

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

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Dear Parents

## **Year 3 Mass - Tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 9.15am**

Parents and carers of children in year 3 are invited to Mass in the School Hall tomorrow morning.

## **Parent Consultations**

Your child should be coming home with a note today confirming the date and time of your parent consultation. Please liaise with the office if there are any last minute changes which require us finding a mutually suitable alternative appointment for next week.

Thank you.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day - Non Uniform Day tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Children are invited to wear bright colours tomorrow to mark CAFOD Family Fast Day. We will be collecting voluntary contributions via ParentPay, all proceeds will be going to CAFOD. Thank you.

## **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.



## **Live Simply Family Pledge**

Rescue bunnies helping reduce food waste, plastic tubs being recycled as plant pots, clothes being donated to charity and Mrs Morgan giving up buying new shoes are just some of the fantastic pledges families have made to help us all 'Live Simply!' A huge thank you to everyone who has made their pledge so far - If you haven't had a chance yet to make your pledge don't forget to go along to [St Gabriel's Family Pledges](#) to share how you are going to help care for Our Common Home.

### **Friends of St. Gabriel's - AGM - Tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 @ 3.30pm**

This meeting will take place tomorrow 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	Marie
1RJC	Finley
1KG	Olaf
1NH	Max
2BL	Maja
2NT	Robbie
3CC	Lewis
3LH	Helena
4HB	Ivy
4LM	Nieve
5SM	Grace
5ST	George
6AC	Jake
6BF	Dawid



**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 71 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.

### 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.

### **Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2023 - closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January**

The application system will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 for September 2023 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online system will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **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.

### **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.

### Dates for your Diary

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 3.30pm-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 PLEASE NOTE - No Mass now on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November

God our Father,

At this time of struggle in so many ways, for so many, let us continue to be aware of those less fortunate than us.

Those struggling with lack of money, lack of food, lack of love and the lonely.

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear those around us and hearts willing to help in whatever way we can.

Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher