



## St Giles Junior School

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## Welcome Back

Welcome to everyone old and new! We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and are feeling ready for the new term. We will do our best to make sure everyone settles in quickly.

It was a pleasure leading assembly on Wednesday seeing familiar faces and a few new ones as well! The new students in Y3 have settled in well and I look forward to getting to know them. It was also fantastic to see so many children looking smart in their school uniforms, it really helps them to feel part of the St Giles family.

I would like to take this opportunity of to welcome some new staff to St Giles Junior School. In Y4, we have Miss Spencer, in Y6 Miss Walton and Mrs Inman joins our support team. With such qualified, knowledgeable and lovely staff coming on board our students couldn't be luckier! So when you see them please make yourself known to them. Mrs So will be leaving us soon to go on maternity leave, and Miss Davies will be our Acting Deputy Head teacher whilst she's away.

Our new look will soon extend to our website and app, as we are changing providers. The new website will have far more content, including material about what each class is doing, with opportunities for the students to post work as well. We are in the process of taking more photographs of the students and the school, and we will let you know when our new website goes live, please let us know if you do not want your child included.

There have also been some changes to the inside of the school as well. Our Snug classroom is now over in the Annex, thank you to all the staff who helped out with the move – the room looks so inviting. However, the obvious change has been to the hall. Amtico have been incredibly generous and have donated new flooring, including fitting. That's a gift of several thousands of pounds! We will be having an official opening when we can personally thank them later in September.

Kind regards,

## Introducing our new Heads and their Deputies



Congratulations to our newly appointed Heads and Deputies this year, we know they will be responsible representatives of our school.

## SATs Results

Our SATs results from last year's Y6 have showed a marked improvement from 2016.

### Change from 2016

Reading	+18%
Mathematics	+16%
Writing	+14%
Grammar	+16%
Combined	+19%

A big thank you to the staff and students who worked so hard to achieve so much with these exams. We would like to also thank the parents who supported so well with buying revision books and helping out with homework.

## Summer Reading Writing Challenge



Thank you to all students who have taken part in this summer's reading and writing challenge. If you haven't handed yours in yet, there's still time bring them in for a certificate.

## Office News

### Dinner Money

With effect from September 2017 the cost of a hot school meal is **£2.15 per day**. School meals can be paid for using the online payment system AGORA. Documentation providing individual passwords will be issued shortly for all new Year 3 students. Cash payments need to be in a named envelope and will only be input onto the system on a Monday.

### Absence Policy - Late Arrivals

For any students who arrive between 8.55 am and 9.30 am a 'Late' mark will be recorded on the system, along with the reason and the number of minutes they are late. Registers close at 9.30 am, therefore any students who come into school after this time will receive a mark indicating that they arrived after the registers had closed. The reason and the number of minutes late will also be recorded.

If your child is going to be late due a medical appointment, for example, please let the office know with as much notice as possible so that this can be recorded accurately, County also require medical appointments, or leaving school for a medical reason, to be recorded as a medical absence.

Week commencing	Parents and Carers' Events Calendar Autumn Term 2017
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> : Autumn Term commences at 08:45am for all pupils
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> : Welcome afternoon for Y6 parents 2:30pm Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> : Welcome afternoon for Y5 parents 2:30pm Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> : Welcome afternoon for Y3 parents 2:30pm Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Welcome afternoon for Y4 parents 2:30pm
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> : MacMillan Coffee Morning 9:00am
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> : Y6 residential
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> : Year 6 whole year group assembly at 9:10am
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> : Parents evening 2:00pm-4:30pm Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> : Parents evening 4:30pm-7:00pm Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> : End of first half-term at 3:15pm
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><i>Half-Term Holiday</i></b>
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day <b>school closed</b> Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> School opens Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 5E Class assembly at 9:10am
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> : 5F Class assembly at 9:10am
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> : Children in Need Event (Details TBC)
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> : 4D class assembly at 9:10am
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> : 4C class assembly at 9:10am
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> : Year 3 Whole year group assembly at 9:10am
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas production at 6pm Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas production at 9:30am Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> : End of Autumn Term at 3:15pm
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> School open