

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Note



26th January 2024

### Weekly Theme

Next week, we will celebrate Candlemas; the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the temple. We will consider the links between Christianity and Judaism. We will discuss why Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World.

### Class Assembly

Well done to Class 9 who led the whole school assembly on our Core Value of 'Love'. They presented with confidence and courage. Many thanks to the adults who came to support Class 9.

### Pantomime

A reminder that outstanding payments for the pantomime must be sent in by the end of next week.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Boothby on the safe arrival of her baby girl, Connie, last weekend. We send love and best wishes to her and her family.

### Attendance

It is essential that your child attends school every day (unless they are sick). Absence from school is a significant barrier to children's progress in learning. We monitor the attendance of all pupils and the target for each pupil is 95%. When a child's attendance falls below this we will be meeting with parents to address the reasons why and to ensure absence is reduced.

Likewise, lost learning due to children arriving late for school is not acceptable. Children should be in class for 8:50am, when the first lesson begins. It is vital that children arrive on time so they are prepared for the day and do not miss the information at the start of the lesson.

Our school attendance target is 95%. Currently, we are at 94.2% and we need everyone to contribute to achieving this goal in the interests of children's learning.

### **Class attendance for last week:**

Class 1 - 99.1%	Class 7 - 97.6%
Class 2 - 95.2%	Class 8 - 96.7%
Class 3 - 92.3%	Class 9 - 94.2%
Class 4 - 92%	Class 10 - 94.3%
Class 5 - 91.3%	Class 11 - 96.4%
Class 6 - 98.4%	Class 12 - 90%

Well done to Class 1 with the highest attendance last week!

65 children have celebrated achieving **100% attendance** for Autumn term. (Sep - Dec)

### **Parents Evening**

Our next parents evening for all classes is scheduled for Thursday 8th February. Please return the reply slip, indicating your preferred time. An appointment will then be arranged and sent home.

### **Year 1 and 2 Visit**

Letters have been sent home to parents of children in Years 1 and 2 with regards to their visit to the Spinners Mill. Children will be walking to the Mill and back. Please ensure you have read the information and returned the reply slip to school with your consent for your child to take part. The visit will enhance their work in History and knowledge of our local area.

### **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 understanding of words. In order to support you with reading at home, we have re-launched '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:



**Jackson, Evie, Lilith, Elizabeth, Anaya, Blake and Viktoriia** for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



**Darcie** for showing **RESPECT**



**Jacob and Chris** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

Class 3 - Nadiaya

Class 4 - Oscar

Class 5 - George

Class 6 - Amelia

Class 7 - Indie

Class 8 - Amarah

Class 9 - Ivy

Class 10 - Lucas

Class 11 - All Class

Class 12 - Aiden



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

Congratulations and Well Done!

## Reading

Our green readers this week are Class 12 with 91%



## **Dates for this Half Term.**

**7th February** - Pre-School and Reception classes have a visitor to celebrate Chinese New Year

**8th February** - Parents Evening from 3:15pm

**9th February** - Fit Friday - wear something green

**9th February** - With You Always Group have a session with Fr Paul

**14th February** - Ash Wednesday service for KS2 and ashes distributed to Early years and Key Stage 1.

**16th February** - School closes at 3:20pm for Half Term

**26th February** - School closed for Inset Day

**27th February** - School re-opens at 8:40am (7:45am for children who attend breakfast club)