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Dear Parents

Confirmation – Friday last 1st July – Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Michael said to me on Friday evening "it was an uplifting event." It really was a moving and spiritual event.

Thank you and congratulations to all the children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thanks to the parents and carers who created a prayerful atmosphere throughout the Sacred Heart Church.

Thanks to the many staff who attended, prepared and organised the celebration.

Special thanks to Mrs Taggart and Mr Fowler for their input and preparation of the children.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

It was really wonderful to have the opportunity to have the running, jumping and throwing events going on last week.

Almost every child enjoys these and thanks to the teachers and Mr Fowler's organisation, all are able to achieve.

Special thanks to Mr Fowler. A huge amount of organisation and time goes into organising and running both sessions. It was great to see so many parents and carers present.

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.



Year 5 - STEM Challenge Thursday 7th July

Congratulations to Jake, Cian, Faith, Dominika, Summer-Skye and Callum from Y5 who came second out of 20 schools in their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Finals at Millennium Point. Thanks to Miss Cunningham for organising this opportunity.

Hot Weather

Now that the weather is warmer please remember to send your child in with a suitable hat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure that on hot/sunny days you apply sun cream **BEFORE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL**. Do not send children to school with bottles of sun cream. We are not allowed to apply sun cream for children.

Children need to have had their hay fever medication before they come in to school and should bring a water bottle with them. Unless there is a medical reason, children should not be bringing sunglasses into school. Please ensure all belongings are named and labelled.

Supervision by parents

It has been brought to our attention that some children are playing, unsupervised on and around the school grounds of a morning. Please be aware that this is potentially a safeguarding issue in regards to accidents and also an opportunity for children to get into trouble. Please consider the danger and ensure you are there and are supervising your children at all times on the way to school and on the school grounds **BEFORE 8.50am**. Thank you.

Request from Miss Townsley and Mrs McKay

Miss Townsley would like to refresh the Prayer Garden and is looking for donations of any plants that she could use, she is also very keen to have some sort of fruit tree if anybody is able to donate one? Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Mrs McKay is looking for some assistance from anybody who may be able to make some new covers for the beanbags in the Jungle Room. This room is well used by the children in school and the beanbags are looking a bit tired, unfortunately the covers aren't removable so Mrs McKay would really like some zip on covers made. If you are able to help please have a chat with Mrs McKay.

Thank you.

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 THIS WEEK:** Playspace information, FREE Paediatric First Aid Course, School Nurse Drop In.

Twitter access

We would love more followers! There are some lovely moments of every day life captured through this means. We have a number of parents who have requested to follow us on Twitter. Please ensure that you also email the following address with your twitter details so that we can cross reference twitter account requests and email addresses. This ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

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Emma's Smile - Family Fun Day Saturday 9th July 2022 11.00am-5.00pm

Emma's Smile is a fundraising group raising money for inspirational Tamworth teenager, Emma Downes. Emma is a former pupil of St. Gabriel's, she was sadly diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in November 2020 and is currently recovering after intensive chemotherapy and a Stem Cell (bone marrow) transplant.

Emma's Smile will be holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 9th July 11.00am-5.00pm at Coton Green FC, New Mill Lane, Fazeley, B78 3RX. All proceeds from the event will be going towards helping Emma to tick things off on her YOLO (You Only Live Once) list, which she put together whilst in hospital. Please go along if you are able to, and make EMMA SMILE!

Parish Summer Scheme

The Parish Summer Scheme Forms are available at Sacred Heart and St John's, most days are now fully booked. Should you wish for your child to attend please return your forms and payment 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.

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.

Parish Summer Fayre

The parish Summer Fayre is on July 10th 2022 from 10.00am-2.00pm at Sacred Heart.

Everybody is welcome so please pop down if you are able to. There are lots of great prizes in the raffle, food and games. All proceeds are going towards the building of a new church in India.

Heart of Tamworth - Free School Uniform Event

Heart of Tamworth are looking for donations of good condition school uniform, sports uniform and good quality, paired shoes. Donations can be dropped at school by 12th July (ready for collection on 13th July) or to Sacred Heart Church before Monday 18th July.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Frankie
RJC	Harlow
1KG	Noah
1NH	Henry
2JH	Jack
2NT	George
3CC	Poppy
3LH	Gian
4HA	George
4HB	Drew & Vinnie
5AC	Darcie
5SG	Olivia
6BF	Isobel
6ST	Amelie



Well Done Readers of the Week!



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

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.



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

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 Reports sent home with pupils
Tues 12 th July	Open sessions for parents to meet next teacher in next classroom 4.00pm-5.30pm
Weds 13 th July	Meeting for Year 2 or Year 5 parents re: Arts Award for next year led by Mrs Brown
Fri 15 th July	School Mass for end of school year - Led by Year 6
Tues 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Parents welcome 9.15am Year 6 Leavers Party
Weds 20 th July	Final day of school NOTE - GOVERNING BODY DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOL AT 1.30PM 3.30pm Commonwealth Torch @ Sacred Heart - celebration event Re: Commonwealth Games

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher