



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Autumn
Term
Friday 8th
October
2021**

Giles Junior School News

Hello to all our families,

We continue to work hard and can hardly believe it is only 2 weeks until half term. The children have been brilliant by showing such a committed attitude to their learning. Thank you to all the families who are being so careful following guidance and making sure they keep children at home if they display the three key symptoms of COVID-19, then booking a PCR test and awaiting the results before sending them back to school. This has definitely helped minimise the chance for any outbreaks in school and we are really grateful for your patience during this time.

Please continue to use the **COVID@gilesjm.herts.sch.uk** email address as this is monitored all through the weekend so we can keep families up to date with any information as needed. Please be aware this email address is only for reporting cases related to Giles Junior School (not Giles Infant and Nursery School).

The children have especially been enjoying after school activities and it is wonderful to see how this lifts their self esteem and enjoyment where they are looking forward to additional activities outside the school day.

As is usual with this time of year the weather is changeable. Going from rather warm, to torrential rain and cold winds (sometimes all in one day). If children can come to school with outerwear to cover all eventualities that would be really helpful!

I have looked around school at some of the work the children have been producing in their English lessons and noticing what fantastic vocabulary and punctuation is present within their writing. We will be looking forward to sharing your child's work with you as soon as we can. They are very proud of what they achieving. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Whitby

Operation Christmas Child

This year we are going to take part again in the campaign 'Operation Christmas Child', run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse. Giles Junior School is joining with thousands of other schools and organisations up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts.

Through this campaign, we are hoping to spread some festive cheer whilst also teaching the children at Giles Junior School about generosity and compassion for others, to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference. Should you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child or would like to know the type of gifts to donate, please visit: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk or contact Miss Causton.



If you have any unwanted shoeboxes, please could you bring them into school as soon as possible so we can begin to fill them.

Please can filled shoeboxes or shoebox object donations be returned to school by **Friday 5th November**.

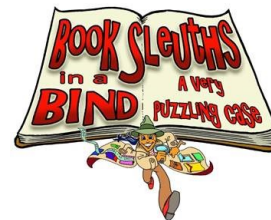
Thank you for all your support!

Dates for Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 11th October	Rock Steady Club	Within the school day - pm
Monday 11th October	Stevenage FC for Years 3&4 Multisports Club	3.00-4.00pm
Monday 11th October	Football Cup Competition at Woolenwick (Selected children have been sent a letter)	3.00-5.00pm
Tuesday 12th October	Technology Club Netball Club	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 13th October	Year 6 Swimming session	10.00-10.30am (Coach collection at 9.30am)
Wednesday 13th October	Rugby Club Cheerleading Club	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday 14th October	Basketball Club	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 15th October	Photo day - Individual and sibling shots	8.00am-8.45am Infant sibling photos 9.00am-3.00pm Individual & junior sibling photos
Friday 15th October	Stevenage FC for Years 5&6	3.00-4.00pm
Monday 18th October	Rock Steady Club	Within the school day - pm
Monday 18th October	Multisports Club Stevenage FC for Years 3&4	3.00-4.00pm
Monday 18th October	Internal Football Match (Selected children have been sent a letter)	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 19th October	School Nursing Team in for Year 6 TLM - Health Questionnaire	All Day
Tuesday 19th October	Technology Club Netball Club	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 20th October	Poetry Workshops for the whole school with poet Joshua Seigal	All Day
Wednesday 20th October	Year 6 Swimming session	10.00-10.30am (Coach collection at 9.30am)
Wednesday 20th October	Second hand uniform sale	3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 20th October	Rugby Club Cheerleading Club	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 20th October	Joshua Seigal Book Sale	3.00pm
Thursday 21st October	Basketball Club	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 22nd October	Stevenage FC for Years 5&6	3.00-4.00pm
25th - 29th October	Half Term - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday 1st November	First day back to school for all children	8.40-8.55am
Sunday 31st October	Deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022	

Library Event for Families

Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case at Stevenage Library!



A brand-new theatre show for families is coming to Stevenage Library this October half term.

The Book Sleuths, Sam and Ally, have a real mystery on their hands, and need the audience's help to crack codes, unravel riddles and pore over puzzles! Only by working together can the 'mysterious mystery' be solved. Designed for families of all kinds with children aged 7 to 11, this show is being created exclusively for Hertfordshire Libraries by local professional theatre company Teasel Productions, funded by Arts Council England.

This event is taking place at Stevenage Library on Monday 25 October and Saturday 30 October, both performances at 2pm.

The performance on Monday 25th October will be signed. A qualified British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter will be interpreting the play as it is being performed.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children, and are available now from Stevenage Library and online: <https://bit.ly/HertsLibBookSleuthTour>

After both performances the audience will have the opportunity to 'Meet the Cast', with a question and answer session.

Non Uniform day Donations

The non-uniform day held on 24th September 2021, to raise funds for new books, was a huge success. **The total amount raised was £684.30.** Each class library will benefit from the support shown. Thank you to all families who supported this.

Individual & Family Photo Day

On Friday 15th October children will be having their individual and junior sibling photos taken. There will also be an opportunity for families with siblings at the infant school to join their junior siblings for a photo before school, between 8am-8.45am.

If your child has PE on a Friday, please can they come into school wearing their SCHOOL UNIFORM and NOT their PE kit on this day. They will just need to bring trainers in a separate bag and will do the PE lesson in their school uniform and trainers on 15th October.

We have decided to use a new photographers, Churchbury Photographic, who come highly recommended!

Nasal Flu Consent

This will be taking place in school on the 18th November and the 13th December 2021. This is given as a simple squirt up the nose. It is painless, quick and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. **Every child will need to return the consent form stating yes or no. Please return this to your class Teaching Assistant ASAP as they are being collected by the School Nursing Team before half term.**

A blue poster for a 'Quiz night' event. At the top, it says 'St Hugh' and 'St John' with a cross symbol, and 'Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage SG2 0DL'. The main text reads 'Quiz night in aid of Bridge Builders Christian Trust Saturday 6th November 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start £6 per person Come as a team of 6 or come on your own Tickets available from Ruth Jermy t. 361799 Bring your own drinks and snacks'. There is a question mark icon in the bottom left corner.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

On Wednesday 20th October we will be holding a 2nd hand uniform sale after school. This will be in the hall or playground, depending on the weather! We have lots of different items that are in good condition up for sale, so please pop by.

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Contactline

01992 588574

A 'quick queries' service for parents, carers, and young people (16-25) in Hertfordshire

Please call if you would like to speak directly to an Educational Psychologist to discuss a child or young person's development, learning or emotional wellbeing, or to find out more about our service.



Contactline will be available
Wednesday from 2:00pm to 4:30pm

If you are from an Educational setting and have a query, your school has a link Educational Psychologist with whom any requests for involvement can be raised.

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