



St. Giles' and St. George's C of E Academy

9th December 2019

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Term Dates

Monday 9th Dec ember 1:30pm	Pre Nursery Stay and Play
Tuesday 10th Dec ember 1:30pm	Pre Nursery Stay and Play
Tuesday 10th December 7pm	Singing squad Victoria Hall
Wednesday 11th December 2:45pm	Keele Concert Band playing for the children.
Thursday 12th December 2pm St Giles Church	Year 1 and 2 Christingle Service – Parents Welcome
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day for all children
Monday 16th December	Year 4 Advent Crafts St George's
Tuesday 17th December 1:45pm – St Georges	KS2 Carol Service
Tuesday 17th December 9:30am	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Tuesday 17th December	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 18th December 9:30am New Vic Theatre	Yr. 5 and 6 The Prince and the Pauper
Wednesday 18th December 2:30pm	EYFS Nativity
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day Christmas Party outfits to be worn
Thursday 19th December	Year 3 and 4 Peter Pan and the Stafford Gatehouse
Thursday 19th December 2:00pm	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Monday 23rd December – Sunday 5th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2020	School opens
Monday 6th January – Monday 3rd April	Mexico class swimming for the Spring term (see separate letter)
Tuesday 14th January	Year 3 Creative Workshop – St Giles'
Wednesday 15th January	Shakespeare Shine Day – Whole School

Christmas Performances

Dear all we are coming towards the busiest time of year. Could I please ask all parents to take careful note of the times and dates of all performances which can be seen on our dates list. To help you find your child's performance I have colour coded them by Key Stage.

Apart from the KS1 Christingle Service (St Giles') and the KS2 Carol Service (St George's), all events will be held at school. We do not charge for tickets at our school nativities as they are a lovely opportunity for families to share in an event together.

As part of our Christmas festivities the children will have the opportunity to take part in Christmas lunch and visit the pantomime, with each key stage visiting a different theatre. These activities are designed to be treats for your child and therefore if you would prefer they not attend, please make your child's class teacher aware.

We have two opportunities for children to wear their own clothes over the next two weeks.

- 1) Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December**
- 2) Christmas Party Thursday 19th December**

Can we please ask that children keep their glitter and sparkle for these two days only.



Staff Absence

Miss Boon is currently absent from school until the end of the term. We have welcomed back Mrs Wright from her maternity leave and she will be covering Miss Boon's class.

We are aware that Mrs Heaps is due to begin her maternity leave at the start of January and we will let you know about the arrangements for her class as soon as we know whether Miss Boon will be well enough to return. If you have any questions regarding your child in either the Mexico class or the Brazil class please speak to Mrs Wright or Mrs Heaps.

This Terms Gospel Values



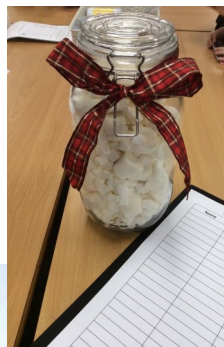
As part of our Faith Filled and Hopeful Gospel values this term the children have taken part in a number of activities to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves this advent period.

The children have chosen a charity to support, their choice was 'The Children's Society', a national charity that works with the country's most vulnerable children and young people.

We listen. We support. We act. Because no child should feel alone

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk>

The children have really enjoyed taking part in all the activities and we would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who supported their children. They have raised more than £400 for a very worthy cause.



Can we also remind families that this is a crucial time of year to remember to donate to our community foodbank. As well as that extra box of chocolates, families in need are often in want of toiletries and essentials at this time of year. Any donation not used by our community will go the Newcastle Food bank