



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Summer
Term
Friday 28th
May
2021**

Giles Junior School News

Hello!

The sun is shining and a bank holiday is on the horizon. I will be dusting off my BBQ and looking forward to seeing some friends ... current restrictions being applied of course! Please see the final page of the Newsletter for a message from Hertfordshire County Council which we have been asked to pass on to our families.

We will be sending some breakfast items home with children today and hope that this will support families who find their cupboards are very bare when the children are at home during half term. I certainly know my cupboards are rummaged through on an hourly basis.

I have enjoyed seeing some creative activities with children making soup in Design and Technology in year 6 and photo frames and Year 3. I was wowed with a Bake-Off challenge in Scotland and left feeling quite full after being offered to sample some of their creations!

It was wonderful to watch the children learning some practical skills. For those of you who have had children cooking items we hope you enjoyed sampling them too!

Please remember that Monday 7th June is an INSET day and we will welcome children back on Tuesday 8th June at the usual time.

Miss Whitby (Head Teacher)

Parking and Dropping pupils off / Road safety

I continue to have a number of concerned residents and parents come to speak to the school about the dangerous parking outside school. In particular I have had two members of the public say that children on bikes have had a near miss—we have spoken to all children in school about appropriate riding and road crossing and would be really grateful if parents/carers could also speak with their children about this.

It was drawn to my attention that some parents are stopping on the road near the crossing and their child is getting out to cross in front of the car. Please remember that the car behind does not always know this is happening and on occasions will overtake. A child in this situation will not always know a car is over taking and could be at risk of harm thinking that the car they have left is stopping to let them cross.

We again encourage you to find parking which is 3-4 minutes walk away and keeps everyone safe by keeping roads clear outside the school.

This website has some information which you could look through with your child to assess how “road savvy” they are.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/>



SPACE HALF TERM EXCLUSIVE

CERAMIC PLATE PAINTING

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE 2021

5.30PM - 7PM

£15 PER PERSON

SPACE are pleased to facilitate this exclusive pottery painting session at The Little Arts Workshop in Bishops Stortford. Your child/children will be able to paint a comic themed stencil design plate, which will then be glazed, fired and ready for collection within 10 working days.



UNIT 3, MILLSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
SOUTHMILL ROAD, BISHOPS STORTFORD,
CM23 3DP



PLEASE USE THE EVENTBRITE LINK BELOW TO BOOK:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-little-arts-workshop-plate-painting-tickets-151775543737>

Limited Places Available

spaceherts@gmail.com



www.spaceherts.org.uk

SAFER SOCIAL MEDIA

PARENT/CARER & CHILD WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021

10.30AM - 11.30AM

Join Sam from TechSafe for this interactive workshop for parents/carers & children. Using fun activities we discuss how to keep safe whilst using social media.

Topics covered include:

Who is my friend?

Who do I talk to if something goes wrong?

Is it real or is it fake?



Please use the Eventbrite link below to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safer-social-media-activity-workshop-tickets-153025028981>

Limited Places Available

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SPACE EXCLUSIVE

OUTDOOR FREE PLAY

Sunday 6th June 2021

Johns Lane Farm, Johns Lane, Ashley Green HP5 3PT

TIME: 10AM - 12PM

COST: £10 per family (plus Eventbrite fee)



Exclusive fun and interactive 2 hour guided free play sessions for children/young people and their families.



Come and build, create, play and have fun with your family



Please use the Eventbrite link below to request your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/space-exclusive-outdoor-free-play-tickets-153022892561>

Limited Availability

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SPACE ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

ONLINE LEGO CLUB

Wednesday 2nd June 2021

6.30PM - 7.30PM



SPACE in conjunction with Bricks are delighted to be able to offer interactive monthly lego club. We will play lego themed games like spot the difference, scavenger hunt, build creations together and follow with show and tell to celebrate our builds, looking forward to seeing you all



Please use the Eventbrite link below to request your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-lego-club-tickets-149596255427>

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest update

Early years and schools



Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it's more important than ever that we follow current guidance to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

- *6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside*
- *If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children*
- *Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about*

Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>

Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to [countries or territories on the red or amber lists](#).

*If you do need to travel to an **Amber** destination for an emergency, you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and;*

- *All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test*
- *Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return*