

Dear Parents,

We have had such a busy start to the new school year and the children have been offered many opportunities to help support them develop their Christian and British values. Last week we had our Prayer Space Days event again. This proves to be very popular amongst the children as you can tell from some of their comments below...

"It was interesting because I tried new things that I have never experienced before, like using the headphones and drawing in sand to help me pray." (EO)
"The stone one was my favourite because I liked thinking. I learned that there are more adjectives to describe my friends." (AG) *"I liked the suitcase activity because I liked to see what people thought of me."* (E-M B) *"I enjoyed pushing the clay. it was hard, sometimes things are hard."* (DN)

Harvest Festival service

Just a reminder that our Harvest Festival assembly will be held next Friday, **6th October @ 9:30 at St Giles' Church**-you are all welcome. It is always good to see how many people we can squeeze into St Giles'.

For this service, we ask for a tin/packet food donation to Thurrock food bank, although they have requested NO baked beans, as they have plenty! ☺ Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Inflatables

Thank you for all who attended the inflatable event-the children, who were there, really enjoyed it-especially the additional AJ Entertainer. A BIG thanks to OPT-IN who organised and supervised the event-without their input (and yours) we wouldn't be able to run these events. I am re-adding the link for you to complete our survey. Please do respond to the survey, on the Facebook page, as this is an opportunity to share your parent voice.

The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD22TVT>

Sickness

Please can I remind everyone about the importance of keeping your child/ren off school for 48hours if they have been sick or have an upset stomach. I appreciate your commitment to your child/ren having a good attendance, but these bugs stay in the body and are shared around very easily within school. If your child returns to school too early it has a knock on effect-as many others in the class go down with the same bug, and this can be avoided.

Parent helpers

We are always looking for parent (grandparent/aunts/uncles) helpers to support with reading in classes. If anyone is interested please contact the class teacher or office. Thanks. ☺

And finally...

Ask the children about their Roots to Food cooking challenge on Monday-more information to follow on the next newsletter. ☺



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

PS Growth Mindset thought...

We can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But we can't accept not trying.

Motivating and inspiring our children to achieve... in a creative, caring Christian community

Awards for the week ending

15/9 /17

Class of the week:

Class 6 for settling in extremely well ☺

Highest Attendance:

Classes R @ 98.9%

Cleanest class:

Class 3 for reaching Mr. Partridge's high expectations already! ☺

Lunchtime class of the week:

Class 6

House winner:

Michael

Staff stars of the week:

Mr Foster

Awards for the week ending

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Class of the week:

Class 5 for keeping the noise level down-less chatting! ☺

Highest Attendance:

Classes R @ 100%

Cleanest class:

Class 2 for taking responsibility for tidying up ☺

Lunchtime class of the week:

Class 3

House winner:

Raphael

Staff stars of the week:

Mrs Smith