



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Autumn
Term
Friday 14th
December
2018**

Giles Junior School News

Our children have worked so hard this term and have made some great progress and we are pleased to say that almost all of our children made it onto the bouncy castle today, as a result of their great behaviour.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and governors for their hard work. Also, we would like to thank all our families for your continued support in helping the children at Giles be the best they can be.

I would like to wish Mrs Durrell (Year 6 teaching assistant) good luck in her new career in the NHS. You will be missed by all.

Home-learning will be set for the Christmas break and we hope children can find some time in the new year to get this completed.

We will be sending home all PE kits, and any bits and bobs that children have accumulated over the term - please send in a carrier bag on Monday just in case your child has lots of things to bring home.

On Friday 21st of December, children need to come into school in school uniform but they can bring a game/toy or tablet to play with (no phones please). Oh and don't forget school finishes at 2pm and children come back on Tuesday the 8th of January.

Merry Christmas!



Times Table Challenge Results - November 2018

This challenge takes place every half term, it consists of 150 times table sums in a 15 minute time limit. The top 100 children receive house points, first prize 100 house points, 2nd place 99 house points and so on. A big well done to the top ten children below.



Giles Junior School Christmas Fayre 2018

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre! All our lovely families came together to celebrate and enjoy the Christmas spirit. Thank you for supporting us and your children's hard work. We raised a massive £1197.75! We will be sending out some information on how to vote for how we should spend our fundraising at Giles. Please look out for this shortly.

Once again, many thanks to all the children, their families, staff and volunteers that made this event a very special one.

Mrs Allcock-Green
Head of FOG



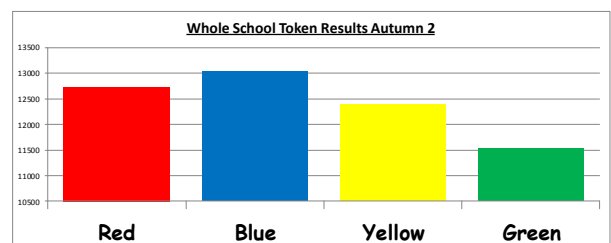
Attendance Data

Last weeks highest attendance goes to **Year 4 Costa Rica: They achieved an amazing 99.1%**

We are all working together to see if we can improve our whole school attendance from 95.5% to 97 % by December 2018.

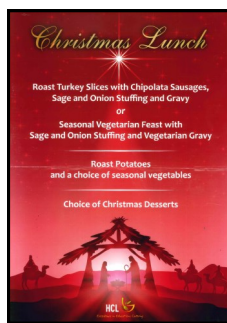
House Tokens Winners

Well done to the Blue Team, who are the winners for this half term. They will be enjoying their reward on Monday afternoon. Blue team members can bring in pyjamas or onesies to change into, if they want to. Games and electronic devices are allowed just no SIM cards please.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch for pupils this year will be on Wednesday 19th December, please see the menu below. To order the Christmas lunch children will just need to order lunch as normal on the day. **Please note that the vegetarian option will be a Quorn Fillet and NOT the vegetarian feast as stated on the menu.**



Children's Performances

Year 4 Christmas Play

Well done to all the Year 4 children for their two performances on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. All the children did so well learning all their lines and they sang beautifully. The show was enjoyed by everyone.

Year 3 Carol Concert

Good luck to all of Year 3 who will be performing their Carol Concert on Monday evening.

Performing Arts Group

Good luck to everyone taking part in Mr Sapsed's performing arts show which takes place on Wednesday.

Year 3 Carol Concert Details

The year 3 Christmas carol concert is on Monday 17th December at 6pm. Please bring your child to school for 5:45pm so that we can be ready to start on time.

Tickets are available to book online using the Parents' Evening system:

<https://gilesjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

(There is a limit of 2 seats per child). Children are invited to wear something 'Christmassy' for the performance (e.g. a Christmas jumper or t-shirt, some tinsel, a Christmas hat etc.).

Year 3 Visit to St Nicholas Church

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited St. Nicholas Church. The vicar, Dave, taught us about Christianity and what it means to be a Christian. We looked around the church for different Christian symbols and discussed why they are important to Christians.

A big thank you to all parents who volunteered to help with this visit; it is greatly appreciated.

In January, we will be visiting a mosque to learn more about Islam and looking at similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. If you are able to help with this visit, please see your child's class teacher. Thank you!



Dates for your diary	Date	Time
Year 3 Merit Assembly (Invites to chosen parents)	Mon 17 th Dec	9.15am
House Reward Day for the Blue Team	Mon 17 th Dec	PM
Year 3 Christmas Carols	Mon 17 th Dec	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Year 4 Merit Assembly (Invites to chosen parents)	Tue 18 th Dec	2.30pm
Christmas Lunch for Pupils	Wed 19 th Dec	Lunchtime
Mad Science - last session this term	Wed 19 th Dec	15.25pm - 14.25pm
Mr Sapsed Dance & Drama Production	Wed 19 th Dec	5.00pm - 6.00pm
Year 5&6 Merit Assembly (Invites to chosen parents)	Thur 20 th Dec	9.15am
Finish for Christmas Holidays	Fri 21 st Dec	2.00pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 7th Jan	
School starts – Spring Term	Tue 8 th Jan	8.50am

Club Finish Details

All clubs have now finished the only sessions that are running next week are:

Mr Sapsed Rehearsal and concert - Wed 19th December

3.15-4.15pm : dress rehearsal
4.15 - 4.45pm : break before show
5.00pm : performance

Mad Science - Wed 19th December

Make up session for the week that it was cancelled

There are no clubs running in the first week of term. You will receive a message in the first week of term to say if you have a place in the following clubs:

Popstars, Dance, Drama, Stevenage FC and Sewing Club