Happy New Year

The start of a new year and a new term. A warm welcome to all of the new children and families that have joined us. We are really pleased that you have chosen our school to educate and care for your children. We hope that your children will be happy with us and that you will feel supported as we share in the education of your child.

Curriculum focus

This term our curriculum focus is ‘Winter into Spring’. We will be exploring ice, how to make it and how to melt it. We will be retelling stories about winter and polar animals. We will be celebrating Burns Night and Chinese New Year with baking and hot water to cook foods to see what happens when cold things get hot!

We are also focusing on the physical skills for writing. In the two year old classroom you will see flour, paint, tin foil, shaving foam being used to make marks and use large arm movements. In the Nursery classes we have a new workshop corner, where children can access paint resources independently. We are also modelling writing in our play.

Term Dates for your diary:

Last day of Term 3:
Friday 10th February

Term 4: Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5: Tuesday 18th April to Thursday 25th May

Term 6: Monday 5th June to Thursday 20th July

Our final staff training day is confirmed as Friday 26th May. The school will be closed on this day.

Lost Property

Please make sure that you name your children’s belongings. It does make it easier to return them. Lost property will be held in your child’s classroom. And disposed of at the end of the year.

Spare Clothes

Please could we remind you to bring in a bag with spare clothes, especially if your child does have ‘accidents’.

We are short of spare pants, trousers and socks, so if you have any you no longer use that you could donate, we would be pleased to receive them. Also, if you have any that belong to nursery, we would appreciate them being returned.

NSPCC Number Day

On Wednesday 8th February we will be supporting NSPCC by taking part in counting and number activities.

A suggested donation of 50p to wear clothing with things we can count would make a lovely donation to this important cause.
Family Learning

We are pleased to offer this 10 week course for 12 of our parents and their children. We share how children learn at nursery and how parents can help at home. Tea and biscuits provided!

Getting cold won’t make you ill!

Despite being called the common "cold," lower temperatures alone won’t make you sick. In terms of infectious illnesses, germs make you ill, not cold weather itself.

In fact, the exact opposite is true. "Cells that fight infection in the body actually increase if you go out into the cold" says R Vreeman, MD. It's your body's way of combatting the stress of freezing temps.

Our nursery knows the benefits of being outdoors, exercise and well-being. We encourage our children to wear hats and coats to enable them to explore outdoors and move around in a larger space. If children bring waterproof trousers, we will encourage them to put them on and we provide spare wellies for jumping in puddles!

Swimming

We offer all the 4 year old children the opportunity to go swimming with their parent on Fridays. They attend in small groups for a block of 5 sessions, with a qualified swimming teacher, at a cost of only £15, which includes travel to Yarborough Leisure Centre by minibus.

Our children make lovely memories and cement their friendships in this fun activity, and they also learn about safety and gain confidence in the water.

30 hours free childcare

From September, if you are a single parent family and work and earn at least the equivalent of 16 hours at minimum wage (£89.60 for under the age of 25) or living wage (£120 over the age of 25) you are entitled to 30 hours of free child care.

If you are in a household that has both adults earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours at minimum wage (£89.60 for under the age of 25) or living wage (£120 over the age of 25) you are entitled to 30 hours of free child care.

The maximum earning for which this doesn’t apply is £100,000 each person. We will be offering this in September.

Safeguarding children is everybody’s responsibility. If you think a child might be the victim of abuse or neglect you can call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000 or the Lincolnshire Children’s Services customer service centre 01522 782111.

Reading Space

Our Reading Space (next to the main reception area) is available for you to use before and after nursery sessions. Please record your child’s book choice in the folder and sign the books back in when you have finished with them.

We provide this extra opportunity for your child on a trusting basis, please make sure you return the books for other children to enjoy.

Places

We still have a few afternoon places for children who have already turned 3 years old. If you have a friend who are looking for an interesting and engaging nursery with caring adults, please mention St Giles Nursery School to them.