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Dear Parents and Carers

Vocations Week - 19th June 2023

Miss Townsley writes. We are all really looking forward to celebrating Vocation Week from Monday 19th June. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have agreed to come into school to talk about their vocations. It is wonderful that you are helping to support all the children in identifying and developing their God given gifts and talents by providing them with these amazing opportunities and experiences. Please do ask the children next week about all of the things they have learned about vocation

Sports Day

St Gabriel's sports day will be on Thursday next, 22nd June. Please read the information below, regarding the format for the day.

- KS2 sports day will start at 9:25am and run till 11:55am. Parents can enter the school field from 9:10am onwards from the KS2 gate, once the gates have been closed and THEN REOPENED.
- KS1 sports day will start at 1:15pm and run until 2:55pm. Parents can enter the school field from 1:00pm onwards from the KS2 gate.
- Children in KS1 and KS2 can come to school in sporty clothes or the colour of their house: St Bernadette (orange); St Francis (blue); St Joseph (green) and St Theresa (red). Obviously, if your child does not have these colours, a sporty outfit will be fine.
- Children in Reception will come to school in their normal PE kits.
- Please ensure your child has brought into school a bottle of water and have applied sun cream before school as they will be outside for a few hours.
- Once each sports day has finished, please could you ensure that you exit the field promptly through the KS2 gate, once the children have all gone back to their classrooms.

Parents must always follow the directions and advice of all school staff; this is to ensure a smooth and orderly running of the events. However, it is also for the protection of ALL our children and a potential children protection/safeguarding matter.

Fingers crossed we have good weather!



SCHOOL
MEMBER



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE

Choir concert

Mrs Taggart writes. On Tuesday 11th July at 2pm, the choir will showcase what they have learning in a mini-concert. It should last around 40/45 minutes. There are no tickets but space dictates that 2/3 attendees per child in choir would be ideal. The children will be dismissed as normal. Thank you.

Neive B (4LM) WOW!

Thank you to Neive and her Dad for handing in a valuable phone and key ring on Tuesday last. The owner claimed and was relieved and grateful... Thank you to everyone who so often step up and try to do the right thing for others.

Girls Cricket tournament

Girls in year 6 took part in a cricket tournament last Thursday, at Tamworth Cricket Club. They all played very well, winning two of their four games and finished in a very respectable third place. Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr Birtwistle for training the children and Mr Fowler for supervising the children at the event. The team was: Amelia (c), Izzy, Inez, Olivia, Dominika, Faith, Lola, Willow and Seraphine.

Wow Active

It was great to see Wow Active in this week to complete our fourth round of fitness tests. These tests are great exercises children complete in school but also could be practiced at home. We will update you over the next few weeks about how each class did and how the school as a whole have improved.

WOW Active Championships

A huge congratulations to the children from year 6, who today won the Wow Active championships. The competition was held in Longbridge in Birmingham and 18 schools took part in the tournament which tested children on their overall fitness. Not only did we win the competition, but we also won awards for best scoring girl and boy (Izzy and Lenny). What a great achievement and even the organisers commented on how well the children did. They made reference to the fact that the children competing from St Gabriel's had been part of the Wow Active fitness programme since Reception, so it was no surprise they did so well! Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mrs Taggart for transporting and supervising the children at the event. The team was: Dawid (c), Oskar (c), Lenny, Inez, Izzy and Amelia.

Arts Award Qualifications

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 6 children who passed their Arts Award Qualifications!

Year 3 Explore Award: Cian T, Dominik, Louie, Eva, Edward N, Elsie, Abbie, Ethan, Eloise and Harper B.

Year 6 Bronze Award: Darcie, Corey, Summer-Skye, Evie, Maja, Dominika, Olivia, Lola and Ruby

Amazing achievement! Well done!

Reception September 2023

A number of reception places for our September 2023 remain available.

If you know of a family member or friend recently moved into the area, please ask them to make contact with us.

Catholic Virtues

This half term's Virtues are **Intentional and Prophetic**. This children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.



Heart of Tamworth Firewalk Fundraiser - Saturday 24th June

HoT Firewalk is a 5 metre sponsored walk. The only catch is it's on hot coals! It's on June 24th at Sacred Heart for the Heart of Tamworth Charity. They need 100 people, please email margaret@heartoftamworth.org if you want to know more.

Stay up to date with all parish matters by searching "Catholic Tamworth" or at <https://www.tamworthrc.church>

St. Gabriel's Firewalkers

Miss Townsley, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Brindley have bravely decided to take on the firewalk challenge, on Saturday 24th June 2023.

The firewalk is being held to raise much needed funds for the work of Heart of Tamworth. Please consider sponsoring our team if you are able to - any donation, no matter how small, will be very much appreciated. Donations can be made through the Just Giving page:

[St.Gabriel's Firewalkers - Just Giving](#)

Summer Fayre Saturday 8th July 2023 11.00am-1.00pm - Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

We are looking for cake donations for the Summer Fayre, can any families help with this? If you are able to help please can they be dropped in to the school office on Friday 7th July 2023. Thank you.



Second-hand School
Uniform Sale

We will be running a second hand uniform stall at the Summer Fayre, this will be a chance for parents to get rid of their unwanted items and in turn, get some uniform at a fraction of the price of buying it new. If you have any spare uniform please consider donating it. The blue bin is now outside School reception for any donations. Thank you.



Please join their Facebook page and keep up to date with events being run by the Friends of St. Gabriel's [HERE](#)

Attendance

Parents of children with attendance below 90% have been written to recently.

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the Covid pandemic. It has always been parents/carers legal duty to get children into school regularly, this is even more vital now due to the disruption to the children's learning. For this reason, it is so important that your child is in school for every educational hour possible AND THAT WE RE ESTABLISH OUR BEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE.

NO HOLIDAYS CAN BE APPROVED. I would ask that any routine appointments are made out of school hours and that you consider very carefully any absence from school. We don't want the education of our children to suffer any more than it has done already.

Our expectations for attendance are as per our published Attendance Policy which you can find [here](#) , we would encourage you to read and understand this.

Current attendance for the school year so far

Overall 94.70% (5/9/22-9/6/23)

R - 92.95%

Y3 - 95.83%

Y6 - 94.68%

Y1 - 92.96%

Y4 - 95.20%

Y2 - 95.39%

Y5 - 95.24%

Attendance overall, as shown above, is slowly creeping upwards.

We need to improve the attendance of our pupils, particularly our youngest pupils. Thank you.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Emilia
RAD	Imani
1KG	Jaxon
1NH	Frankie
2BL	Kaiden
2NT	Fleur
3CC	Sean
3LH	Selena
4HB	Tymon
4LM	Hollie
5SM	Georgia
5ST	Scarlett
6AC	Dominika
6BF	Riley



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Parking

Local Councillor Paul Thompson and a representative of the local police team visited school on Thursday March 30th. Developments are expected as a result.

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. **You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways.**

Please do not become abusive to local home owners. Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a COMPLAINT with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours. Local police will be following this up. Thank you.

Enrichment Activities and Attendance

It is really encouraging to see the amount of enrichment activities the children are attending at weekends and evenings and this is something that we actively encourage for every child.

However, we are noticing more and more that after these activities, children are not attending school because they are over-tired.

Whilst we fully appreciate that children will be tired, it is important to ensure that their attendance at school is not affected. Additionally, it is an ideal opportunity to build resilience, as we all recognise that there are things we need to do, as adults, even when we are over-tired!

I would really appreciate your support and understanding with this issue.

Family & Community Information Hub

Please could I draw your attention to the family and community information section on our website? This section contains a wealth of current information on community activities, mother and toddler groups, free courses, job and training opportunities, information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks and also information on healthcare.

Please take some time to have a look at the information found [here](#) and keep checking in - there will be new information added most weeks

Bereavement Help Points

Fridays 10am-12noon @ Sacred Heart.

Thursdays 5.30pm-7.00pm @ The Cafe at Sacred Heart

If you are struggling with bereavement and loss and wish to talk to someone just come along.

Safe Haven

Safe Haven is a Crisis Cafe situated at Sacred Heart Church, for people aged 18 plus with mental health problems. This service will run between 5pm to 11pm Wednesdays to Fridays and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and Bank holiday 1.30pm to 9pm.

Safe Haven will provide a safe, supportive, and therapeutic environment helping individuals in their recovery through promotion of self-empowerment and independence. It will be relaxed, informal and supportive, considerate of risk and safety, but focused on de-escalation and recovery. Safe Haven are currently looking for volunteers, for more information email Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk

Heart of Tamworth Community Shop

The community pantry at Sacred Heart has regular deliveries of good quality, fresh food. All of the food is in date but sometimes has a shorter date than others and so needs to be distributed quickly. You are more than welcome to pop down to have a look. There is a Facebook page HOT Community Shop where you can keep up to date with availability.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 19 th June	Vocations Week
Weds 21 st June	Parent meeting for Reception September 2023 intake @ 9.30am
Thurs 22 nd June	SPORTS DAY KS2 9.15am-11.45am KS1 1.15pm-3.00pm
Sat 24 th June	Firewalk Event at Sacred Heart from 10.00am onwards
Tues 27 th June	Sacrament of Confirmation - Sacred Heart @ 7pm
Sat 8 th July	Summer Fayre 11am-1pm - ALL WELCOME
Thurs 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am - Parents welcome to attend
Fri 21 st July	Mass for end of term and end of school year. Children finish for Summer

*God our Father,
We rejoice in the gifts of love
we have received from the Heart of Jesus your Son.
Open our hearts to share his life
and continue to bless us with his love.
Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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