



School Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

'You must love one another as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34.

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.

Learn to Love - Love to Learn

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Meet and Greet

5.00pm Monday 16th September *NOT 3S Mrs Hatfield/Mrs Treadwell

5.00pm Wednesday 18th September—3S Mrs Hatfield/Mrs Treadwell

Parents and children are invited into school to meet with Class Teachers at 5pm on Monday 16th September. This is an ideal opportunity for you to meet Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants to find out about what is happening in school this term.

I do hope you will be able to join us. As always, thank you for your continued support.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.





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

This term we will be focussing in school on the value JOY.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER ABOUT JOY...

Joy and happiness are wonderful feelings to experience, but they are very different. Joy is often understood to be an approach to life. Coming from inside, it is about being at peace in your spirit and thankful for all that is good in the world. For Christians, the knowledge that they are loved unconditionally by God helps them to know joy in their lives. Happiness on the other hand can be more of a passing feeling, based on things outside of you such as relationships with other people, possessions, places, thoughts and events.

Living in an attitude of gratitude can help us to know joy. What are you grateful for in your life?

Can you think of anything that stops you being joy-full?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

Sometimes your **joy** is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your **joy**.

Thich Nhat Hanh - Vietnamese Buddhist monk

Think about these words.
What do you think they mean?



QUIZ Emojis tell the story

Read the story once again. Notice the ■ signs. Each time you see one, use the words from the list below to describe Mary's emotions as the story unfolds.

Design your own emojis to illustrate the words

Mary was:

Confused

Weary

Courageous

Grieving

Overjoyed

Shocked



READ TOGETHER...

The First Easter Morning

At the end of a long, sleepless Sabbath night Mary set off with her spices for the garden tomb where the body of Jesus had been put. ■ As she reached the place, the first rays of the sun were catching the



branches of the trees, birds were singing, everything was as it always was... but what had happened to the stone that had covered the entrance to the tomb? ■ Mary was rooted to the spot. Who could possibly have rolled away the huge boulder? She peered inside. Jesus was gone! ■ Panic stricken she raced back to tell the disciples the news. Together they returned quickly to the garden and entered the cave.

Peter crouched down. He touched the strips of linen that had been wrapped round Jesus' body and now just lay there, neatly folded. Wild thoughts were now racing around the disciples' headsJesus had once told them he would rise from the dead. Could it really be true? Could Jesus really be alive?

Mary, meanwhile, was still in the garden, and all she could do was weep. ■ Gathering all her courage she slowly stepped down into the tomb. ■ To her amazement two angels, dazzling white, sat before her! She had no idea what was going on. Then one of them spoke, "Why are you crying?"

Mary replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have put him." In a daze, Mary stumbled back into the garden and sat down on the nearest patch of grass, tears streaming down her face. She did not see the person who came and stood just beside her. He spoke very gently, "Why are you crying?"

Assuming he was the gardener Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken the body that was in this tomb, please tell me where you have put it now."

"Mary," came the reply. Mary looked up, **joy** flooding through her whole body. It wasn't the gardener who stood before her, it was Jesus. He was alive! ■



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Joyful Memories

Ask an adult in your family to show you some photos on their phone of a happy occasion or event that you both remember.



Which are the most **joyful** smiles?

Either print out thumbnails of the smiles or recreate the smile as a painting or collage.

Write a sentence about the memory.



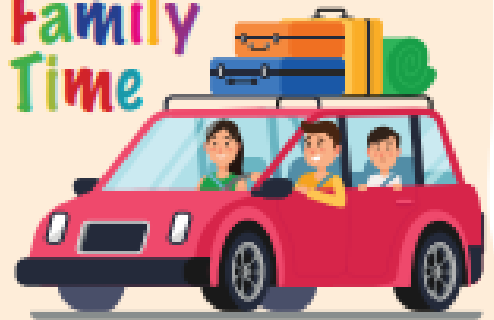
FAMILY FOCUS

"Let your **joy** be in your journey, not in the hope of your destination." Anon

When did doing something, or going somewhere together as a family, bring you **joy**?

Draw a picture or make a collage showing the event.

Family Time



FASCINATING FACTS AND HALL OF FAME

On this HOME SCHOOL VALUE sheet the FASCINATING FACTS section and HALL OF FAME section are linked because they are about the famous piece of music called Ode to Joy and it's composer Ludwig van Beethoven.



FASCINATING FACTS

Ode to Joy

Ode to Joy by Beethoven is one of the most famous pieces of all music of all time!

It is part of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Beethoven wanted to set the ideas in a poem by Friedrich Schiller to music. The poem is about the joy and bonds of human friendship.

In 1985 Beethoven's piece was adopted by the Council of Europe (later to become the European Union) as its theme music because it was felt that it symbolised the values of peace, freedom and solidarity, which were shared by all the countries.



When the 9th symphony was first performed in Vienna on 7th May 1824, the audience loved it so much that, at the end they all stood to cheer and clap. Realising that Beethoven was completely deaf and couldn't hear them, they threw their hats and scarves into the air again and again to make sure he knew how much they had enjoyed the concert.

Why not enter 'Ode to Joy' into a computer search engine and listen?



HALL OF FAME

About the composer

Ludwig van Beethoven is one of the greatest composers of classical music who has ever lived.

He was born in 1770 and died when he was only 57.

Beethoven had to leave school at 11 years old because his father was an alcoholic and unable to work. Ludwig needed to earn money to support the family.

Beethoven wasn't only a composer, but also an accomplished pianist and viola player. He performed in public for the first time at 7 years old.

At twelve years old, Beethoven was already composing beautiful music.

At the age of 25 Beethoven began to go deaf. He wrote some of his best work after he had lost his sense of hearing completely.

Before settling down to work Beethoven used to dip his head in cold water. No one quite knew why he did this!

Beethoven wrote one of his best loved pieces of music entirely at night. He called it 'The Moonlight Sonata.'



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://qrc0.de/minfec>.

Messy
CHURCH

FREE
ENTRY

at
St Stephen's

FOOD

GAMES

CRAFTS

STORIES

SONGS

Sun 15th September

4-5.30pm

St Stephen's Church,
Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall WV13 2PS

**FUN, FAITH & FOOD for
FAMILIES!!!**

All Welcome! (No need to book)

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



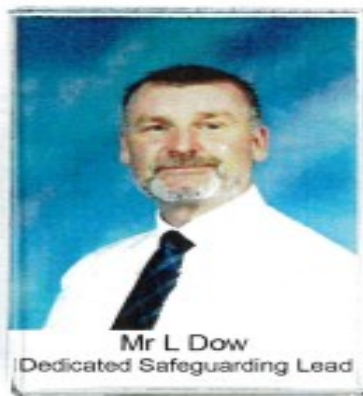
St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



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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