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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to summer term 2018. I am writing to inform you of the diary dates for this term and to give you some other general information and reminders.

**Start of the school day** - the school gates are opened at 8.45am and both playgrounds are supervised until the bell rings. Please ensure that your children are not left unsupervised on the school premises before this. Registration opens at 8.55am and any child arriving after 9.00am should come through the front door and be registered as late. These records are monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer regularly.

**Scooters & bikes**- as the weather hopefully improves, it will be lovely to see more children coming to school on bikes and scooters. From a health and safety point, please ensure that they do not use the road in or the car park and playground. Children should use paths carefully and sensibly and all bikes and scooters should be left in shelter, not on playground or outside classrooms.

**Parking**- I would like to remind everyone that the health and safety of the children is the most important issue. The school car park should not be used by parents dropping children off or collecting at the busy times of the day. We must ensure that any emergency vehicles are able to access the car park and the children are safe when walking in and out of school. The surrounding roads must also be used with care and respect for the children and residents, ensuring that driveways are left clear and that other vehicles can pass. Please think about speed. We are still having obstructive and dangerous parking on junctions and across footpaths. We are unable to police this as it is not on our property so we will continue to inform the Local Policing Team.

**School uniform**- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM AND COATS ARE NAMED.** Please ensure that your children are wearing the correct school uniform. Uniform at St Giles is compulsory and children are expected to be dressed correctly throughout the school year. Items of school uniform can be bought from the School Shop Direct, as well as major supermarkets. **The wearing of trainers and brightly coloured shoes is not allowed.**

**School Website**- we are hoping that the website is becoming more useful and informative. Please use the links for purchasing uniform, booking after school clubs and breakfast club as well as paying for trips and school lunches. You can also find relevant policies, plans for what the children are learning and information about issues such as E-Safety with links to other useful websites.

**Break time snacks**- just a reminder that the children are allowed to bring a healthy snack for break time consisting of fruit, cereal bars or nuts and seeds. Please ensure the children are only eating a small healthy snack during the short morning break rather than chocolate bars and sweets.



**Online Payments**- this is available to pay for school trips, music lessons, breakfast and after school clubs and school dinners. Please contact us if you are having issues.

**Inhalers & Medication**- if your child has an inhaler, please ensure that the Care Plans have been completed and returned to school and that there is an inhaler in school that is in date. We have had numerous issues where children do not have an inhaler at all or it has passed its expiry date so cannot be used. If a child has an asthma attack, we would be unable to use someone else's inhaler. Letters will be coming home if the inhaler we hold is out of date or due to run out this term.

**Personnel**- At the end of this term Mr Evans, our site manager, will be retiring. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing him a very happy retirement.

**Diary Dates for this term**- further dates will be sent on newsletters

16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class and sports group photographs
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 SATs information session for parents
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming for Year 5&6 begins
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
W/C 14 & 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 SATs weeks
25 <sup>th</sup> May	JimJamJog PTA event 8.30am
28 <sup>th</sup> May-1 <sup>st</sup> June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Crucial Crew visit
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
26 <sup>th</sup> June	UKS2 sports day 9.30am
27 <sup>th</sup> June	LKS2 sports day 9.30am
28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 sports day 9.30am
29 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS sports day 9.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 transition day Belvidere & Move up session for all classes
6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fayre 5.30-7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production 6pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open evening- 3.15-5.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break Up

Thank you to all of you who have been supporting our children with hearing readers, it has made a great difference and I hope this can continue this term. DEAR will continue on Monday from 3-3.15pm, hopefully more of you can come and enjoy this with your children. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the term.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Gardner  
Head Teacher