



Friday 7th December 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Gillespie Christmas Show
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Wednesday 19th December
N, R, Years 1 & 2 10:00am
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 2:00pm

As usual the show will involve all children from Nursery to Year 6. To help us fit all the parents in to the hall, if most of your children are in Nursery to Year 2



class please attend the morning show and if most of your children are juniors please attend the afternoon show. Our artistic director Ian is requesting that all children wear plain black, grey or white colours. Please avoid any clothing with logos, particularly sports logos. Types of clothing we would like children to wear include trousers/skirts/shirts/blouses. If possible, to add an authentic Victorian feel, if parents have any shawls, braces, hats and caps this would be amazing. We also need a few props for the show – plain wooden chairs, small wooden table, a traditional patterned rug and an old clock. Please contact the school if you are able to provide any of these props, we will be most grateful.

Please see note about taking photographs or films during the performance on the back of this newsletter.

Welcome back Angela!

Our year 4 teacher Angela is returning from maternity leave next week. Angela will be getting to know the children and supporting Genevieve in the run up to Christmas and then from the Spring term will be taking over Year 4 for 3 days per week, in partnership with a new teacher Faiza Hyder.

Staff gifts & Code of Conduct

Staff at Gillespie School have to comply with a code of conduct for Islington employees. The code of conduct stipulates that staff are not allowed to receive cash gifts. Could I please ask parents to either buy gifts or vouchers if you wish to express your appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our staff.

Behaviour basics

Thursday 17th January 2019 9:00am-2:00pm

This workshop is for all parents. We are delighted to be able to host one of the countries leading gurus on parenting and behaviour management, Tracey Campbell. Please sign up at the office.

Parent Voice Event – Internet Safety

Thank you very much to the many parents who attended our drop in session around internet safety during parent consultation evening last week. Also, a big thanks to Gillespie Governors who hosted the event throughout the afternoon and evening. Governors had very interested discussions with parents and pupils about internet safety and parents posted many comments and questions. I have collected them all and will be sharing them with Governors, staff and our pupil Digital Leaders. We will then develop an action plan moving forward which will incorporate your ideas and thoughts so that we can improve education and support we provide around internet safety.

Hour of Code week

Along with schools and children around the world, children across the school have been participating in Hour of Code week. This was launched in a whole school assembly on Monday by our Digital Leaders and Shelley our Computer Leader. Our Digital Leaders have given up all of their lunchtimes this week to support and facilitate pupils from across the school to carry out a range of coding activities. Teachers have also been teaching coding lessons during the week. Please talk to your children and find out what they have been doing.

Diary dates

Friday 14 th Dec	FoG Winter Fair
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 19 th Dec	Christmas shows 10am Nur, Rec, Y1, 2 2pm Y3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday 20 th Dec	Class parties
Friday 21 st Dec	Last day of term
Monday 7 th Jan	Inset day (school closed)
Tuesday 8 th Jan	First day of Spring term for pupils

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen, Headteacher



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Guidance for parents who want to film, photograph or stream school events

Our Christmas Show is taking place on Wednesday 19th December, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our policy which applies to all video or audio capture of staff and pupils, both in and out of school.

This policy applies to sporting events, parents' evenings, plays, assemblies, school trips and any other school event or gathering, whether on school premises or beyond.

We appreciate that families will treasure photographic/video memories, and the general rule is that parents and carers may take photos and videos of the children in their care, for personal use only. There may be rare exceptions to this, and we will let you know in advance of particular events where no filming etc is possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Live streaming, whether public or private, cannot be permitted and we request that you do not use any streaming platforms or 'live' features (e.g. Facebook Live) to stream events/circumstances as they occur. You may be asked to leave the premises or event if this takes place.

When you capture footage or still images of your children, there is a strong possibility that other children will also be visible or audible. For this reason, no such content should be shared publicly. You will have seen other parents share videos of school plays on social media, but this does not make it advisable or acceptable.

There are several important reasons for this:

- Some children are deemed at risk by local authority safeguarding and child protection authorities; their image must never be put online for their own protection. You are very unlikely to know who these children are. Others may have complex family backgrounds which mean that sharing their image could have unforeseen consequence. There is the real possibility you could endanger a child by sharing their image in an identifiable context (e.g. where the school is easy to identify and locate).
- Express consent is needed from parents to comply with data protection legislation, which is being enhanced under GDPR and the new Data Protection Bill. Sharing could otherwise potentially incur fines for contravention of data protection rules.
- Some families may object for religious or cultural reasons, or simply for reasons of personal privacy.
- Sharing images of children in school uniform helps identify them so should not be done unless avoidable.
- We encourage young people at our school to think about their online reputation and digital footprint: online photos and videos do not simply disappear when we delete them from our accounts. Help us be good adult role models by not oversharing.

We want you to enjoy school events and activities with your child, so why not just sit back, enjoy the memories and allow others to do so too? Remember, your child wants to see you looking at them, not at your phone.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen
Headteacher