

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School



## Friday Note

2nd November 2018

### ALL SAINTS DAY

Fr Paul celebrated All Saints Day yesterday with mass in school for Key Stage 2 classes as well as parishioners. Our children were extremely reverent, participated fully in the mass and sang beautifully. I was extremely proud of them—well done.

Family time has been focused on Bonfire Night and how to keep safe around bonfires and fireworks.

### WEEKLY THEME

Next week, the theme will be on Remembrance in preparation for Remembrance Day which falls next weekend on Sunday 11th November.

We will be inviting children from Classes 5 and 10 to attend the ceremony at the cenotaph in Leigh to lay a wreath, letters will be sent home.

### CLASS 5 ASSEMBLY

Mrs Leech's class will lead the Key Stage 1 assembly next Monday 5th November. Parents are welcome to join us from 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity to visit the classroom afterwards and look at some of your child's work.

### WORSHIP WARRIORS

Some of our older children began 'worship warriors' training this week which will prepare them to take a lead role in preparing and leading a Collective Worship in school. Thank you to Maddie, Keisha, Roxy, Teneisha, Summer, Max, Barney, Kaisha, Molly & Julia and keep up the good work.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP (With You Always)

The next 'With You Always' Session will take place on Tuesday 6th November in school. Fr Paul will lead the session with all the children involved during the afternoon. Parents/Carers need to join their children at home time (3.10pm) for about 15-20 minutes to find out about the focus and content of the session. Please note that the Presentation Mass takes place on **Saturday 10th November** at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley at 6pm. If you need transport or you are unable to accompany your child, please let us know and we will be able to help.

### POPIES

Poppies and other merchandise are now on sale at the school office, we have a selection of reflectors, pencils, rulers, erasers and pencil sharpeners. A price list has been circulated around school.

### FLU SPRAY

Children who opted in for the Nasal Flu Spray will receive them on Wednesday 7th November.

### CLASS 3 PARENTS' EVENING

Miss Taylor will be available to speak to parents of children in her class on Wednesday 14th November from 2.45pm. Letters have been sent home today. Please return to school on Monday and you will be notified of your appointment time as soon as possible.

### TRIPS

**Class 5** visited the Fusilier Museum in Bury this week and had a lovely time. They enjoyed re-enacting the Christmas Truce from 1914. The children made some lovely medals and were in awe of all the Victoria Crosses on display.

**Class 11** are visiting Hoghton Tower on Tuesday 6th November. They will be spending the day experiencing what it would be like in a Medieval Royal Court.

They will leave school at 8.45am, children must be in school for 8.30am. We will be returning for approximately 3.15pm, traffic depending.

### APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The deadline for applying for high school places is now closed. If you haven't applied, please speak to Mrs Ashurst for advice.

### APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Applications for children starting in Reception in September 2019 are open from Monday 5th November. The closing date is the 15th January 2019.

All applications are now online, please apply on the council website [www.wigan.gov.uk](http://www.wigan.gov.uk)

This year they are not producing printed copies of the application form or booklet. All information is on the website. If any parents are unable to access the application form or booklet online they can request a printed copy by contacting the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013.

## AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



**Scarlett B** for showing **RESPECT**



**Lucy R, Mason B & Julia W** for showing **LOVE**



**Patryk G** for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**



**Samanta G, Drew G, Lainey G, Kaylee R & Mariah H** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



- Class 3 - **Kamile**
- Class 4 - **Braiden**
- Class 5 - **All of Class 5**
- Class 6 - **Corey-James**
- Class 7 - **Kaitlyn**
- Class 8 - **Erin**
- Class 9 - **All of Class 9**
- Class 10 - **Summer**
- Class 11 - **Jazmina**
- Class 12 - **Abigail**

For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

Congratulations and Well Done!

### READING REWARD

Please continue to read at home with your children 5 times a week, it is part of their homework and is very important!!

**Our target is 90%. Please read with your child and sign their diaries—5 times a week!!**



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 5th Nov	Class 5 Assembly, parents welcome to join us from 2.15pm
Tue 6th Nov	Class 11 visit to Hoghton Tower
Wed 28th Nov	Class 3&4 trip to Martin Mere

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Duffy who got married during half-term. She will now be known as Mrs Parsonage.

Congratulations also to Miss Tomblin who celebrated the birth of her third son—Hunter, before half-term.

### YEAR 3 SWIMMING

In response to parental feedback, we have alternated the swimming sessions for the Year 3 classes. From now until Christmas, Class 6 will go first and can be collected at home time as usual. Class 7 will take the second swimming session which means they will be a little later getting back and being dismissed—hopefully no later than 3.30pm.

### DISCO / PARTY

Thank you to everyone who attended the discos this week. There was lots of fun and a good time had by all. Many thanks to our staff for giving up their time to make these events possible. If there are any parents who are willing to help out at the school fundraising events please let us know. You would be very welcome!

### ATTENDANCE

Here are the attendance figures and punctuality numbers for last week:

Congratulations to **Class 2** in the infants with 98.7% and **Class 8** in the juniors with 99% attendance. Well done!!

Doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.

CI	Att %	Late	CI	Att %	Lates
1	95.5	1	7	93.8	0
2	98.7	0	8	99	1
3	92.2	5	9	95.6	7
4	92.3	0	10	94	2
5	95.5	7	11	93.1	1
6	93.3	9	12	89.6	7