

13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly I'd like to start by welcoming all our new children and their families to St Giles. Our Reception children are settling into school life beautifully.

P.E Kits and Outdoor Clothing

Your child needs to have their P.E kit in school every day. P.E kit should remain in school until the end of each half term. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and named wellies in school for outdoor learning.

Parking

For the benefit of all our new parents and a reminder to everyone else please do not use the school car park or entrance to it. It is for staff, visitors and deliveries only. It is not a safe place to drop off or collect your children. Disabled badge holders may use the car park.

Mobile Phones

We discourage your children to bring mobile phones into school. However, if your child, in Year 5 and 6, has to bring a mobile phone to school it must be left with Mrs Bednall in the school office.

INSET DAYS

There are five INSET days during the year when school is closed to pupils.

These will be on the following dates: Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Friday 14th February 2020, Monday 20th April 2020 and Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020. We break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July 2020.

May Day Bank Holiday

You may already be aware that the May Day Bank Holiday next year has been moved to FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020 instead of Monday 4th May.

Parents Evening

The first parents evening of the school year will be on Monday 14th October. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Harvest Festival

We are asking for donations of tinned and dried foods which will be donated to local charities. Everyone is welcome to attend our Harvest service in St Giles Church on Friday 4th October at 2.45pm.

Volunteers – We need you!

If you are interested in coming into school to help hear children read we would love to hear from you.

Mums, Dads, Grandads if you can spare an hour or two a week we would really appreciate your support.

Mrs McManus is holding a short meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 2.45pm in school to talk about how this will work. Please come along if you can make it.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details including mobile phone number and email address. It is imperative that we are able to contact you during the school day and that you receive text messages and emails from school.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are taking part in the "Aldi Kit for Schools" scheme. If you or any other family members shop at Aldi please help us collect the 300 stickers needed to complete our poster and we will receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000.

After School Clubs – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday – Dance open to all year groups

Wednesday –Premier Sport Fencing this term – open to years 4, 5 & 6

Friday – RuggerEds – open to all year groups

Peter Pan – Derby Arena - Friday 13th December

Christmas is coming – oh yes it is!! Advance notice that we have booked for the whole school to go to the pantomime at Derby Arena with Cromford Primary School. Further details regarding the timings and cost will be sent nearer the time.

We have a very busy term ahead so below are some key dates for your diaries. Further details of all the events leading up to Christmas will be sent out nearer the time. All school letters are on the school website as well as all the dates for your calendar.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th September – First swimming for years 5 & 6

Friday 4th October 2.45pm - Harvest Service in St Giles Church – Everyone is welcome

Monday 14th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October – Class 4 trip to the Warner Bros. Studios

Tuesday 22nd October – PTFA Pyjama Party 4.00pm -6.00pm

Tuesday 3rd December – PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 10th December – Secret Santa

Friday 13th December – Whole School Trip to Derby Arena – Peter Pan

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Performance 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2.45pm– Christingle Service in church

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Foster
Executive Head Teacher