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St Giles School News

Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents and Carers

FAMILY LEARNING WEEK—This Week



We are joining in with Croydon's week of activities and have invited parents and carers to come in to school for a range of events, including developing the sensory garden, cooking activities, eating with your child and work in classrooms. Please make sure that you send the reply slip back to school to book your place. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for at least one activity—we look forward to seeing you!

JEANS FOR GENES
Thank you to all the pupils and staff who supported this fundraiser by wearing their jeans for the day. We collected £80 which will go to gene research. We also had a donation of £400 from Mrs Fraser, mother of Jessica in Class 2, who collected in her work place, Julius Baer Int. Our thanks go to all their staff for their kindness and support.



WEAR IT PINK DAY:
On November 4th 2011 we shall be holding a 'Wear it Pink Day', in aid of breast cancer Research. The cost will be £1 for staff and 50p for children.



Diary Dates This Term

October

10th-14th Family learning week
Tues 11th Parents group 10.30am
Thurs 20th Harvest Assembly 10.45
Fri 21st INSET day

School closed

Mon 24th—Friday 28th October

Monday 31st School Opens

November

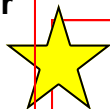
Tues 8th Parents Group 10.30am
Weds 9th Open Morning 9-11.30
Tues 15th School photographs
Weds 16th Parents evening and Governors AGM

December

Tues 6th Parents Group 10.30am
Wed 7th Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
Thurs 8th 1.45pm Christmas show
Fri 9th 7pm Christmas Show
Mon 12th 10.45 Leavers Certificate presentation
PM Primary party and Secondary quiz
Thurs 15th Christmas lunch ,disco
Fri 16th 1.30 John Fisher Choir
7pm Old Scholars
Mon 19th Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Tues 20th 10.45 Christmas Assembly
1.30pm Karaoke

Secondary Form Tutor Awards

Bryony Merivale
Luke Davis
Deepa Sookun
Jiselle Patterson
Edward Widdowson
Adam Stevens
Maria Livadaru
Marnie Nicholson
Joseph Nabieu
Michael McCabe
Connor Norton
Gemma Castleman
Mehmet Ozdemir



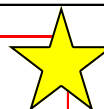
Secondary Merits

Loui Morgan-Petch
Toyin Fabusiwa
Brama Konde
Chelsea Peters
Mehmet Ozdemir
Georgie Dawes
Edward Widdowson
Dominic Head
Jake Palmer
Rachel Thomson



Primary Star of the Week

Hashim Mahmood
Adam Wyatt
Harry Skeets
William Milne
Ronaldo Rostas



SCHOOL MEALS MENU:

Please find attached a copy of the new school meals menu.

ST. GILES OPEN MORNING

We are holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 9th November from 9.30—11.30. This will be an opportunity for prospective parents to view the school and professionals who work in other schools, colleges, nurseries and children's centres to visit. Parents and carers are also welcome to attend. As you are no doubt aware, over the summer we completed a number of building projects. We will provide opportunity on the open morning to have tours of the FTT room, secondary toilets, primary sensory trail and the new primary PMLD classroom. So, if you would like to have an opportunity to see our new resources, please make every effort to come along.



PACKED LUNCHES

Packed lunches should only be sent in with the express permission of the Head Teacher and this is usually only for students with specific dietary needs. All lunches which are sent into school must be healthy and be appropriate for the feeding guidelines as set out by the SALT team. Can I please remind parents that we do not have chilled storage facilities at school for pupils packed lunches brought from home. Therefore all containers need to have an internal chill facility.

PARENT PAY

A reminder that all school meals must now be paid using 'Parent Pay'. Usernames and passwords or Parent Pay cards can be obtained through the school office

PARENT GROUP

We had a successful meeting for parents at the beginning of October. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November at 10.30. Please come along and have a cup of tea, some biscuits and a chat with other parents. Particularly welcome are the parents of all our new pupils as this will give you the opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about the school.



HOLIDAY LETS

We have been sent details about a number of Holiday let cottages. They are all are fully adapted for disabled access. If anyone is interested, please see the parent notice board in the school foyer.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We are collecting for The Salvation Army, to support their work with homeless people. Please send in any toiletries (deodorant, razors, shower gel, shampoo etc.) and food items (such as cans, tins or packets of soup, fish, fruit and cereal etc.). I hope that you will be able to join us for our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 20th October at 10.45. You are also invited to join your child for lunch after assembly. Please phone the office by Wednesday 19th to confirm.

SCHOOL JOURNEY TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

6 pupils in Year 10 and 11 visited the Kepplewray Centre in the Lake District from 26th—30th September. Activities included a journey on a steam train and a boat across Lake Windermere, canoeing on Coniston Water and tree climbing and abseiling at the centre. The weather was excellent, as you can see from the photo! All pupils had a fantastic time and benefitted from the experience.

PARENTS EVENING AND GOVERNORS AGM

Parents Evening is on **Wednesday 16th November** from 5.15—8.45. We expect all parents to support their child's education and this is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and teaching assistant to discuss their progress. Please make sure you book this date in your diary. It will also be an opportunity to meet with Governors and hear news of developments in the school over the past year. I look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

For the past year we have offered parents and carers the service of a Parent Support Advisor, Hazel Earl (pictured right). This has proved to be very beneficial to a number of you. She is available by appointment every Tuesday morning from 9.15 to 11.30 to meet with parents on an individual basis to offer advice on a variety of issues and provide parents with support and information. If you are interested in having an informal chat, please contact the school office who will pass on your details.



I hope that we will see many of you at the activities during Family Learning Week and at Harvest Assembly, and wish all of you an enjoyable half term holiday.

With best wishes, Adrienne Knight Acting Head Teacher