



Haughton St Giles



Dream to Achieve



Friday 18th March 2022

Comic/Sport Relief Day

Today, the School Council hosted a sporting afternoon in order to raise awareness of Comic/Sport Relief and the support they give to so many people.

Thank you to everyone who have shown their support by donating. So far we have raised an amazing:

£142.00

The donation page will stay open over the weekend to allow anyone who has not already donated time to do so.

Parents' Evening

We still have some appointments available for Parents' Evenings on Monday 21st March 5 -7pm & Tuesday 22nd March 3:30 - 5pm. There will be no virtual appointments on this occasion, however, if you would prefer a phone call appointment instead then please email the school office. Please be aware that staff have been asked to keep to the specific time slots.

If you are wishing to book an appointment then please contact Mrs Kelly in the school office to arrange.

Absence Requests

We are receiving quite a few Absence Requests recently and we want to reiterate once more that there are 5 specific criteria's for authorising a request:

- **Family bereavements**
- **Service personnel prevented from term time holidays**
- **Family crisis/serious issue meaning family needs to spend time together (eg. Close family funeral or critical illness of family member)**
- **Certain exams and recognised short time sporting/ cultural activities (Evidence Needed)**
- **Religious observance**

Therefore, if you receive an unauthorised request, you run the risk of being prosecuted and receiving a fine of:

- £60 per child, per parent - 1 child x 2 parents = £120
2 children x 2 parents = £240
And so on...

Please be aware that the Local Authority are informed of any unauthorised requests and that all prosecutions are dealt with them directly.

Parentpay

Please can we ask you to check your Parentpay account on a regular basis and ensure you are clearing any outstanding balances! Late payments impact our school budget significantly, so your support in this matter would be really appreciated. If you need help with your account then please contact Mrs Kelly in the office.

Mothers' Day Lunch

Reminder - Tuesday 22nd March for KS1 (Acorn & Conker), and Tuesday 29th March for KS2 (Birch, Oak & Chestnut). The cost of the lunch for all visitors is £3.00, payable using your Parentpay account (we will assign a specific payment called Mother's Day Lunch 2022). Payments have now been allocated and ready for you to make payment.

On the day please arrive at the office by 12:00 noon, so lunch can begin at 12:15pm. Our organisers on the day will collect the children from their classrooms and bring them to you. Please be patient; it is always a busy event!

I'm sure you will understand that due to Health & Safety & also Safeguarding, after finishing lunch children will go outside and you will not be able to join them.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Easter Service

On Wednesday 6th April, Reverend Cath will be delivering an Easter Service which the whole school will attend. This year, classes will not be 'performing', however our Faith Team pupils will be working with Rev. Cath to deliver the Easter story. The rest of the school will attend and sing the congregational hymns, which they are learning in collective worship.

Parents are very welcome to attend this service, but we wanted to clarify that pupils will be presenting (with the exception of our small Faith Team) at this service.

Due to limited space at the church and depending on the number of parents wishing to attend, some parents may be asked to stand and pushchairs/prams must be left outside the church.

UNICEF - Ukraine

Over the past couple of weeks, a number of children have asked questions about the current situation in the Ukraine. As a school, our careful approach has been to reiterate that what is happening is very sad for everyone involved and we truly hope that this can be solved soon and everyone can live peacefully again.

However, Faith Team have expressed a wish to become more proactive and raise money to support children and families directly affected by the conflict. As a result, Faith Team met after lunchtime yesterday to discuss how we could help as part of our work on courageous advocacy and becoming better 'global neighbours'.

The children had lots of wonderful and varied ideas, but unanimously decided on fund-raising through a bake sale on Wednesday 30th March. They also suggested opening an additional donation opportunity via ParentPay, to allow families to donate anything else they wish to in addition to the bake sale. Therefore, any cake donations would be very much appreciated and can be brought into school on the morning of the bake sale. Pupils can bring money to school and will have the opportunity to purchase cakes at break time, any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the day if parents wish to come in and purchase them.

Faith Team have set an ambitious fundraising target of £200, it would be wonderful if we could reach, or even surpass, this amount. All monies raised will be donated to Unicef who are working to support children affected by this conflict. You can find out more about their work at <https://www.unicef.org.uk/>

PTFA Disco



The PTFA will be holding a Disco on Wednesday 6th April, with KS1 5 - 6pm & KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm. There will be the usual pizzas & refreshments on sale and an entrance fee of £3 per child. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible to this lovely event.

Due to safeguarding, parents will not be able to stay with their children, so please can we ask that you drop off and then collect **promptly** at the beginning and end of each session. Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

- Monday 21st March - Parents' Evening 5 - 7pm
- Tuesday 22nd March - KS1 Mother's Day Lunch
- Tuesday 22nd March - Parents' Evening 3:30 - 5pm
- Tuesday 29th March - KS2 Mothers' Day Lunch
- Wednesday 30th March - UNICEF Bake Sale - donations of cakes welcome on the day
- Wednesday 6th April - Easter Service 2pm in church
- Wednesday 6th April - PTFA Disco KS1 5 - 6pm & KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm
- **Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays**
- Monday 25th April - School reopens

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| Autumn 2021 | Term starts: Thurs 2 nd Sept (INSET day) Fri 3 rd Sept (INSET day)* |
| | *Children attend Monday 6th September |
| | Half term: 25th - 29th Oct |
| | INSET day: Mon 1 st Nov Term ends: Fri 17 th Dec |
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| 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 |
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| Summer 2022 | Term starts: Mon 25 th Apr |
| | *INSET Day: Friday 27th May |
| | Half term: 30th May - 3rd June |
| | *School Bank Holiday: Mon 6th June |
| | Term ends: Fri 22 nd Jul |

*** Changes due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**