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Dear Parents

Please continue to keep Mrs Hawker in your thoughts and prayers, at this continuing difficult time for her and her family.

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.

First Holy Communion - Saturday last, 21st May 10am and 12noon

Congratulations to all the children and families who made both Masses so moving and memorable last Saturday.

Special thanks to Mrs Holmes and Miss Caswell for their work in preparation.

With thanks to the staff who attended to help organise, that is Mr Bright, Mrs Taggart, Mrs Coakley, Mr Fowler, Miss Townsley, Miss Gamon, Mrs Golby, Mrs Dancey, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Wood, Mrs Hogg, Mrs White and Mrs Ewings.

Special thanks to year 6 girls Holly M, Evie H, Maisey C, Ruby Lou H.P, Daniella P and Isabella from y4 who all sang so beautifully to support our singing.

Friday 27th May - Non Uniform Day Tomorrow

Please note children may wear red, white and blue to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee.

End of Term - Friday 27th May 1.30pm

Please note the email from the Governing Board on Friday, 6th May, notifying all of a 1.30pm finish on Friday 27th May. Children will be dismissed and are to be collected from normal points.

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 and keep checking in - there will be new information added most weeks, as and when we get it, we will post it.



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One Life Music

On Tuesday, children in year 6 shared a retreat day with Dan and Emily from One Life Music to help in their preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later this term. It was a lovely day, where the children could learn more about their faith and how to use their God given gifts to help others. Dan and Emily were very impressed with the way children contributed during the retreat with their singing and how prayerful they were during times of reflection.

Catholic Virtues

Next 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.



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.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Liam
RJC	Zofia
1KG	Elias
1NH	Fleur
2JH	Kasey
2NT	Keira
3CC	Holy Communion Readers
3LH	Holy Communion Readers
4HA	Ruby
4HB	Martyna
5AC	Caleb
5SG	Daniel
6BF	Ava
6ST	Josh



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

St Gabriel's Twitter

Please join our closed Twitter account - @GabrielsPrimary

We will be trialling our Twitter account with our Reception classes.

This will be used to show a screenshot of various activities throughout their day. We will be expanding upon this, over the coming months to include all other year groups in school. We hope you will find this useful.

We would like to increase our followers to all parents and grandparents that are known to us. Our Twitter account is a closed account (private); therefore in addition to your request to follow the Twitter account we will need your own Twitter account username details to be sent to us, via the following email address: twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk

This will allow us to accept you into the group and ensure the security of the account.

Please be aware - this account will only be used to share information and snapshots of your child's learning - please do not use this as a means of direct contact. There will be no facility to comment.

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.



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

Forthcoming Dinner Supervisor Position

If you are interested in a possible role in the future as a Dinner Supervisor please pass your interest via notice to the school office. You would be notified in due course of any availability. Thank you.

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 27 th May	Non Uniform Day - children can wear red, white and blue for Queen's Platinum Jubilee School closes for half term. PLEASE NOTE 1.30pm finish
Mon 6 th June	School reopens to staff and pupils
W/c Mon 6 th June	Y1 Phonics Screenings Y4 Multiplication tables check
Tues 7 th June	Y6 Dodge Ball Tournament @ Thomas Barnes School 3.45pm
Thurs 9 th June	Girl's Cricket Tournament @ Tamworth Cricket Club 1.00pm
Fri 10 th June	Tempest Photography - Individual/Family/Pre School photos
Thurs 16 th June	Y4 Cricket Tournament @ Tamworth Cricket Club 1.00pm
Fri 24 th June	Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion 9.15am
Mon 27 th June	INSET DAY 5 - School closed to pupils
Thurs 30 th June	Sports Day Key Stage 2 @ 9.15am Parents very welcome to attend Key Stage 1 @ 1.15pm School field, weather permitting!
Fri 1 st July	Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright @ Sacred Heart Church
Mon 4 th July	Year 4 to St. Francis of Assisi, Aldridge - Curriculum taster day Various activities
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
Fri 15 th July	School Mass for end of school year - Year 6 leavers Mass
Weds 20 th July	Final day of school 3.30pm Commonwealth Torch @ Sacred Heart - celebration event Re: Commonwealth Games

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God, trust in me."

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher