

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

## Year 2 Mass - tomorrow Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Parents and carers of Year 2 are invited to the celebration of Holy Mass, to take place in the hall from 9.15am.

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Non Uniform Day - Bright Colours for CAFOD Family Fast Day

Tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will be marking CAFOD Family Fast Day at school.

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Each Harvest Family Fast Day, we join with CAFOD and schools around the country to help support our global neighbours.

Children are invited to come into school wearing their brightest clothes as we join with CAFOD'S Brighten Up campaign to help families around the world during and after emergencies.

More information about CAFOD's work can be found at [cafod.org.uk/education](http://cafod.org.uk/education)

Voluntary donations can be made via ParentPay (unfortunately we are unable to accept cash donations), proceeds will be going to CAFOD. Thank you.



## Safeguarding/Child Protection

At times we as a school have to act when children or family members report issues of possible physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect.

Physical abuse **MAY** be hitting, shaking, throwing, burning, scalding, suffocating, bruising or biting a child. THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

Emotional abuse **MAY** be the maltreatment of a child to cause persistent negative effects on a child and their development. It **MAY** involve making a child feel worthless, unloved, being made fun of, deliberately silencing them, causing a child to feel frightened or in danger.

THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

Neglect **MAY** be failure to meet the basic needs of a child, such as, enough food, shelter, clean clothing and ability to wash. THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

When we do act, it could mean us talking to you as parents or carers, advising parents or passing information on to Children and Families Services. You could then be asked to take part in follow up meetings or processes.



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MEMBER



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**We are not doing this to intrude or be nosey. We are doing it to make sure all our children are safe, that their voice is heard and that they are protected.**

**It is part of our job. It is the most important part of our job.**

Thank you to all parents who understand this and who continue to do the best they can for their children on life's journey. If you are ever worried about this or have any other worries come in and talk to me or the other staff. Thank you.

### **Parents Evening – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**GOOD NEWS!** Parents Evening just got a whole lot easier because you can now book your appointments online.

Earlier this week you were sent a link to your 1<sup>st</sup> priority mobile phone number or email address. This link takes you to our new online booking system, here you will be able to select a time convenient for you.

Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
  2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
  3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
  4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
  5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
  6. At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.
- We hope that this will make the booking and managing of your appointments much easier. If you have any queries then please contact the school office. Thank you.

### **HFD Coleshill – Thank you**

A very big and grateful thank you to HFD Coleshill – who have made a donation of £2,000 to our school.

### **Healthy snacks/lunch boxes**

Within our school we aim to promote healthy eating.

All children in Reception and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit each day, for them to enjoy at break time.

For KS2 we encourage parents and carers to provide children with a healthy snack to eat at break time. Some ideas for healthy snacks could be; fruit (please cut grapes in half), vegetable sticks, plain rice cakes, bread sticks, crackers, yoghurt tube/pouch.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that crisps, nuts, sweets and biscuits are not permitted as a break time snack.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with water, please no squash or fruit juice, to help keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your co operation.

## Coats

Can I ask all parents and carers to make sure your child brings a coat to school?

It is October now and the colder, wetter months are ahead. The number of children without coats in school at times is shocking. THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CO OPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

## 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.



## Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Leo
RHK/AD	Grace
1KG	Marie
1NH	Arabella
2LG	Sofia
2NT	Erik
3CC	Lucy
3SO	Gabrielle
4HB	Leon
4LM	Eloise
5VN	Frank
5SM	Josh
6AC	Georgia
6BF	David



Well Done Readers of the  
Week!

## Friends of St. Gabriel's

Please note the AGM - Annual General Meeting will take place after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.**

We have this week received complaints from several businesses situated on the Seaton Industrial Estate:

*"Over the past several months, we have noticed an increase in parents parking their vehicles on our industrial estate while dropping off or picking up their children from St Gabriel's School. While we understand the importance of ensuring the safety of students, the overflow of vehicles onto our property has become a persistent problem. This unauthorized parking disrupts our daily operations in several ways:*

- 1. Restricted Access: Parents' vehicles block access to our service entrances and parking spaces designated for our employees and clients. This impedes the timely delivery and shipment of goods, leading to delays in production and customer service.*
- 2. Safety Hazards: The additional traffic and congestion caused by parked vehicles on our estate create safety hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. This jeopardizes the well-being of our employees and visitors.*
- 3. Business Disruption: The disruptions to our operations have a negative impact on our productivity, and it also reflects poorly on our reputation when we are unable to meet our commitments to clients due to these parking issues."*

**Please do not park on the Industrial Estate.**

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

## **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 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.

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Mass 9.15am Non Uniform Day - Voluntary donations to CAFOD
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.50pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.50pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School re opens for pupils
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 National Memorial Arboretum Trip School Disco - More info to follow
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Hams Hall Trip
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

"Finally, brothers,  
fill your minds with everything that is true,  
everything that is noble,  
everything that is good and pure,  
everything that we love and honour,  
and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.  
Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me  
and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do.  
Then the God of peace will be with you."  
St. Paul to the Philippians.

"To always be close to Jesus - that is my life plan"  
Feast Day of Blessed Carlo Acutis - today Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes  
Headteacher