



St Giles C of E Academy Newsletter



Reports and New Classes

On Wednesday next week (The 20th) , your child will be bringing home their end of year report. It has been an absolute privilege to read them and see all the amazing things that they have achieved during this past year. We really do have 'super children' at St Giles. They will all also have the opportunity to meet their new teacher. This can be a nervous time for all involved, children, parents, carers and even the teachers! Some people do find change difficult and after spending a year with the same teacher, a move of classes can be daunting. At St Giles we have 45 children in each year group – but only 30 children can go in each class. This means, like lots of other schools in the area, we have to have mixed classes. I wanted to clear up some misunderstanding about how the classes are mixed at school:

Firstly, **there is no top or bottom set.** The children are split on age with either the older or younger of the 45 going into the split class. Then we look at the classes social needs, friendship groups, who they work well with and not so well too. We also split children who may have clashes of personality.

We aim to be as fair as we can, and can assure you a lot of thought and time has gone into these decisions. Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend — *Mr Grace*

Collaboration Cup Winners!

Wow! What a team! Our current Year 6 have had limited time to compete against other schools due to the Pandemic, but you wouldn't have thought it after Tuesday's competition win. Scoring 40 goals and conceding just 4 shows how important we take PE and School Sport here at St Giles. It was a pleasure to witness our school's performances



and I think we have some future stars in the making. Well done to everyone involved. One very proud teacher - Mr Greatorex

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Warm weather warning

It is going to be very hot next Monday and Tuesday. We have had assemblies this week about how we can stay safe in the sun and during periods of high temperature. Next week **we recommend children to wear their PE kit or Summer uniform, which ever is cooler.** Also the following steps will be taken at school:

- Children will be encouraged to SLIP - SLOP - SLAP - SEEK - SLIDE (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzA47J7QsVk>):- slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade, slide on sunglasses:
- Use sunscreen (at least SPF30) and reapply it regularly throughout the day, they may bring this in for their own use and self-application if wished.
- Children should wear loose, light clothing (summer uniform/PE kit) to help keep cool.
- Wear a hat, preferably a wide-brimmed hat that covers the face, neck and ears
- Spend time in the shade, such as under a tree or shelter (particularly during the middle of the day). We will be using the minimal shade that we have down the sides of the school.
- Children will be encouraged to not take part in energetic activity on hot days. Any activity will be risk-assessed and changes made, e.g. moved to the morning.
- Children will be encouraged to drink more than usual when conditions are hot, especially at lunchtime. Please send your child in with a named bottle, or frozen water in a wrapped bottle. This can be refilled.
- We will open windows as early as possible in the morning before children arrive to allow heat to escape from the building
- We will close indoor blinds, but not block window ventilation and will 'almost close' windows if the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation
- If possible, use those classrooms or other spaces which are less likely to overheat, and adjust the layout of teaching spaces to avoid direct sunlight on children
- Keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum and switch off all electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers when not in use – equipment should not be left in 'standby mode' as this generates more heat

Next Year's Class Teachers

Before your child meets their new teacher on Wednesday here are the class teachers for the next school year. You may notice a couple of changes and names missing, there'll be more on that in next weeks newsletter.

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| Nursery | Mrs Roose | Class 3 | Miss Gibson |
| Reception 1 | Miss Gillespie | Class 3/4 | Mrs Firth/ Miss Hinchcliffe |
| Reception 2 | Miss Lunn | Class 4 | Miss Timmins |
| Class 1 | Mrs Best | Class 5 | Mrs Walker |
| Class 1/2 | Miss Sargesson | Class 5/6 | Mr Greatorex |
| Class 2 | Mrs Fowler/ Mrs Burton | Class 6 | Miss Beardmore |

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This Week's 'Growing Together' Award Winners

Nursery - Peaches G

For being such a positive, fun loving, affectionate and friendly little ray of sunshine each and every day. Thank you for just being you Peaches!

Reception 1 - Rory L

For making amazing progress with all areas of learning. Rory always gives 100% to everything that he does. Well done Rory keep up the hard work next year.

Reception 2 - Max B

For trying so hard to follow rules and listen carefully to instructions. You have had a super week we are so pleased with you Max.

Class 1 - Linton L

For always being there for others. He has worked hard in Maths this week and is showing a lot of kindness. Well done Linton!

Class 1/2 - George B

For always setting a good example to others. George has grown in confidence so much this year, he is always listening and presents his work beautifully.

Class 2 - Miroslav S

For making a super effort to learn English and having an improved positive attitude.
You are a star!

Class 3 - Emily D

For being very confident in talking to her peers about her sight, she was very knowledgeable and showed everyone how amazing she is! You are a little superstar ☆

Class 3/4 - Lexi S

For being an absolute superstar and making amazing progress this year. She has put so much effort into learning her times tables and her enthusiasm for learning is fantastic. 😊

Class 4 - Harvey Y

Harvey for his amazing efforts with his times tables. He has grown so much in confidence this year- we are super proud Harvey!

Class 5 - Layla A

Layla, you are the most wonderful child to teach. You never fail to make us all laugh and I wish I was here to see your reaction to your award because I know it will be ace, just like you.

Class 5/6 – Taylor H

We have been so impressed with Taylor's bravery and enthusiasm during our rehearsals for the end of year production. Well done keep it up Croc.

Class 6 - Brogan W

Brogan is a pleasure to teach and throws herself into every aspect of school. She's a great friend and always has a positive and cheery outlook on life. We will miss her so much!

Members of staff - The EYFS Team

For the warm welcome they have given to all our new pupils and their families who will be joining us in September. Also, for all the love and care they give to all our EYFS children. They're always willing to go over and above.