

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

Aspire Believe Achieve

23rd September 2022



Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 th and Wednesday 28 th September	Year 1 and 2 seatbelt safety sessions
Wednesday 28 th September 2:00pm St Giles	Year 6NJ GLOW Worship (Parents welcome)
Thursday 29 th September 2:30pm – 7:00pm	Parents evening All year groups
Friday 30 th September	Mini London Marathon day All children to wear sports kit and bring £1
Monday 3 rd October	Rev Josh to visit Year 1 and 2
Friday 7 th October	School photos Family, Siblings & Individuals
Monday 10 th October	Year 6 Visit RAF Cosford
Wednesday 12 th October 2:00pm. St Giles	Year 6ES GLOW Worship (Parents welcome)
Thursday 13 th October 2:15pm	LKS2 Shine- DT cooking
Monday 17 th October	God and the Big Bang project for Y5/6
Tuesday 18 th October 2:30pm	Reception Phonics Shine
Thursday 20 th October	Year 2 trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Monday 24th October-Monday 31st October (inclusive)	Half Term
Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th November	Royal Shakespeare Company Week- whole school
Friday 4 th November 2:15pm	UKS2 RSC showcase event

Parents Evening

Our first parents evening is next Thursday 29th September from 2:30pm until 7:00pm, we would strongly encourage you to make an appointment. Your class teacher will discuss the targets for your child for the year together with any extra support we will be providing this academic year. You will also be able to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new class. Appointments can be made by visiting <https://stgilesstgeorgescofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a 1:1 TA to support one of our special needs pupils. The hours of this post can be varied to suit the applicant. If you wish to apply, please e-mail bursar@stgg.org.uk or pop into the school office and we can give you more information.

Mini Marathon Day

Next Friday 30th September we will be holding a mini marathon day in school. Mrs Pointon is running the London Marathon for the National Autistic Society on Sunday 2nd October and we are hoping that the children can join in the fun of the weekend. On the Friday we will be holding a fun run for all children to take part in as well as a variety of activities throughout the day. Children may come to school dressed in a sports kit of their choosing and if you are able, we would ask for a small donation of £1, this is entirely voluntary and all money will be given to the National Autistic Society. Mrs Pointon is not at all sure she can run 26.2 miles so we will be encouraging children to track her progress using the TCS London marathon APP so she is not tempted to stop!



Beginning and end of the school day

I have taken a call today from a representative for a group of our neighbours complaining about the issue of parking, especially at the start of the school day. Our neighbours are upset that parents are parking on the pavements, blocking the roads, speeding away down busy streets and, in particular that when they have asked people to move, some of the responses have been uncooperative and occasionally antagonistic.

Our neighbours know that this is a minority of people who pick up from school, but it is making life quite stressful for residents, some of whom are elderly and vulnerable people. I really want to be a good neighbour to those in our community – concern for other people is something we try to instil in all our pupils. Please can I reiterate our responsibilities for pick-ups:

- **ALL** parents are asked to park responsibly in the neighbouring streets taking care to not block driveways or disabled access.
- **PLEASE** do not park on the yellow lines immediately in front of the school.
- Please keep to the speed limit on the surrounding street

I appreciate that this may mean that drop off and pick up takes an extra minute or two but it means that your children are safe, community problems are minimised and we are re-established as good neighbours which is infinitely preferable to the current position. I urge everyone to support us in this matter for the good of the whole community.

Class Dojo

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to class dojo we had over 90% take up. We will be setting alternate Maths and English homework every week on class dojo for children to complete. They can hand this in electronically by uploading it to portfolios or by bringing a paper copy into school for their class teacher. You can also see the dojo's awarded to your child in class and are able to award a limited number of dojos yourself.



As well as weekly homework can we please stress the importance of regular reading at home, children should be reading at least 3x a week as well as practising their spellings and completing their homework.

School Competitions

During the Autumn term we will be choosing a cross country squad and a netball team to play against other Newcastle schools in the Sports leagues. We have listened to parental feedback and now run these clubs well in advance of the competition for children in years 3-6 to ensure that the children are well prepared for these competitions. Teams will be chosen from children who regularly attend the school clubs.

School Foodbank

As a school we are very proud to have had a foodbank facility in our Reception area for the past two years. We have an ever-increasing number of families who use this facility on a weekly basis. Could we please ask if you are able to donate items to this, please do so by dropping the items directly into the foodbank or leaving them at reception. We can assure you that they are used by many families in great need.

School Clubs- Autumn Term

Year Group	Day	Club	Time	Staff
Reception	Monday	Story Club	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Carter & Mrs Mann
Year 1	Monday	Phonics	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mr Greathead & Miss Phillips
KS1	Tuesday	Super Science	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Miss Thurley
KS1	Thursday	Coding	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Miss Bowers & Miss Finn
KS1	Thursday	Yoga/ Dance	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Ms Ryder & Mr Greathead
Year 2	Monday	Boomwhakers	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Leech & Mrs Gibson
Year 2	Thursday	Phonics	11:55am - 12:15pm	Miss Barclay
Year 3 & Year 4	Tuesday	Recorders	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Jackson
Year 4	Thursday	Times Tables	8:15am - 8:40am	Mrs Jones
KS2	Monday	Cross Country (PE kits to be worn)	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Alcock & Mrs Barker
KS2	Tuesday	Social Action	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Wright & Miss Tuck
KS2	Tuesday	Musical Theatre	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Miss Morgan
KS2	Tuesday	Art & DT	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mrs Sale & Miss Pierpoint
KS2	Thursday	Netball (PE kits to be worn)	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Miss Snape & Mrs Heaps
Invite only	Monday	Librarians	12:15pm - 12:45pm	Mrs Sammons
Invite only	Tuesday & Thursday	Breakfast & Books	8:15am - 8:40am	Mrs Pointon