

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Note



30th November 2018

### WEEKLY THEME

On Monday, we will mark the beginning of the season of Advent, by lighting the first candle on the Advent Wreath which symbolises 'Hope'!

### OPERATION ENCOMPASS

As you are aware, Operation Encompass notifies school when there has been reported incidents of domestic abuse in the presence of a child. As a school, we have a responsibility to check on the welfare of a child following a notification as these situations can be distressing and affect a child's emotional and mental well-being. The Encompass Team are also providing workshops with Class 11 and 12 on 'Healthy Relationships' and 'Managing Conflict'. Everyone has a responsibility to protect and safeguard children and adults in these situations. Please be vigilant and report concerns to the police.

### SAFETY ALERT

There have been several reported incidents across Wigan in the last couple of weeks involving adults approaching young people either on their way to or from school. Please be vigilant and remind your child to walk with friends rather than walk alone.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Thursday 13th December, children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper and this coincides with Christmas dinner day.

### Upcoming Events:

- 11th Dec— Pre School visit to Toyfields  
Y4 Music Concert at 2.30pm
- 12th Dec— Y1&2 Christmas Performance at 9.15am  
All Y5 children in Class 10 & 11 to visit Liverpool Cathedral
- 13th Dec— Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner  
3.30pm KS1 (Y1&2) Christmas Performance—Please note all children are required to stay until 4.15pm
- 14th Dec— Pre-School at Toyfields

**CHRISTMAS MARKETS**—from 3pm on Fri 14th Dec  
Please try to come along and support school.

### TRIPS

**Class 3 & 4**—Everyone had a fantastic day at Martin Mere on Wednesday. They learned all about how birds migrate in the Winter. They hid in the 'hides' to spot Whooper Swans, who had flown in from Ireland. It really was "weather for ducks".

**Year 4**—are going to Tatton Park on Thursday 6th Dec, children must be in school for 8.45am!!



### FIT FRIDAY

Next Friday 7th December, is a 'Fit Friday' when classes will have opportunities for increased physical activity. Children are invited to wear sports clothing or PE kits for a £1 contribution, alternatively please bring along a bottle of something eg wine, shampoo, pop, bubble bath etc for our Christmas Fayre tombola.

### BAPTISMS

We have celebrated several baptisms in school this week. Many thanks to Fr Paul and many congratulations to Kaylee-Ann, Casey, Jack, Morgan, D'Anna and Ava in Year 4 and Jack in Year 1.

### ATTENDANCE

Here are the attendance figures and punctuality numbers for last week: Congratulations to **Class 5** in the infants with 99.6% and **Classes 7, 8 & 9** in the juniors all with 100% attendance. Well done!! Doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.

| Cl | Att % | Late | Cl | Att % | Lates |
|----|-------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 1  | 94.4  | 3    | 7  | 100   | 1     |
| 2  | 90.6  | 6    | 8  | 100   | 7     |
| 3  | 93.6  | 9    | 9  | 94.4  | 5     |
| 4  | 98.1  | 2    | 10 | 100   | 6     |
| 5  | 99.6  | 6    | 11 | 94.7  | 3     |
| 6  | 99.1  | 8    | 12 | 92.8  | 6     |

**WIGAN AND LEIGH HOSPICE TEDDIES ARE FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE – WE HAVE GINGERBREADMEN TEDDIES, MAGNETIC SANTAS & ELVES AVAILABLE - £2 EACH!!**

## OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 4th December we will be holding an Open Day for those with children wanting to start school or Pre school in September 2019 at 2pm and 5pm. Bookings are being taken for those wanting to come along to look at our school. Please refer to the school website for further details and please spread the word!!

*You are invited.*

## BASKETBALL

A group of Year 5 and 6 children represented the school in a Basketball competition yesterday, well done to Liam, Jakub, Oscar, Jess, Finley, Tomasz, Ruby, Ellis, Oliwier, Logan, Maddison, Darcy, Layton & Ryan.

Both teams played exceptionally well, Year 5 came 2nd in the whole competition.



### AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:

★ **All of Class 3, Kian M, Lucas-James Y, Bradley G** for showing **RESPECT**

★ **Tarah S, Keanen S** for showing **LOVE**

★ **Rhys C** for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**

★ **Roxanne B, Jessica N, Oscar H, Jakub M, Finley T, Liam M, Tomasz & Amelia S** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

★ Class 3 - **Drew**

Class 4 - **Ethan**

Class 5 - **Austin**

Class 6 - **Mckenzie**

Class 7 - **Kai**

Class 8 - **Ava**

Class 9 - **Aimee-May**

Class 10 - **Tomasz**

Class 11 - **Calleigh**

Class 12 - **Grace**

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



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|  |   |
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| <b>Tues 4th Dec</b>  | <b>OPEN DAY!!!! 2pm and 5pm</b>   |
| Thurs 6th Dec  | Y4 trip to Tatton Park  |
| Fri 7th Dec  | Fit Friday (sports clothing or PE kit for a £1 donation)                                    |
| Tues 11th Dec  | Y4 Music Concert—Parents' invited from 2.30pm for a 2.45pm start                            |
| Tues 11th Dec  | Class 10 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter   |
| Wed 12th Dec   | Year 5 Liverpool Cathedral visit  |
| Wed 12th Dec   | Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (Years 1&2) at 9.15am.                                    |
| <i>Please note that tickets will be allocated and restricted due to Health &amp; Safety and hall capacity.</i>                     |   |
| Thurs 13th Dec   | Christmas Dinner will be served   |
| Thurs 13th Dec   | Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 3.30pm.   |
| <i>Please note all children will need to stay in school for this performance until 4.15pm, tickets will be allocated as above.</i> |   |
| Fri 14th Dec   | Christmas Market from 3.10pm  |
| <b>Wed 19th Dec</b>  | Early Years Christmas Performance (Pre-school and Reception)                                |
| Wed 19th Dec   | 'With You Always' Reconciliation Service (First Confession) at Holy Family Church at 3.30pm |
| Fri 21st Dec   | Whole School Advent Mass at Holy Family Church  |
| Fri 21st Dec   | School closes for Christmas at 2pm  |
| Mon 7th Jan  | School opens  |
| Fri 11th Jan   | Pantomime at Parr Hall, Warrington  |

### APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Applications for children starting in Reception in September 2019 are now open. The closing date is the 15th January 2019.

You can apply using a smart phone, tablet, laptop and computer.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/>