

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

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23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023



## Diary Dates

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 3:00pm	Year 3 and 4 Maths workshop for parents
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2:30pm	EYFS Parent Workshop - Communication and Language
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm	Year 1 shine afternoon Parents welcome
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2:30pm	YEAR 3/4 Parent workshop Computing
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Nursery trip Apple Tree town
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 2:30pm	EYFS Parent workshop Writing
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm	Year 2 Trunk Theatre coming into school- Great Fire of London
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Dress to Express day (Children Mental Health week) Wear a wacky outfit £1 donation for Water Aid
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2:15pm	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop (Maths and English)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2:00pm St Giles Church	Year 3/4 NM GLOW worship Parents welcome
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm	KS1 and KS2 Writing workshop for parents - HB
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2:45pm	Year 2 parents SATS meeting
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm St Giles Church	Year 3/4 HG GLOW worship Parents welcome
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm	Year 2 SHINE afternoon Parents welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm – 9:00pm	Stokes Gotta Sing
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 visit from Clayton Hall Academy
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2:30pm	Year 3/4 Parent workshop Writing
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Recorder Festival
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y2HB/SH GLOW Worship Parents welcome
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>

## School Dinners

A huge thank you to all those parents who have navigated our new lunch booking system and are now booking their child's meals in advance. We do have a small number of children who become upset at lunchtime because they would like a choice which is different to that which their parents have made online. Could we please ask you to discuss the meals available with your child before making the choice online. The menu for the day is texted to all parents the day before or is available to view on the letters page of the school website. We are on week 3 currently.

## Parent Workshops

We have a number of parent workshops happening over the next few weeks. We have decided on the content of these sessions after asking all parents what they would like most support with. Please attend if at all possible as they will give you valuable information as to how best support your child at home.



## Food and Clothing Bank

The current cost of living crisis has affected all of our school community and we are seeing an increasing number of families who find themselves unable to afford the basics to meet their family's needs. If you are struggling, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Pointon who will ensure that you are accessing all the local support. To support our families directly we have a foodbank and will be introducing a clothes bank. If you have any food or clothes that you feel able to donate, please drop them off in our front entrance hall and we will ensure that they go to a good home.

### Let's make our school playground a phone free zone.

It is always lovely walking around school at home time seeing the buzz from the children getting ready to go home. Eager to see their adult who is coming to collect them, for them it has been a long day. The smiles on their faces when they notice you waiting outside of the classroom is lovely to see. Often running out to see you and tell you about their day.

Please take a moment to listen and talk to your child. The power of talk has a huge impact on our children's language development as it stimulates their brain. Their wisdom grows, their vocabulary becomes richer, they develop curiosity and critical thinking. In addition, it supports a child to develop a good mental health.

We hope you will support our school on our journey to make our playground a phone free zone.



### Home Learning

In order to support children with their home learning we have a number of Apps which they are able to access at home. Children from Year 1 upwards have access to the EdShed app which supports them with their spelling and children in Year 2 upwards have access to the Times Tables Rockstars App. Both apps are available to download from your App store and the children's log in details can be found in their reading diaries. All children would also benefit from using the White Rose Maths App which does not require a log in. Nothing is a substitute for daily reading with an adult, but we know the children really enjoy using these Apps. We also have clubs to support these areas.

Club	Time
Ed Shed Year 3-6	Thursday 3:15-4:00
Ed Shed Year 1-2	Tuesday 3:15-4:00
Times Tables Rockstars Year 2-6	Thursday 8:15
Magic Maths Year 1	Monday 3:15-4:00

