



School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

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Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, **'learn to love and love to learn'**, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

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Spirituality– St Giles' C.E. Primary School

The 'Wow's', 'Ows' and 'Nows'

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This week, children have been reflecting on the Christian value of **PEACE.**

When we fully understand what Jesus was trying to teach us it can create a **WOW** moment in our mind. Jesus used examples in nature to try and get us to focus on what is important. And when we do that it can give us an overwhelming feeling of peace. Jesus is not teaching us that it is wrong to work hard for the right things, instead he is pointing out that worrying about the wrong things will not bring happiness, but stress and the absence of peace.

Each week, children through school explore a Christian value and reflect on **'WOW'** and **'OW'** moments, culminating in pupil led Worship in St Giles Church each Friday.

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for at 9.00am each week.

PEACE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value PEACE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Peace

In school, children will have been learning about different kinds of **peace** including **peace** that comes when it is quiet, the things that make for **peace** of mind and the qualities of a **peacemaker**. In this issue of Home School Values, we will be focussing on the last of these.

All families have disagreements and arguments from time to time.

- What are the things that cause members of your family to fall out?
- Are there particular times of the day that arguments happen?
- How do each of you feel inside at these times?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist"

Golda Meir/Indira Gandhi



READ TOGETHER...

David Tries To Make Peace With King Saul

King Saul knew that he needed to keep an eye on young David. He had killed the giant, Goliath, and now people were saying that David should be king. David was a gifted musician and so Saul asked him to come and live in his palace and play soothing music to him when he was in a rage.

David became more and more popular and a good friend of Saul's own son Jonathan. Saul became more and more angry and jealous. Finally one day, as he watched David **peacefully** playing his harp Saul's fury erupted and he threw a spear at David narrowly missing him. David knew he must escape from Saul's palace and with Jonathan's help, he fled into the desert. Before long, hundreds of followers joined David. Saul was furious and, with 3000 of his finest soldiers, set out to hunt David down and kill him.

One day Saul and his men stopped by a huge cave. Saul went into the cave alone or so he thought! In fact, David and his friends had been resting in another part of the cave and when they saw Saul, David's men whispered, "This is your chance David. God has delivered Saul into your hands to deal with as you please. Let's kill him at once." David ordered his men to stay back while he crept forward and taking his knife from his belt, instead of killing Saul he simply cut off a corner of the king's cloak.

As Saul left the cave, David called after him, "My King, why do you think that I want to harm you and cause a rebellion? Look, here is a piece of your cloak! I could have killed you but I wish for only **peace** between us."

Saul was overcome with sadness for what he had done. "May the Lord reward you richly for the way you have treated me today. I know now that one day David you will indeed be king."

Bible story based on 1 Samuel 24



QUIZ

Spot the difference

Can you spot the eight differences?





FASCINATING FACTS



The Nobel Peace Prize

Alfred Nobel was a 19th century Swedish inventor and engineer. He invented dynamite, which was used to destroy many things! Perhaps because of this, in his will, Nobel left money and instructions to award five special prizes each year. He said that one of these, the Nobel **Peace** Prize, should be given to a person, or group of people, who had done the most or best work to promote **peace** between nations.

- The Nobel **Peace** Prize is presented in Oslo on 10th December each year by the King of Norway
- The winner is given a diploma, a medal and over 1 million US dollars to carry on their work



FAMILY FOCUS Becoming Peacemakers



'Peer Mediation' is a scheme often used in schools to train teams of children who volunteer to help settle disputes in the playground. Some of the guidelines in the training include the following strategies:

- Listen carefully to both sides
- No interrupting
- No accusations
- List problems to be sorted out and then work through them

How do you resolve disagreements in your household? List one 'top tip' from every member of the family.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Create an Acrostic for the word **Peacemaker**

A good **peacemaker** is.....

- P**repared to listen
- E**ven-handed with everyone
- A**lways fair

★ HALL OF FAME

Rigoberta Menchu

Very few people had heard of Rigoberta Menchu when it was announced that she had won the Nobel **Peace** Prize in 1992. However, Rigoberta was one of the bravest women ever to have been awarded this prestigious prize. She was born in 1959 into a Mayan Indian family who lived and worked in Guatemala. The Mayan people were treated cruelly by the government and the army in Guatemala. The Menchu family were Christians and they believed it was their duty to fight against such injustice. The family learnt Spanish from the local priests so they could stand up for the rights of their people. One by one the members of the family were killed in the most dreadful way by the government soldiers, first Rigoberta's 16 year old brother, then her father because he was a union leader and then finally her mother. Rigoberta knew she would be next, so she escaped to Mexico where she wrote her life story and made a film about the bad things happening in Guatemala. Rigoberta continued to stand up against injustice and for more than twenty years worked as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador to promote a culture of peace and protect the rights of people to live in their own country.





Harvest 2024 Appeal.

This winter may be challenging for many, with fuel prices set to rise in October and food costs remaining a persistent issue. Over the past year, there has been a steady increase in the number of adults and children relying on our foodbanks, as the ongoing cost of living crisis leaves many unable to afford basic essentials like food.

This year our Harvest Festival is about campaigning for **Black Country Foodbank and WaterAid** based on article 24 of Convention for the rights of a child.

A collection will be held on Friday 4th October at the School Gates. A list of much needed items are listed on Page 2 of the Newsletter.

Non-Uniform Day– Friday 4th October

Friday 4th October has been designate as a Non-Uniform Day, with money raised donated to Water Aid.

Water Aid are an international not-for-profit organisation, determined to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere.

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SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- **CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **CARTONS OF UHT MILK**
- **CORDIAL/SQUASH**
- **SMALL JARS OF COFFEE**
- **TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S**
- **TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED POTATOES/MASH**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)**
- **TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNERED BEEF)**
- **TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **BREAKFAST CEREAL**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **SAVOURY RICE**
- **INSTANT NOODLES**
- **ROLL ON DEODORANT**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **BARS OF SOAP**



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY




Walking to school...

Good for you, good for everyone

Do you really need the car?

- Children who walk to school are more alert and more attentive than those who travel by car.
- Walking to and from school helps to keep children and adults fit.
- Walking is good exercise.
- The walk to school can help children develop the skills to stay safer when out and about independently.

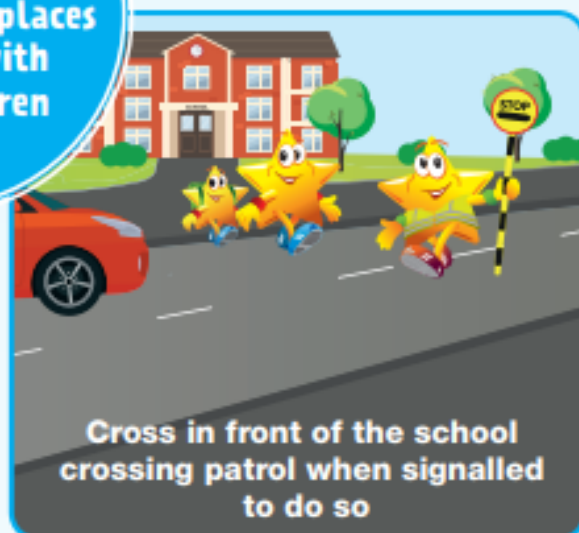


A walking start
means a healthy
heart

Safer places to cross



Set a good example by using safer crossing places correctly with your children



Green Cross Code

Promote these steps below to cross the road safely:

Find the safest place to cross, are there any zebra, pelican or other crossings you can use?



STOP with feet behind the kerb



LOOK all around for traffic



LISTEN carefully for traffic/engine noises



THINK if traffic is coming let it pass.

When it is safe,
cross in a straight
line and do not run.
Keep looking and
listening while you
cross.

Make sure your child can be seen.

Fluorescent materials are good for daytime,

Reflective materials are good in the dark.

Always wear something bright!



Travelling by bus or taxi

- Wait for the bus to move away before crossing the road.
- It is essential that your child understands the importance of good behaviour when using public transport.



Class Charter Presentations In Church

Parents and Carers Welcome

9.00am start

Dates	UNICEF Charters Presentation Order
Friday 27 th September,2024	6G
Friday 4 th October,2024	6S
Friday 11 th Octobe,2024	5S
Friday 18 th October,2024	5G
Friday 8 th November,2024	4G
Friday 15 th November,2024	4S
Friday 22 nd November,2024	3G
Friday 29 th November,2024	3S
Friday 6 th December,2024	2G
Friday 13 th December,2024	2S
Friday 10 th January,2025	1G
Friday 17 th January,2025	1S
Friday 24 th January,2025	Reception & Nursery

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Online Autumn Term Parental
Consultations

Tuesday 22nd October
4.00pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October
4.00pm-7.30pm

*Please respond to the Email which will be sent to your child's Primary Contact we have on file on Friday 27th September 2024.

Sports/Music Clubs

Bookings can only be made via the Schoolcomms App.

Football Clubs: Collection 4.30pm

Monday	Years 1 and 2 (Walsall FC)
Tuesday	Year 5 (Walsall FC) *
Wednesday	Year 4 (Walsall FC)
Thursday	Year 3 (Walsall FC)
Friday	Year 6 (Mixed- Walsall FC) Year 3-6 (Miss D Rochelle)

Music Clubs After-School Collection 4.30pm

Wednesday	Advanced Violins (*Selected Lunchtime) Advanced Recorders (Selected) After-School Miss C. Stevens
Thursday	Choir (Years 3-6) Miss R Tucker
Friday	Beginners Violin (*Selected Lunchtime) Beginners Recorders (After-School) Miss C. Stevens



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Term Dates

2024/25 academic year

Autumn term 2024

Term starts: Monday 2 September 2024

Half term holiday: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring term 2025

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Term starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

INSET Days / Non-Pupil Days

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

~~INSET 1 – Monday 2 September 2024~~

INSET 2 – Wednesday 25th September 2024

INSET 3 – Wednesday 29th January 2025

INSET 4 – Wednesday 25th June 2025

INSET 5 – Monday 21 July 2025



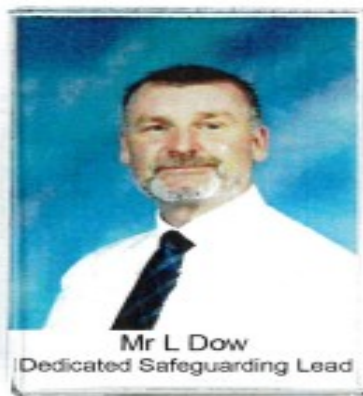
St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



Mr Mark Dakin
Headteacher



Mrs Harsimrat Kaur Mavi
Deputy Headteacher



Mr L Dow
Dedicated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lindsey Leonowicz
Safeguarding Manager



Mrs Chemaine Green
Mental Health +
Behaviour Support Worker



Cllr. Simran Cheema
Safeguarding Governor

Safeguarding at St Giles' CE Primary School

2023/24

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