

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Mass of Enrolment for Sacraments - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9am @ Sacred Heart

It was wonderful to see so many children and parents at Mass last Sunday.

As many of you know, and as Fr. Michael said, Masses are there for you to attend each Saturday and Sunday. Only by going along, experiencing and stopping for 50 minutes will you fully experience the positives. Make it something you take part in each week.

More information on the many activities going on in your local parish can be found [here](#)

## Live Simply Family Pledge

Please see the separate letter from Mr Bright. This is a lovely opportunity for you to get involved in.

## Catholic Virtues - Compassionate and Loving

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be Compassionate and Loving.

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



## Friends of St. Gabriel's - Annual General Meeting - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 @ 3.30pm

This meeting will take place in school, at the end of the school day. Can I encourage any parent who might wish to get involved in fundraising for the school to come along?

Current post holders Mr Vernon, Mrs Joesbury, Mr Agnew and Mrs Vernon will attend but new members would be very welcome and are needed.

A number of the people holding key positions in the group feel that a fresh start is the ideal time to step down and make way for new faces and new ideas. The group will therefore be looking to find a new chair and new trustees of the charity, if possible.

No previous experience is necessary and full support will be given to anyone wishing to join or take on these roles. As a fundraising body for the school, the Friends of St. Gabriel's can only continue with these and other key roles filled. Thank you.

### **Supporting us - supporting your child**

As parents and carers you send your children to us to be educated and to prepare them for their future, the world of work and how to behave and act.

You would of course expect us to remind children when their behaviour falls short of what is expected. When a teacher does speak with a child, deals with a child or gives advice, support your child by not allowing them to dwell on that issue. Trust in us is important. Encourage resilience in your child by encouraging them to learn from their experience and to move forward positively. Thank you.

### **Reader of the Week**

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Kaion
1RJC	Daisy
1KG	Kody
1NH	Marcel
2BL	Abigail
2NT	Rosie
3CC	Olly
3LH	Cian.T
4HB	Orla
4LM	Oskar
5SM	Ethan
5ST	Scarlett
6AC	Anita
6BF	Lucas



**Well Done Readers of the Week!**

### **Attendance**

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the 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.

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. Thank you.

### **Resilience/Independence**

Do encourage your child to organise themselves properly each morning. Encourage them to carry their own bag and belongings. Talk to them about organising their belongings, so they are not misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Twitter

Currently we have 66 active followers, a substantial increase from last week. We would love more followers! Parents who have taken the easy steps to follow our account have enjoyed seeing some lovely moments of every day school life captured through this means. In order to follow the school Twitter account please make a request via Twitter **AND** ensure that you also email [twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk) with your twitter details so that we can approve Twitter requests. This ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

### Mr Vernon

Mr Vernon would like to thank everyone connected with the school who sponsored or wished him well on his London Marathon run last weekend. He completed the course in just under 5hrs 18 mins and was very happy with that. His sponsorship total at the current time is nearly £1900 and the amazing support from the non-uniform day has really helped to boost that total, providing more funds to Children with Cancer UK which can then be used to support children and their families going through difficult times. Thank you again.

### Christmas Card Competition from Tamworth Council

Please see the attached invitation from Tamworth Council to take part in a competition to design a Christmas card for the Mayor and two senior councillors. Note that **entries must not be sent to school**, full instructions for sending them to Marmion House can be found on the letter from the council.

### Lost Property

Please could we ask that you to make sure you put your child's name on their uniform. We have over 400 children all wearing similar jumpers/cardigans, it can be very difficult to locate a misplaced item without a name.

Our lost property trunk is again full to the brim! The majority of the clothing is unnamed and therefore impossible to return. Please do come along and have a look through the lost property and reclaim any missing items. We would encourage you to do this at the end of the school day when you may also have the opportunity, if needed, to check the cloakroom area.

### Break Time Snacks

As part of our healthy school policy all Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit during morning break time. For older children or if your child prefers to bring in their own snack, please ensure it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit. For health and safety reasons please avoid sending the children into school with fruit that contain stones e.g. cherries. If your child is bringing in grapes, can these please be cut in half. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder please that dogs must not be brought beyond the school gates and onto school premises. Dogs are banned from all school grounds because of the danger of toxicariasis in dog waste. This is in line with County Council guidelines. Please respect this request at all times. Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in 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.

### **Parking at Belgrave Club**

The club will continue to offer the facility of parking for parents/guardians. Please be aware that the cost for use of the car park remains at £5.00, per car, for the school year (club members are free - see below).

Parking permits must be clearly displayed at all times. Parents/guardians who are club members are asked to collect their passes from the club during opening times.

Please abide by the club rules:

- Only designated parking spaces are to be used.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines, hatched areas, in front of bottle banks
- Please park with care and avoid hitting the perimeter fence when parking
- Please obey the speed limit in the car park at 5 mph
- Please adhere to the one-way system around the car park
- Please do not leave rubbish behind. Rubbish should be taken away and disposed of correctly.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- Bike/scooters are not permitted to be used on the car park at any time
- Random checks of parking passes will commence after October Half-Term.  
Registration numbers of cars without a passes will be recorded.
- Any verbal abuse towards committee, members and staff will not be tolerated
- CCTV in operation.

**Parents/guardians who require a parking pass via the school - Please complete and submit the request form which can be found on the school website Parent Information/Belgrave Parking Pass**

[https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/web/belgrave\\_parking\\_pass](https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/web/belgrave_parking_pass)

The school office will notify you via text when the pass is available for collection.

**Please have the correct money when collecting your pass.**

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO COLLECT PASSES UNTIL NOTIFIED.**

## 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.

## **St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**



### **OPEN MORNING**

**Friday 7th October 2022**

**9.30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon**

This is aimed particularly at parents/families who may be thinking about St. Gabriel's for their child in September 2023. If you know of any family member or friends who might be considering us then please encourage them to come. This is a valuable opportunity to view the school during the working day.

We pride ourselves on good relationships and the care given to our pupils.  
We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

CAFOD Day - Non Uniform - wear bright colours,  
voluntary donations for CAFOD

Year 3 Mass 9.15am in the School Hall

Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM 3.30pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

School finishes for half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

INSET DAY 2

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

School re opens for pupils

Whole School Mass 9.15am in the School Hall - Feast of All  
Saints. Holy Day of Obligation

Tomorrow, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of Our Lady the Rosary.

October is the month where Catholics in a special way are asked to pray the Rosary.

We think of Mary and all mothers, alive and deceased.

Let us show all mothers, respect and dignity through our simple acts of kindness and thought, each and every day.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher