

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



1st December 2023

Weekly Theme

Next week, we will focus on the on the Church's special season of Advent, a time for preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas. We will light the first candle on our Advent Wreath which represents 'Hope' . We will reflect upon how having hope carries us both through difficult times and exciting times of anticipation of what may come.

Baptism

Congratulations to April, Hattie, Arlo, Enzo and Huxley who were all baptised during our school mass this morning. It was lovely to share your special occasion.

First Communion Group

For those children who were unable to attend the Presentation Mass last weekend, there is an invitation for you to join us at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley tomorrow evening for 6pm Mass.

Reconciliation

Next Friday 8th December , children following the sacramental programme, will have the opportunity to prepare for their first confession with Fr Paul. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for our children as they prepare for this part of their sacramental journey.

Class 9 - Bedford High

Year 4 are visiting Bedford High School next Tuesday morning for a singing rehearsal prior to them taking part in their 'A Christmas Carol Concert' on Thursday 7th December at 6:00pm (children to arrive at 5:30pm). Mr Hibbert has sent a message on Class Dojo with more information regarding tickets for parents.

Christmas Choir

We have a group of children who will be spreading seasonal cheer as they visit Bedford Care Home next week for carol singing and games with the residents there.

Advent Service - Liverpool Cathedral

Year 5 are visiting Liverpool Cathedral next Wednesday to be part of the Advent service. They are expected to arrive back in school at approximately 3:30pm. We will keep you updated with any changes. Please note that as children will be dismissed at a later time, if you want your child to walk home, you need to let the class teacher know by returning the reply slip on the Cathedral letter.

Judaism

Next Friday 8th December, all classes will study aspects of Judaism as we welcome a visitor to school to facilitate the workshops. Please talk to your child about what they have learnt.

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 Tickets

Letters have gone out this week with information regarding your child's Christmas performance. If you would like tickets, then please return the slip to school with your preferred performance time. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home this week 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. They will also have a visit from 'Loubby Lou' on Monday 18th December. There will also be a visit from Santa's reindeer. To make this extra special there will also be a visit from Santa himself, he will be giving each child a small gift.

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.

Home Reading

Reading is the essential skill to learning and it has a key emphasis within our curriculum. We need your support to ensure that your child is having regular reading practice at home. This helps to develop fluency, comprehension and an understanding of words. In order to support you with reading at home, we are re-launching 'Bug Club' which is the online reading programme we have previously used. Children are able to access Bug Club through tablets or Ipads with their passwords. Texts will be allocated to your child to read. This does not replace the reading books but gives you the option and flexibility to read in different ways. Please contact your class teacher if you have difficulty accessing Bug Club so that any issues can be resolved quickly. Many thanks for your support in enabling our children to become confident readers - a skill for life!

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



Olive, Leo and Isabella for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



Wyatt and Ollie for showing **RESPECT**



Jason, Roland, Donald, Indie and Uandje for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**



Phoebe for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



Class 3 - **Alexa**

Class 4 - **Layla**

Class 5 - **Joshua**

Class 6 - **Liam**

Class 7 - **Matthew**

Class 8 - **Grayson**

Class 9 - **April**

Class 10 - **William**

Class 11 - **Braxton**

Class 12 - **Lexie**



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

Congratulations and Well Done!

Reading

Our Green readers this week are: **Class 7,9 and 12.**

The highest scoring class this week was Class 7 with 97%



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)

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