓ Ofsted Registered ✓ Childcare Vouchers accepted

8.00 – 5.00 – £22.50
includes breakfast and light tea
8.00 – 1.00 – £17.50
10.00 – 3.00 – £17.50
12.00 – 5.00 – £17.50
PLEASE PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH!

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your name, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes

To make a booking please go to:
risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk

Free School Meals

If your situation has changed recently you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child/children, please apply ASAP to find out. Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following (you can also receive a discount on uniform/trips and clubs):

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today, using the link below, if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 minutes** and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Reminder for our new Year 3's that will be joining us in September

The deadline to hand in your completed pupil new starter forms, is 1st July.

Please pop them into the Giles Junior School Office ASAP.

Thank you!

Looking at learning ...

A peek into ... Year 3

17th June 2022

Rosie wowed me with her PowerPoint skills and an amazing bun!

*Look at leaders of TT
Rockstars and Spelling Shed
on 3 Sweden's door!*

*Brilliance science work in 3
Italy - learning about plants and
what they need to grow.*

Fab contributions in 3 Wales
PSHE

A peek into ... Year 4

17th June 2022

4 Australia sampled some Roman foods. Dates had a mixed response!

*A hive of activity in
Year 4 - Making
Roman shields!*

A peek into ... Year 5

17th June 2022

Amelia having personalised feedback on her writing based on One Small Step.

Spelling Shed for 5 France

Final drafts of amazing writing in 5 Turkey and 5 Finland. Heads down and working so hard!

A peek into ...
Year 6

17th June 2022

Raynie was feeling super proud of her writing!

Heads down in 6 Peru - a final draft of their amazing writing!

Sloths and
Flamingos!
Lots of
information!