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St Giles School News

Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents

It's the start of another school year, but I already have lots to tell you about.

SUMMER BUILDING WORKS

There have been lots of exciting changes to the school during the Summer holiday. The Food Technology room has been refurbished and is now state of the art and fully accessible for all our pupils. Our thanks go to Jacqueline Jenkins from the Local Authority who secured the funding for this project for us.

The Primary PMLD class has now been furnished and resourced and we are looking forward to welcoming our first pupils in mid-September.

We have had a complete refurbishment of the toilets in the Secondary department and these are now modern, bright and spacious. This will have a huge impact on the comfort of pupils and staff.

PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

Thanks to funding given to us through Building Schools for the Future, we have completed a refurbishment of the grass area in the Primary playground. The area is now a sensory trail which was designed by the pupils. This is nearly complete and includes a gazebo for shelter, an arch and raised flower beds.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day went very well thanks to Miss Williams' fantastic organisation. Well done to all who took part, and thanks to those who came along to cheer the teams.

ST. GILES QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a quiz night in aid of St. Giles School on Saturday 24th September at 7.00. It promises to be a fun, informative and enjoyable evening. Tickets cost £10 which will include a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. We will be selling soft drinks. Please make every effort to join us.

Diary Dates This Term

September

Tues 13th	Parents Group 10.30am
Thurs 15th	Keppleway meeting 3.45pm
Sat 24th	Quiz night
26th-30th	Keppleway School Journey for Y10 and 11

October

Fri 7th	Jeans for Genes Day
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 9-11.30am
Tues 15th	School photographs
Weds 16th	Parents evening and Governors AGM



We celebrated a range of fantastic achievements at our Leavers Assembly in July.

- Rohini Abhayaratne Cup for Personal Endeavour**—Amran Mohamed
- Janet Atkins Primary Swimming Award**—Kyle Porter
- Bobbie Milne Secondary Swimming Award**—George Nicot
- Primary Well Done Cup**—Daniel Capaldi
- Sylvia Simpson Secondary Well Done Cup**—Andrew Norman
- Governors Art Award**—Louis French
- Sue Collins Cup for Athletic Achievement**—Shaun White
- Jack Petchey Award**—Edward Widdowson



WELCOME!

We have been joined by a number of new pupils this term. Welcome to Troy Gardner, Michael Griffin, Maryam Hussain, Tom Mulaguusi, and Kaymar Lamont - Brown in Reception, Zacheriah Chaouch will be joining Class 4, Jiselle Patterson the Secondary Department and Adam Stevens in our PMLD Department. Harry Skeets, Zahra Sidi-Mahamud, Immogen Rowson, Alberta Alfrifa, Melody Ballard, Sunjay Gunalan and Josiah Okyere will be joining us in PMLD Primary. We are delighted to have them at St. Giles.

STAFFING

We also welcome a new teacher for Class 2 this term, Laura Herridge and Miss Finigan as our temporary ICT teacher. New Teaching Assistants who have joined us this term are Janni Carey-Bailey (Class 4), Peju Obahiagbon (Class 3), Elaine Burgess (Class MB), Wendy Mullinder (Class KC) and Debbie Clark (Primary PMLD). We also have 4 new School Meal Supervisors: Dawn Mann, Elouise Shine, Debbie Escrader and Sandra Lewis.

PARENTS SUPPORT ADVISOR

Hazel Earl, our Parent Support Advisor, will still be able to meet with parents during the coming school year. Please note that she will be available on a Tuesday morning between 9.00 and 12.00. Please contact the school office if you would like to speak to Hazel.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

We had a good number of parents at the last meeting as it coincided with Sports Day and it was a nice opportunity for parents to meet others. We will be continuing to hold meetings monthly—please look out for dates and attend if you can. The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th September from 10.30 until 12.00.

SWIMMING

Pupils will have a weekly swimming session. Please ensure that you send your child with their swimming costume and a towel for every session.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



It was great to see pupils looking so smart on their return to school. Please remember that we have a very economical outdoor coat with a reversible fleece lining at a very competitive price. We also sell zipped fleece jackets and tracksuits for PE which are very popular. I would urge you to clearly mark **ALL** your child's clothing. School uniform will be available Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please make an appointment with the office. A reminder that **Y11 pupils** may wear a black jumper for school.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of lost property in the school office. All of it is unnamed!! If you think that your child may have lost something at school, please call in at the office to look for it.

HOME LEARNING

Homework is set weekly for Literacy and Maths in the Primary Department and every day for two / three subjects per night in the Secondary Department. Information sheets will be sent home from both departments shortly.

READING

Reading is an essential life skill. Please support your child by listening to them read or reading to them for a few minutes each evening. Please ensure that reading books are returned each day to enable your child to progress.

With best wishes
Adrienne Knight
Acting Head Teacher



Attendance Awards

Brama Konde	Anna Adjei-Mensah
Glory Nnama	Olu Fadipe
Sunjai Johnson	Deepa Sookun
Temidayo Johnson	Rachel Thomson
Kyrell Buckle	Edward Widdowson
Sana Hanif	

Miss Pearce Book Prize

Kimberley Sonde	Emily Humphries
Sunjai Johnson	Bianca Pinhal
Esther Ajayi	Michael McCabe
Glory Nnama	Kaya Sheriff
Joseph Nabieu	Louis French
Deepa Sookunun	Daniel Mallon

