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Dear Parents

Please continue to keep Mrs Hawker in your thoughts and prayers, at this continuing difficult time for her and her family.

IF ANY PARENT IS WORRIED OR CONCERNED ABOUT PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE AT THIS TIME THEN PLEASE DO APPROACH ME OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN CONFIDENCE, WE WILL ALWAYS TRY TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN.

Please be aware of the wide range of food available from the Heart of Tamworth shop on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church. One generous bag of shopping for £4.00.

Catholic Virtues

This half term the children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be **ATTENTIVE** to their experiences and to their vocation; and **DISCERNING** about the choices they make and the effect of these choices.

Last half term, we awarded certificates to the children who have shown they have lived out the Gospel Virtues of being generous and grateful. Well done to: Sofia and Harley RC, Georgie RK, Jacob 1NH, Florence 1KG, Harrison and Niamh 2NT, Edward J 2JH, Franc 3CC, Nela 3LH, Nikola 4HA, Haitham 4HB, Anton 5AC, Daniel 5SH, Ella 6BF and Lucas 6ST.



Dodgeball tournament

Children in year 6, took part in a dodgeball tournament at Thomas Barnes Primary School on Tuesday. It was a very exciting event, and the children did very well competing against seven other schools. The team performed very well and showed a great attitude towards the game! Our captain Ella said, "Everyone did very well and tried their best." The team was: Ella M, Jacob B, Lucus S, Evie H, Maisey C, Maja P and Tomasz S.

Thank you to Mr Fowler for organising.



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH
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Family & Community Information Hub

Please could I draw your attention to the new family and community information section on our website?

This section contains a wealth of current information on community activities from mother and toddler groups to free courses as well as job and training opportunities. It also provides information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks. There will also be 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, as and when we get it, we will post it.

NEW ADDITIONS THIS WEEK: Part-time courses ranging from flower arranging and art to Paediatric first aid, information regarding a support group and support line for bereavement following suicide and the latest Families' Health and Wellbeing 0-19 Newsletter.

Parish Summer Scheme

The Parish Summer Scheme Forms are available at Sacred Heart and St John's, places are going fast. The scheme was oversubscribed last year and some were disappointed not to get a place. Should you wish for your child to attend this year's Summer Scheme please return your forms promptly.

The Summer Scheme is for children currently in Year 2 - Year 7. There is an additional Teen Scheme for any older siblings in Year 8- Year 10. The Summer Scheme starts on the 25th July for two weeks.

Parents Catechesis for Confirmation Parents

The final Parents Catechesis for Confirmation Parents session will be on Monday 13th June 2022 (next week) at 7.15- 8.30pm. This session will take place via Zoom (link will be sent out to all parents prior to the session).

The Parish have advised us that attendance had dropped at the last session, please do log on and join this important preparation session.

The final session focuses on the two Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Our Parish

It's a good time to think about going back to Church if you have been away due to Covid.

There are many opportunities to be involved in the Catholic parish in Tamworth.

Have a look at www.tamworthrc.church Think seriously about going along to one of the Masses at the times shown.

A celebration of Holy Mass takes about 50 minutes. Many people find it spiritually lifting to sit in the peace of the Sacred Heart Church and listen and feel God around them. You will not know that unless you try it. Try it and tell me of your experience. Thank you.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Lottie
RJC	Scarlett
1KG	All our Phonics
1NH	superstars
2JH	Ethan
2NT	Cian T
3CC	Roseanna
3LH	Hollie-Grace
4HA	Ronnie
4HB	Mark
5AC	Matthew
5SG	Dexter
6BF	Joshua
6ST	John



Well Done Readers of the Week!

Ukraine - Humanitarian crisis situation

The March For Ukraine Campaign has been set up in Tamworth to collect essential supplies for refugees. It involves numerous organisations that includes Heart of Tamworth and The Parish of St. John the Baptist. They are helping as members of the organising group, collecting supplies, being a delivery centre and some transport. They are strictly only collecting new or nearly new items from the following list: Nappies, wipes, children's colouring books and pencils/crayons. Large blankets and sleeping bags. First aid items. Protein bars, baby food pouches (without milk or meat), sterilising tablets and dried food (pasta, rice, tea, biscuits etc). New nests, socks and pants. Toiletries. Donations can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church.



RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022-2023

A NUMBER OF RECEPTION CLASS PLACES REMAIN AVAILABLE AT ST GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2022.

IF YOU OR A FAMILY /FRIEND HAVE A SCHOOL AGED CHILD PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SECURE A REMAINING PLACE, IN RECEPTION CLASS (4-5 YEARS), AT THE SCHOOL.

Do you know of any families who have moved into Tamworth? We currently have a small number of spaces in some other year groups. If a family you know is interested please ask them to contact the school office in the first instance. Thank you

Living with Covid

The Government recently announced their Covid 19 response "Living with Covid-19" strategy for England. It means that most of the measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus are no longer required.

National guidance now urges us all to take personal responsibility so that our actions minimise the risks of transmission.

In school we will continue to:

- Offer frequent and proper handwashing for staff and pupils
- Encourage good respiratory hygiene - this includes continuing to follow "catch it, bin it, kill it"
- Have additional cleaning of major touch points
- Have additional ventilation

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT ADVICE

UPDATED FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 ONWARDS

- Staff or pupils who are unwell, particularly with a fever or high temperature, **SHOULD STAY OFF SCHOOL** until they are feeling well and temperature has returned to normal.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for Covid unless directed to by a health professional.
- Pupils who do test positive, after following direction to take a test by the NHS or GP, **SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR 3 DAYS** (This is the day of the test plus 3 clear days). After the 3 days they should continue to stay off/away until they are feeling well and temperature is back to normal.
- Adults who test positive **SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR 5 DAYS** ((This is the day of the test plus 5 clear days). After the 5 days they should continue to stay off/away until they are feeling well and temperature is back to normal.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU TAKE A CHILD FOR A PCR TEST, FOLLOWING DIRECTION FROM NHS OR YOUR GP, THEY MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE AWAITING A RESULT, FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHER PUPILS AND STAFF. THANK YOU.

Get the basic principles of virus controls done well as part of your behaviour.

The spread of ALL variants will be reduced by:

- Limiting your mixing
- Keeping your distance
- Good hand, nose and mouth hygiene
- Good ventilation

IF YOU ARE INVITED INTO SCHOOL FOR A MEETING PLEASE

- Wear a mask if you can
- Sanitise hands on arrival
- Respect social distancing

Dates for your Diary

W/c Mon 6 th June	Y1 Phonics Screenings Y4 Multiplication tables check
Fri 10 th June	Tempest Photography - Individual/Family/Pre School photos
Mon 13 th June	Parents Preparation for Confirmation via Zoom Link 7.15pm-8.30pm
Thurs 16 th June	Y4 Cricket Tournament @ Tamworth Cricket Club 1.00pm
Fri 24 th June	Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion 9.15am
Mon 27 th June	INSET DAY 5 - School closed to pupils
Weds 29 th June	Polesworth School Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thurs 30 th June	Sports Day Key Stage 2 @ 9.15am Parents very welcome to attend Key Stage 1 @ 1.15pm School field, weather permitting!
Fri 1 st July	Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright @ Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm
Mon 4 th July	Year 4 to St. Francis of Assisi, Aldridge - Curriculum taster day Various activities
Fri 8 th July	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass for Sacrament of Confirmation 9.15am Year 5 to St. Francis of Assisi, Aldridge - Curriculum taster day Various activities
Fri 15 th July	School Mass for end of school year - Year 6 leavers Mass
Weds 20 th July	Final day of school 3.30pm Commonwealth Torch @ Sacred Heart - celebration event Re: Commonwealth Games

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus
I place all my trust in thee."

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher