



St Giles Junior School

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Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and we are writing to remind you that we expect your children's attendance to be at least 95% - this is in line with Government expectations too. Here are the classes current attendances -

3A 96.55%	4C 94.77%	5E 97.07%	6G 96.75%
3B 96.45%	4D 94.6%	5F 95.95%	6H 95.13%

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference in their futures.

We really do appreciate that you ensure your child comes in rain or shine, so that our students can begin learning on time and so that other's learning isn't affected by late comers.

There is a clear link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Punctuality Matters too!

Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness. All students are expected to be working in their classroom by 8.55 am. Students arriving after this time will be marked as present but arriving late (L).

Week beginning 14th May - SATS week for Y6

This is an extremely important term for Y6 as we near the vital assessment time, no absences will be allowed during this week. If you have any questions about SATs and how to support your child, please speak to us. It is essential that they are IN school every day and ON time.



St Giles does St George's Day

Students were encouraged to wear an item of red to celebrate St George's Day on the 23rd April. Students all had a good grasp of the story of St George and the dragon, less so that he was actually born more than 2,000 miles away. He is thought to have been born in Cappadocia (modern day Turkey) and to have died in Lydda (modern day Israel) in the Roman province of Palestine in AD 303.

Visit by Warwickshire's New Head of Education & Learning

St Giles was selected for a visit by Chris Malone, Warwickshire's new Head of Education and Learning. She was expertly lead on a tour of the school by our Head Boy and Head Girl, Chris was very impressed by their knowledge of the school and the pride they had for the school and its community. She sent a lovely letter thanking them for their tour, it gave her a great insight into the school. Thank you Rohan and Ellie for doing a great job!



Building Work

We have some building work going on over the summer term. Some windows and doors to the back of school are finally being replaced – they're over 40 years old, so they've done well. We will also be renewing the fences that border the A444, the fascia of the corner canopies and the wooden cladding on some of the outside walls. Students will be reminded about taking care when the work people are on site as parts of the school and playgrounds will have to be cordoned off . If you could also have a word as well, it should make any disruption minimal. We will end up with a very smart school, thank you to Warwickshire County Council for their support.



We have started to look at replacing the school logo as we feel our current one doesn't reflect our values of 'Together Everyone Achieves More'. It also lacks clarity, some people have suggested that it looks more like a lighthouse, and it doesn't transfer well in white on a blue school uniform.

We are also trying to coordinate the change with a different uniform distributor, hopefully a little cheaper.

We have discussed the changes with our students and have settled on a possible two alternatives. Please let us know if you have any views on the changes, we are always looking to gauge your opinions.

New School Logo	
Letterhead	Uniform
	
	
	

Severn Trent Water Assembly

Malcolm, from Severn Trent Water, came in for a whole school assembly about water. He talked about where we get our water, how it is recycled and more importantly, steps we all can take to reduce wasting it – There was some dressing up required by a few of our willing Y6 students.



Summer Term 2018: Parent Calendar

	Week commencing	Event
1	16 th April	Mon 16 th – students return to school
2	23 rd April	Thurs 26 th – YR 5 Science trip
3	30 th April	Friday 4 th – Puppet assembly
4	7 th May	Monday – Closed – May bank Holiday Friday 11 th May - Class assembly 5F
5	14 th May	Mon 14 th : SATs week
6	21 st May	Tues 22 nd : School games Yr3/4 at the Pingles (details to follow) Friday 25 th – Class assembly 3A
Half-Term		
1	4 th June	Mon 4 th : Students return to school Wed 6 th – youth engagement officer in year 6 - STAR Friday 8 th - Class assembly 3B
2	11 th June	Fri 15 th – Father’s day activity – 9:15 start – activity in class
3	18 th June	Aspirations Week Friday 22 nd – Class assembly 4C
4	25 th June	Year 6 – Fiver Challenge week Thurs 28 th Meeting for new Year 3 parents 5:30pm Fri 29 th – Puppet assembly Friday 29 th – Class assembly 4D
5	2 nd July	Thur 5 th : Induction day (Year 6 students will be at their new secondary school) Fri 6 th : Induction day (year 6 back to St. Giles)
6	9 th July	Fri 13 th : Reports go out to parents Thurs 12 th : Yr3 trip to Bosworth Water Park Friday 13 th - Class assembly 5E
7	16 th July	Monday 16 th : Year 6 performance (PM – 6:15pm) Wed 18 th : Year 6 leavers party (after school - times tbc) Fri 20 th : Leaver assembly and picnic (1:15pm start) Fri 20 th : School closes for the summer holidays at 3:15pm