



Haughton St Giles



Dream to Achieve



Friday 10th September 2021

Haughton St Giles Primary is a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

Being Nut-Free means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

Parents and carers must notify staff if their child has any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information. This will be added to your child's care plan.

Parentpay

Please can we remind any new parents to activate their Parentpay accounts. We use Parentpay to allocate payments for the various activities across the school, but also to distribute emails and messages to parents.

Also, please can we ask you to check your account on a weekly basis and clear any balances that are outstanding on your account.

Music

We welcome back Mr Parkes & Mrs Opatunde and wish a warm welcome to Miss Deeley from Entrust Music Department. The timetable is as follows:

- Mrs Opatunde (Flute) - Tuesday am
- Mr Parkes (Guitar, Cello & Violin) - Friday am
- Miss Deeley class music - Friday am

Please can parents ensure that children have their musical instrument with them each week. Instruments will be sent home after their class lessons next week, where applicable.

Also can you encourage your child to practise playing at home & to take care of their instrument and ensure that they are not stored near radiators or left in cars as this can cause the instruments to warp.

School Dinners

Reminder that school dinners are free for all children in Reception (Acorn) and year 1 & 2 (Conker), under the 'Universal Free School Meal Scheme'. For children in year 3 & 4 (Birch), year 5 (Oak) & year 6 (Chestnut), school meals are £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week and payable using your Parentpay account.

Children can decide on the day if they would like a school dinner, as meals are cooked fresh to order. All we ask is that you go through the menu choices with your child so they have an understanding of the choices available to them (this is really helpful for children with any allergies or special dietary requirements)

Flu Vaccinations

The Schools Immunisation Team will be in school on 25th November to administer the flu vaccine. Parents will be asked to complete an online consent form nearer the time. Please can we ask that you direct any questions or concerns relating to the Flu vaccine with the Immunisation Team as we are unable to discuss any queries or consents with parents.

Y6 Swimming

Pupils in Chestnut Class will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 13th September, at Stafford Leisure Centre. Lessons will continue throughout the remaining Autumn Term, between and including the following dates: 13th September 2020 - 6th December 2020 (11 weeks).

Transport will be provided and we will leave school at approximately 11 am, returning during lunchtime meaning children can still have a school dinner.

Pupils must ensure that they bring a swimming kit to school each Monday. Pupils are not permitted to wear earrings for swimming, so these must be removed on Mondays if your child is unable to do so themselves.

If you wish for your child to wear goggles for swimming, then please ensure you return the completed consent slip. If this is not returned to us, your child will not be permitted to wear goggles, even if they are brought with their swimming kit.

PTFA News

The PTFA would like to welcome new parents, friends and grandparents to a drinks and nibbles evening in The Bell at Haughton on Thursday 23rd September at 8pm. This will give you the opportunity to find out a bit more about the PTFA, what they do and to get to know each other.

There is no obligation to get involved, but we are very happy to extend the invite to grandparents and friends too, as we have already relied on a grandparent for the key job of treasurer for many years and it would be great to get another involved too. If you would like to come along & join us then please let the office know if you are attending.

Diary Dates

Monday 13th September - Y6 Swimming am

Tuesday 12th October - Academy Photography in school (details to follow)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October - Half Term

Monday 1st November - Inset Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 2nd November - School reopens

Thursday 25th November - Whole School Flu Immunisations

Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4th January - Inset Day (no pupils)

Wednesday 5th January - School reopens

Autumn 2021	Term starts: Thurs 2 nd Sept (INSET day) [Fri 3 rd Sept is also INSET]* *Children attend Monday 6th September
	Half term: 25th-29th Oct
	INSET day: Mon 1 st Nov
	Term ends: Fri 17 th Dec
Spring 2022	INSET day: Tues 4 th Jan
	Term Starts: Wed 5th Jan
	Half term: 21st-25th Feb
	INSET day: Mon 28 th Feb
	Term ends: Fri 8 th Apr
Summer 2022	Term starts: Mon 25 th Apr
	Half term: 30th May-3rd June
	INSET day: Mon 6 th June
	Term ends: Fri 22 nd Jul