

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Fayre - Saturday 8th July 2023 11.00am-1.00pm



- **Non Uniform Day - Friday 7th July 2023**

On Friday 7th July the children can wear non uniform, we are kindly requesting bottle donations for the Summer Fayre. This is a voluntary donation. Thank you.

- **Cakes**

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.



- **Volunteers**

Anyone wishing to help with lifting, moving, helping out beforehand or tidying up afterwards please make yourself known to Mr Agnew, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE. Any help.... even with 24 hours notice to Saturday is gratefully received. Thank you.

Sponsored Mary Walk

School Council has organised a Sponsored Walk for all pupils from Years 1-6 during the week of 10th-14th July.

Each class will spend 30 minutes WALKING around their KS1 or KS2 playground and record how many laps they do.

You have been emailed a Sponsor Form. All sponsorship money raised should be paid in via ParentPay, we CANNOT accept any cash.

Pupils will need to WALK, not run, and not cut corners of the playground.

We will announce the class who completed the highest average laps at the end of term.

Money raised will go towards a new Mary statue for our Prayer Garden.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Buckroyd.



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 been 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.

Year 6 Cricket Tournament

Boys in year 6 took part in a cricket tournament last Thursday at Tamworth Cricket Club. The team did really well, winning three of their four games, finishing in third place overall. Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr Birtwistle for training the children. The team was: Sam (c), Lucas, Oskar, Lenny, Sam B, Dexter, Dawid, Tymek and Logan.

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.



Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Arabella
RAD	Darci-Blue
1KG	Issac
1NH	Tom
2BL	Teddy
2NT	Tate
3CC	Elsie
3LH	Martha
4HB	Ivy
4LM	Harry C
5SM	Drew
5ST	Celeste
6AC	Lola-Rose
6BF	Amelia



Well Done Readers of the
Week!

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 94.86% (5/9/22-30/6/23)

R - 93.26%	Y3 - 95.99%	Y6 - 94.87%
Y1 - 93.34%	Y4 - 95.27%	
Y2 - 95.35%	Y5 - 95.38%	

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

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

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.

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

Friends of St. Gabriel's

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



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.

Summer Tennis Camp 2023

Venue: Spital Tennis Club, Wigginton Road, Tamworth, B79 8RH

Time: 9am to 12pm

Dates:

Week 1; Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August

Week 2; Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September

Age: 4 to 16

Book [HERE](#)

If you have any questions please contact matt@micro-sports.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for your Diary

Fri 7 th July	NON UNIFORM DAY - Bottle donations for the Summer Fayre please
Sat 8 th July	Summer Fayre 11am-1pm - ALL WELCOME
Mon 10 th July	Y5 @ St. Francis of Assisi by coach
Tues 11 th July	Choir music concert in the School Hall @ 2pm
Fri 14 th July	REPORTS sent home
Tues 18 th July	"Meet the new Teacher" sessions 3.30pm-5.30pm
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 9.15am Children finish for Summer ** NOTE - Separate email from Governing Board, School closes @ 1.30pm

*Father,
help us to seek the values
that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.
In our desire for what you promise,
make us one in mind and heart
through simple acts of kindness for one another.
Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher