

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

Friends of St. Gabriel's

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

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.

Electronic Questionnaire for Parent Views

A parent questionnaire will come home by email today. Please take the time to complete and submit. It will also be available to complete electronically in school on both Parents Evenings. The questionnaire will stay open for 7 days until Thursday 26th October. Thank you.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 24th October and Thursday 26th October

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

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have used the new online booking system to book their Parents Evening appointments.

If you haven't yet booked your appointment please do so by following the link in the texts and emails that have been sent out.

If you are having difficulty accessing the system or are struggling to book then please call at the school office for some assistance.

Please note that bookings will close at 10.00am on Monday morning (23rd October 2023), all bookings and amendments must be made by this time

PARENTS - DO NOTE THAT AS A FIRST PARENTS APPOINTMENT, THESE ARE 5 MINUTES IN DURATION. PLEASE KEEP TO THIS OUT OF RESPECT OF RUNNING ORDER AND APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR OTHER PARENTS.

Thank you for your co operation with this new process.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Secondary School Applications

Please be aware that the closing date for Secondary School Applications is 31st October 2017, applications can be made at [SECONDRY ADMISSIONS](#) . If applying for a Catholic School, please be aware that proof of baptism/reception into the Church must be produced and normally an additional form is required to be completed and sent to the Catholic Secondary School. Do make sure that ALL applications are submitted by cut off days. To miss these could place your preference of secondary school in danger. Thank you.

Reading Books

Please could we remind you that home reading books need to be returned to school on a **Monday** morning. This allows us enough time to change reading books, in time to go home with the children on Wednesday. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Important Safety Reminder

BIKES AND SCOOTERS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES for the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you.

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.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Freya C
RHK/AD	Oliver
1KG	George
1NH	Nyla
2LG	Elizabeth
2NT	Mia
3CC	Andrew
3SO	Sebastian
4HB	Fabio
4LM	Isabella
5VN	Rosie
5SM	Harry C
6AC	Drew
6BF	Neya



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

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. 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 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 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 to the majority of our parents and carers who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

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.

Belgrave Club have asked us to remind parents and carers that if the car park is full they need to seek alternative parking off site & not use staff spaces, disabled spaces & yellow gridded areas. We would also ask that you park according to the Club rules, as requested. The parking facility at Belgrave Club is a valuable service to school and we would hate to lose this facility due to inconsiderate parking. Thank you for your co operation.

Please note that there is NO PARKING at Belgrave Club ALL DAY on Monday 23rd October, due to a large all day funeral. 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.

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.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Safety Plan was due to end in March 2024 however the current plan needs to be extended until the end of 2024 to ensure the four year cycle of the plan aligns with the four year term of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).



Staffordshire Fire & Rescue need your support, they want to get the views of as many people as possible and are therefore encouraging members of the community to complete their survey (link below) Any members of the community completing the survey will be included into a prize draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher.

The survey will run until 26 November, [click here to complete the survey](#), a copy of the draft Safety Plan document is attached.

Many thanks for your continued assistance and support (On behalf of the Eastern Service Delivery Group / Tamworth Belgrave Fire & Police Station)

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.



Dates for your Diary

Fri 20 th October	Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM
Tues 24 th October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.50pm
Thurs 26 th October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.50pm
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	Year 6 National Memorial Arboretum Trip
	School Disco - More info to follow
Weds 15 th November	Y3 Hams Hall Trip
Fri 1 st December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Lord,

Let us see your light in the people around us.

Guide us as we try to be the best examples for young people.

Help us find holiness in our every day acts.

To live our faith with others, in simple joy.

Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher