

# St. Giles' & St. George's Academy

## Newsletter

9th July 2018

### Dear Parents,

Only two weeks of fun, laughter as well as hard work left before we break up for the summer! Some of you may have looked at our website for information on the activities and found some difficulty with it! We are in the process of improving it but it is taking longer than we expected so do bear with us, we will text you to let you know about the remaining activities of the season.

Year 6 have been on their transition days already and some have been very excited about their future whilst others have felt a little sad that they will be leaving us. At this time of year all children worry a little bit about their teacher and class next year. I know that many of you want to know which class your child will be in next year and as promised, we will talk to you at parent appointments before the children find out who their teacher will be.

### Staffing

There are always changes at this time of year and we do have some for September. We do have a much larger teaching staff now and it seems that a number of teachers are in the process of beginning families! It was lovely to see Mrs Jones, our Year 6 teacher with her husband and baby at the summer fair. Mrs Gray is also due to begin her maternity leave at the end of this term as her baby is due in September.

Mrs Winder has worked at our school for several years now and has decided not to return next year so that she can focus on her family. She is a good friend of the school and I am sure that she will keep in touch and call in to see us.

Mrs Dodds has returned to work after her maternity leave and from September, will have her own class. This term she has been helping in both Year 1 classes.

Mr Drakeley has completed his first year of teaching and gained his full teacher qualification. He has already been given a promotion opportunity at another school which has recognised his talent as a teacher and future leader and we wish him well in the future.

Miss Leese taught in Year 3 before she left to have her baby and is returning in September to complete her teaching qualification.

Miss Heathcote has completed her first year of teaching and gained her full teacher qualification. She has had to travel some way to get to St Giles' and St George's and has gained a teaching position nearer to her horses and dogs so that she can care for them more easily. We wish her well in her new position, particularly as she has achieved such a high standard in her first year of teaching this year.

Miss Critchley has been on a temporary contract for the year and we were grateful that she committed to stay until the end of the year. She has been given a permanent contract in a school in Stoke and we wish her well for the future.

Our new teachers will attend parents' appointments so that you can meet them before they see the children on the transition afternoon on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Some of them have already been visiting the academy to get to know the staff and children.

One of the main strengths of our academy is the strong core of dedicated teachers and leaders who have taught here for a significant time. Their commitment to the children and the community has always been exceptional – I am personally very grateful to them! They are certainly very skilled in helping new staff to settle and to learn – their success rate is phenomenal!

## Staff organisation

<b>Nursery</b>	Miss Maqsood and Mrs Carter
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Pearce (Miss Bailey) and Miss Thurley
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Barclay and Mrs Dodds
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Boon (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Bowers
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Lawton and Miss Leese
<b>Year 4</b>	Mrs Heaps and Miss Ashton (Deputy Headteacher)
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Wright and Miss Snape
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Booth

## Summer Fair

Thank you all so much for your generosity which made the evening so very successful not only financially but also socially. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the warm evening as well as cheering on the musical items. We made about £1,500 which is astonishing in just over an hour! I need to thank the staff for their efforts, particularly the Teaching Assistants who prepared the event so beautifully. Thank you all so much.

## Health Education

We have always used the School Nurse service to deliver our health education to Year 5 and Year 6 including the changes during puberty. That service is no longer available and teachers and governors have agreed a scheme that we deliver ourselves. Year 5 and Year 6 parents will have an opportunity to view the materials on Monday afternoon at 2.45 before we share them with the children.

## Dates for the diary

### Week beginning 9th July 2018

<b>Monday 9th July</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th July</b>	<b>Wednesday 11th July</b>
<b>Reception and Year 1</b> Balance bike training	<b>Year 6</b> results arrive online	Rev Daborn leads worship
<b>2:45pm Year 5 and Year 6</b> parents' meeting on health education	<b>Year 6 (Miss Ashton's class)</b> Bowling treat	<b>Year 6 (Mrs Booth's class)</b> Bowling treat
<b>3:30pm - 4:30pm</b> Parents' appointments	<b>Year 6</b> Cricket in the afternoon	<b>3:30pm - 6:30pm</b> Parents' appointments
<b>5:00pm</b> Full governors meeting	<b>3:30pm - 4:30pm</b> Parents' appointments	

### Thursday 12th June

**Year 5** Come and Play! With the Halle orchestra at Victoria Hall

**There will be no more after school clubs other than Care Club**