



# St Giles C.E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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## PTA News

Save the dates:

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas fayre, 5.30pm-7.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> December - Film night - Small Foot

Raffle tickets and further information regarding the Christmas fayre will be sent home on Monday!

If anyone would like to join the PTA and get involved in future fundraising events please e-mail: [pta@st-giles.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-giles.shropshire.sch.uk)

The PTA also have a Facebook group '**St Giles PTA Group**' for parents to keep up to date with information.

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## Children in Need

We have raised a fantastic amount of £233.83 today for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

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## Appointments

Please can we request that any non-urgent appointments are booked outside of school time wherever possible. If however your child is going to be absent from school for a medical appointment our school Education Welfare Officer has advised that we should request copies of appointment letters or sight of text messages. Therefore if your child is going to be absent from school to attend an appointment please send a copy of the appointment letter into the school office.

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## A Polite Request...

Last year, we spent a large amount of money on phonically decodable books, which are vital to ensure our youngest children in EYFS and KS1 can achieve success with their earliest reading experiences. It is very important that we send books home to allow you to develop daily reading practices together and instill a reading pleasure ethos.

However, a recent book audit showed that a large proportion of these books are not being returned to school. As a result, we are struggling to find enough books to send home to all children. PLEASE can you check at home as a matter of urgency, and return any books that belong to St Giles'. I am sure you are very aware that school budgets are being squeezed and we cannot afford to keep replacing books.

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## Breakfast and After School Care

Both breakfast and after school care are very popular and many days are now fully booked. On some days however, up to 10% of children are either not attending or arrive very late in breakfast club.

These are places that we would like to offer to other children that are on our waiting list. Therefore if for any reason you do not need your child to attend, please can you inform the school office to enable us to offer these spaces to other children.

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## Sport

Letters regarding the Shrewsbury Half Marathon 2019 Shropshire Primary Schools Challenge have been sent home with the children today. As detailed in the letter children will run a mile each week at school, supported

by staff, and the last part of the distance will be completed at the Shrewsbury Half Marathon. Please refer to the letter sent home for further information.

Well done to the children who represented the school in the U10 Boys Football and got through to the next round!

### **Basketball (house matches)**

LKS2: 1st place, Shrewsbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, Wenlock  
3<sup>rd</sup> place, Buildwas  
4<sup>th</sup> place, Haughmond

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### **Diary Dates**

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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability taking place this week - Year 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon for prospective parents (Sept'19 intake), 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	U9 Boys Football, TCAT
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Netball League, Shrewsbury Sports Village
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 visit to Shrewsbury Museum
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 visit to Shrewsbury Museum
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 visit to Shrewsbury Museum