



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Summer
Term**

**26th June
2020**

Giles Junior School News

Hello,

The warm weather is back and it certainly means business. I hope everyone is keeping as cool as possible while the sun shines.

While it might seem strange saying the “end of term” is approaching and while it is not the end of term I have ever experienced in the last 21 years I have been working in education (it is certainly going to be a tale to bore my grandchildren with at some point!), some end of term procedures will continue to go ahead.

Families have now received the transition letter stating their child’s class and teachers next year. Contained within this letter were the adapted transition arrangements so please respond as required to help us send some remote videos to your children before the end of term.

End of year reports have been written and will be sent through the School Gateway on 15th July. These will look very familiar and take into account your child’s progress up until 20th March. Attendance information will not be included on your annual report this year due to the current circumstances.

I know many families will have items they wish to collect belonging to your child/ren. We hope to send home the annual collection of exercise books, PE kits and various items which have been collected in children’s work drawers (it is amazing what you can fit in there), so we will be in contact to arrange how these can be collected as soon as we are able to organize this.

We currently have 50% of our families signed up to the School Gateway app (See the next page). As we intend to become a cashless school, in addition to enabling booking of free after school clubs via this app, we hope to have 100% uptake. This will make sure families are not missing out when it is such a quick and convenient tool to have.

We have also had a number of families call or email with queries which have been answered through letters. Please make sure you are checking emails regularly.

The end of term will be Thursday 16th July for Year 6/3 Wales and 3 Sweden Key Worker groups and Friday 17th July for children in Costa Rica and Zambia Key Worker groups.

School will be closed from Friday 17th July 3:15pm and will not re-open to children until Thursday 3rd September when we re-open to families. Details about how this will be planned will follow when we know more. With this newsletter you will find a leaflet with details of summer holiday childcare in Stevenage.

Take care,
Miss Whitby
Headteacher

Transition Information for our new Year 3’s for September 2020

Year 3 Transition Video

We hope you have managed to have a look at the video to support Year 3 transition. A link to this can be found on our website. Click on news & events on the home page and follow the latest news tab or click this [link](#).

Welcome Leaflet

Please look out for a welcome leaflet, which we will be uploading to our website very soon. This will include pictures of the Year 3 classrooms and photos of the adults they will be working with in September.

New Starter Packs

Reminder to return the new starter packs to the Giles Junior School Office ASAP, before the end of term.

Return of Football Kits

Please can you check your child’s school bags for any Giles Junior football kits that have not yet been returned to us. Please could you pop them back into school ASAP, before the end of term. Thank you!

Year 6 Art Lesson

Mrs Vary and her Year 6 class wanted to share with you what a creative afternoons art lesson produced this week. All inspired by the Stevenage “Covid Cobra”.





Once the school reopens after the Covid19 lockdown, the school office will accept payments only through The School Gateway and no cash will be accepted. Please just download the free app to your phone.

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we already hold for you on the school database, so it is very important the school has all your up to date contact details. You can also login to the online version of the School Gateway, if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the App as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

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There is now a convenient click and collect service available at the new Smarty Schoolwear shop currently located in Stevenage Town Centre. With the current situation as it is, Smarty Schoolwear have requested that if you require to browse the uniform and try garments on then please call them to book an appointment.

For September 2020 starters, please try to book appointments early with Smarty Schoolwear. For existing parents/carers please check your child's uniform requirements for the new term as early possible. Try to avoid leaving it to late August to purchase new uniform.

Click the link for further details:

<https://gilesjm.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Year 6 Walking Trips

This week, the children in the Year 6 Bubble groups have been on walking trips to their secondary school. 3 groups went this week, with Mrs Woolston's group due to go next week. The children learnt about road safety and had a chance to stop for lunch in the fresh air. All of this while maintaining social distancing!


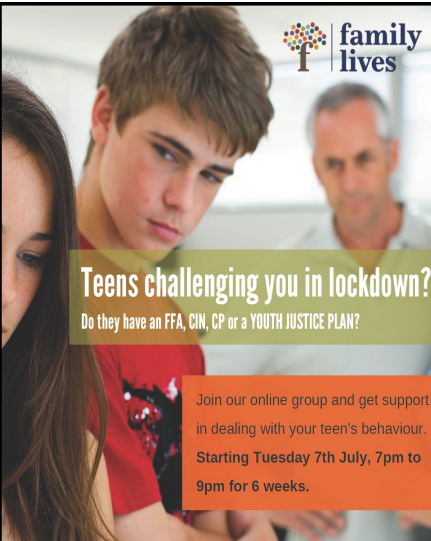


Summer Reading Challenge 2020

The Summer Reading Challenge this year is digital!

Click on the link for more information to get registered:

[Summer Reading Challenge 2020](https://www.sillysquad.org.uk)






Join our online group and get support in dealing with your teen's behaviour. Starting Tuesday 7th July, 7pm to 9pm for 6 weeks.

For more information, contact Louise on 01707 247032 or email LouiseV@familylives.org.uk

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We build better family lives together



Fit, Fed & Read!

Free fun activity days in Hertfordshire for children aged 8-11 years who are eligible for Free School meals.

For more information please click on the link below:

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/sport-for-social-change/fitfedread/>