

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



15th December 2023

Weekly Theme

We will light the rose candle on our Advent wreath next week; a candle which represents Joy. We will focus on the Joy and Love in our preparations for Christmas. Please speak to your child about what they can remember about the Advent wreath - the candles and the significance of the evergreen leaves and its circular shape.

Christmas Dinner

A massive well done to our cook, Linda, and her team, who prepared over 300 Christmas dinners yesterday. Our children enjoyed a delicious lunch with Christmas crackers and songs.

Christmas Tickets and Performances

We are looking forward to the Christmas Performances next week.

Please ensure you bring your tickets to be admitted to the performances. We have to limit the seating capacity due to health and safety regulations.

Timetable for next week.

Tuesday 19th December at 9:15am - **Key Stage 1 (Class 3-6)**

Tuesday 19th December at 2:15pm - **Key Stage 1 (Class 3-6)**

Wednesday 20th December at 9:15am - **Reception (Class 1 and 2)**

Wednesday 20th December at 2:30pm - **Pre School**

Thursday 21st December at 2:15pm - **Reception (Class 1 and 2)**

Friday 22nd December at 2:00pm - **Key stage 2 (Class 7-12)**

Donations

We have asked for a small contribution for tickets for our performances because we will be giving you the opportunity to donate whatever you can, on the day, for our charity CAFOD. The children have voted to raise funds for World Gifts which includes buying animals and emergency medical supplies. If you are able to contribute anything to this cause, we will be very grateful.

St Gabriel's Got Talent

We had a fantastic afternoon watching our St Gabriel's Got Talent show. It was amazing to see our finalists showcasing their very special talents, which reflected the diversity we celebrate in our school. We saw dancing, soloists, joke telling, gymnastics, Arabic singing, Bollywood dancing and a mastermind performance on capital cities. They showed our Core Values of 'Courage' and we are very proud of them all. Well done to Chantelle, Kacie, Olivia, Holly, Angela, Aarya, Heebat, Ava, Isla, Lily, Daisy, William, Madison, Kara, Apria, Heesmat, Praise, Xander, Francisco, Nina, Elizabeth, Anaya and Emily.

Many thanks to families of the finalists who came to watch the show. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did - especially the staff dance routine!!

Christmas Events

As well as our performances and fun days next week, our children will also enjoy a Christmas show with Louby Lou and a visit from Father Christmas' reindeers. We are not sure if Rudolph will be able to join us or if he will be resting for the big night.

Panto

On Friday 12th January the whole school will go on a visit to the panto at Parr Hall. We will return to school at approximately **5:00pm.**

Christmas Raffle

There are a couple days left to purchase your Raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle. We have some amazing prizes available to win. If you would like to purchase any extra tickets, please contact the school office.

Christmas Fun Days

Our Christmas Fun Days are on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December. Over these 2 days, children will be timetabled to take part in lots of different activities. To make this extra special there will also be a visit from Santa himself, he will be giving each child a small gift. If you haven't yet sent the £4.00 donation, please can you do so early next week.

Christmas Cards

We have a Christmas post box in school. If your child wants to send Christmas cards to their friends please write the name and class of the child it is to be delivered to on the envelope. **Our Year 6 prefects will sort and deliver the cards.** Alternatively, they may like to write one card to everyone in their class, and just label it with the class name/number.

Christmas Holidays

Please note that school closes early next Friday 22nd December for the Christmas break. Children need to be collected at 2:30pm There is no after school club this day.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



Theo T, Marco and Luke for showing **RESPECT**



Heesmat, Xander, Francisco, Emily, Anaya and William for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**



Emilis, Emma, Ruby and Chelsea for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



Class 3 - **Toby**

Class 4 - **Melody-Rose**

Class 5 - **Layla**

Class 6 - **Milo**

Class 7 - **Isla/Colby**

Class 8 - **Amelia**

Class 9 - **Aiden**

Class 10 - **Lucas**

Class 11 - **Jason**

Class 12 - **Jacob**



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

Congratulations and Well Done!

Reading

Our Green readers this week are: **Class 7 and 9.**

The highest scoring class this week was Class 9 with 96%



Dates for this Half Term.

Tuesday 19th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 9:15am.

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Wednesday 20th December - Reception Nativity at 9:15am

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Thursday 21st December - Reception Nativity at 2:15pm

Friday 22nd December - Whole school Christmas visit to Holy Family Church.

Friday 22nd December - Key Stage 2 Christmas carols at 2:00pm

School closes for Christmas at 2:30pm.

School re-opens on Monday 8th January at 8:40am. (7:45am for children with places in Breakfast Club)

Friday 12th January - Whole school visit to the panto at Parr Hall. Returning to school at approximately 5:00pm.