

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Mrs Jo Hawker - Update

Mrs Hawker continues to stay in hospital receiving a range of treatments, for her brain tumour. She has had a number of recent complications, needing additional interventions. Mrs Hawker and her family take great comfort from knowing that parents continue to keep her and the family in their thoughts and prayers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Non Uniform Day

Thank you for the voluntary contributions which, via ParentPay raised £206.00 for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

Catholic Virtues - Compassionate and Loving

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

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



Live Simply - One Million Children Praying the Rosary

On Tuesday and Thursday this week our children took part in a special event called 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary.' This is an annual event, organised by Aid to the Church in Need, which encourages children across the world to pray the Rosary for world peace and unity. When we prayed the Rosary, during our Key Stage Assemblies, we thought particularly about all those children and families around the world who are affected by war at the moment. If you would like to find out more about 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' please visit

<https://acnuk.org/resource/onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary/>



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Supporting us - supporting your child

As parents and carers you send your children to us to be educated and to prepare them for their future, the world of work and how to behave and act.

You would of course expect us to remind children when their behaviour falls short of what is expected. When a teacher does speak with a child, deals with a child or gives advice, support your child by not allowing them to dwell on that issue. Trust in us is important. Encourage resilience in your child by encouraging them to learn from their experience and to move forward positively. Thank you.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Louis
1RJC	Emilia
1KG	Max
1NH	Harlow
2BL	Lucy
2NT	Emilia.H
3CC	Lucas
3LH	Kadey-Mae
4HB	Lenny
4LM	Mia Lee
5SM	Haitham
5ST	Alexander
6AC	Eleanor
6BF	Niamh



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Attendance

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the 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. Thank you.

Resilience/Independence

Do encourage your child to organise themselves properly each morning. Encourage them to carry their own bag and belongings. Talk to them about organising their belongings, so they are not misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

Twitter

Currently we have 78 active followers, a substantial increase from last week. We would love more followers! Parents who have taken the easy steps to follow our account have enjoyed seeing some lovely moments of every day school life captured through this means. In order to follow the school Twitter account please make a request via Twitter **AND** ensure that you also email twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk with your twitter details so that we can approve Twitter requests. This ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

The Christmas Card Project

Children will be bringing home their Christmas card designs this week. Parents and carers can place their orders via the online shop at www.apfsorders.co.uk Please note that the deadline for orders is Friday 4th November 2022.

Lost Property

Please could we ask that you to make sure you put your child's name on their uniform. We have over 400 children all wearing similar jumpers/cardigans, it can be very difficult to locate a misplaced item without a name.

Our lost property trunk is again full to the brim! The majority of the clothing is unnamed and therefore impossible to return. Please do come along and have a look through the lost property and reclaim any missing items. We would encourage you to do this at the end of the school day when you may also have the opportunity, if needed, to check the cloakroom area. Once all the children have been dismissed you are very welcome to come in and look through cloakrooms or the lost property trunk.

Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2023 - closing date 15th January

The application system will open on 1st November 2022 for September 2023 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online system will be available from 1st November 2022. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023

Break Time Snacks

As part of our healthy school policy all Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit during morning break time. For older children or if your child prefers to bring in their own snack, please ensure it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit. For health and safety reasons please avoid sending the children into school with fruit that contain stones e.g. cherries. If your child is bringing in grapes, can these please be cut in half. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly. **BOTH THE LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE HAVE TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PARK OUTSIDE A SCHOOL ENTRANCE OR IN A WAY THAT BLOCKS EMERGENCY SERVICES". THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO CONCERN SOME PARENTS.**

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.

Message from the 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.

www.facebook.com/friendsofstgabriels

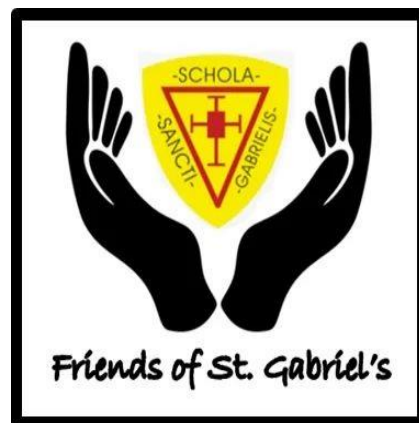
Early Heads Up - School Discos Tuesday 8th

November

Reception and KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm

KS2 6.00pm-7.00pm

More info to follow from The Friends of St Gabriel's.



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.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 21 st October	School finishes for half term
Monday 31 st October	INSET DAY 2
Tuesday 1 st November	School re opens for pupils Whole School Mass 9.15am in the School Hall - Feast of All Saints. Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday 8 th November	PLEASE NOTE - No Mass now on Friday 4 th November School Disco - Reception and KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm KS2 6.00pm-7.00pm
Friday 2 nd December	BREAKING NEWS **Christmas Fayre** 3.30pm-5.00pm More information to follow

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee."

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher