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Dear Parents and carers

Attendance

The House of Commons Education Select Committee has reported this week on attendance. This is because the numbers of children missing school in England is a crisis that needs to be tackled. The proportion of children nationally who are missing a significant amount of their education is about double the level that it was before the pandemic.

Figures for the 2022-2023 year show 22.3% of pupils were "persistently absent", which is defined as missing 10% or more of their lessons.

Please do try to do everything you can to get your child to school every day and on time.

The life chance, for children with good attendance at school is much, much better than those with lower attendance.

Year 4 Mass - Friday 29th September 2023, 9.15am School Hall

Parents and friends of year 4 are invited to share Holy Mass tomorrow with us led by Fr. Ramesh.

School Mass - Sunday 1st October 2023 9.00am @ Sacred Heart Church

This Mass is the Mass of Enrolment and Commitment for Y3 children intending to make their First Holy Communion and also for Y6 children wishing to make their Confirmation.

Be clear that it is open to all families. Please see previous letter from Mr Bright.

In a special way the children will lead the singing and readings of the Mass.

The most important way of being part of this is simply by being there. So if you have not been before for a while or never before, come along and feel what a wonderfully alive Catholic parish you have in Tamworth.

Catholic Virtues - GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

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

Pupils are growing to be GRATEFUL for our own gifts, for the gifts of other people and for the blessings of each day; and GENEROUS with our gifts, becoming men and women for others.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 - Friday 6th October 2023



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Open Morning

Friday 6th October 2023

9:30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming school where:

We pray together, care for each other and learn together * We feel safe and respected

We try to do our best * Everyone is treated fairly

We have fun with our friends * With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

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Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 School Meals - Thursday 5th October 2023

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free School Meal (Universal Infant Free School Meals) each day. Although the meals are free to the pupils the school still pays Edwards and Ward (our catering provider) for the meals.

The school receives funding for these meals based on the number of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals served on the School Census Day which is on Thursday 5th October 2023.

THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING PARENTS OF PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN HAVE A FREE SCHOOL MEAL ON THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023, IN ORDER FOR THE SCHOOL TO BENEFIT BY MAXIMISING THE FUNDING. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SCHOOL MAXIMISES FUNDING TO BENEFIT ALL PUPILS AT THE SCHOOL SO YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Edwards and Ward will have a special menu on Thursday 5th October 2023, please see the menu attached. This special menu is available to all pupils (Reception to Year 6).

Friends of St. Gabriel's

Please note the AGM - Annual General Meeting will take place after school on Friday 20th October. New or potential committee members are encouraged to attend. Please come along if you think you can help in any way. More info to follow.

Thanks to Mr Agnew, Mrs Devlin, Mrs Josebury and others in the background who quietly do lots in their own time for the additional benefit of children at this school.

Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

The blue bin is now outside the office, ready for donations for the Christmas Fayre. We kindly request any gift bags that might be lying around the house, all shapes and sizes are gratefully received, also any unwanted gifts for the secret room. This can include anything like toiletry gift sets, new socks, mugs, purses, perfume, jewellery or even a jigsaw! Thank you.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

Throughout the Season of Creation events will be taking place across the world to celebrate and promote the key message of valuing, caring for and protecting our common home and all who live in it.

The Season of Creation is celebrated by many different Christian denominations as well as people of other faiths as well. In the Catholic Church the Season is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si' and many of the events will be promoted and organised by the Laudato Si Movement which is a worldwide organisation which works to promote the message and ethos of Laudato Si.



Let Justice and Peace Flow

This year the theme for the Season of Creation is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow.' The symbol for this year is a 'Mighty River.'

Prophet Amos cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Teddy M
RHK/AD	James
1KG	Imani
1NH	Daisy
2LG	Ava
2NT	Autumn
3CC	Marysia
3SO	Weronika
4HB	Lewis
4LM	Helena
5VN	Erin
5SM	Dollie



Well Done Readers of the Week!

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

The council have now placed wooden posts on the grass verge on the side of Wilnecote Lane to prevent parking there. You will also note that Staffordshire Police have provided us with some signage to encourage parents and carers not to park on or block Wilnecote Lane and the school driveway.

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 councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you.

Parking at Belgrave Club

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

Please always abide by the club rules:

- Only designated parking spaces are to be used. Do not park in staff spaces.
- 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.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 29 th September	Year 4 Mass - 9.15am, School Hall Alton Castle - Year 6 return circa 3.45pm
Sun 1 st October	Whole School Mass @ Sacred Heart 9.00am - Mass of Commitment for Sacraments Y3 and Y6
Thurs 5 th October	School Census Day - Special burger and brownies menu FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING 6.00PM
Fri 6 th October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 parents
Mon 9 th October	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6
Fri 20 th October	Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM
Tues 24 th October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Thurs 26 th October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Fri 27 th October	School finishes for half term
Mon 6 th November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 7 th November	School re opens for pupils
Weds 8 th November	School Disco - More info to follow
Fri 1 st December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk into your truths and teach me.

For you are God my saviour.

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes

Headteacher