

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



9th February 2024

Weekly Theme

Next week, we move into the season of Lent. This is a time when Christians pray more, fast and give to charity. Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Fr Paul will visit school on Ash Wednesday to hold a service with Key Stage 2. Following the service, children from Pre-School to Year 6 will be offered the opportunity to receive 'ashes'. This is in the form of a cross on the forehead which reminds us that we should try to be more like Jesus and ask for forgiveness when we get things wrong.

Some children, and those from other faiths, may not want to receive ashes. If this is the case, please can you inform your child's class teacher through Seesaw or Class Dojo.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to everyone who attended parents evening to discuss your child's progress. If you were unable to attend, teachers will contact you to arrange a convenient day and time to meet. We had a brilliant turnout considering it was a cold, wet night.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Year 5 and 6 took part in workshops this week to consider their responsibilities when out in the community. They discussed what they thought Anti Social Behaviours were and our visitors also gave other examples. They then looked at the consequences that Anti Social Behaviours can have on others.

Attendance

Please see the attendance results for each class last week. Congratulations to Class 11 with the best attendance at 96.59% It is great to see that 6 classes had attendance higher than 95%. Well done - keep it up. Let's aim for all classes next week.

Class attendance for last week:

Class 1 - 90.7%	Class 7 - 95.74%
Class 2 - 92.06%	Class 8 - 95.34%
Class 3 - 95.73%	Class 9 - 94.44%
Class 4 - 93.33%	Class 10 - 91.48%
Class 5 - 96.21%	Class 11 - 96.59%
Class 6 - 96.44%	Class 12 - 91.58%

Mental Health Week

Our school link worker from the mental health team delivered assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 this week. It is important that we spend time, away from screen, to talk and socialise. Perhaps this weekend, you could try getting outdoors: walking or cycling or spending time as a family in activities such as baking, crafts or playing traditional games. These activities allow us time to talk and connect with each other and promote positive mental health.

Public Health England

The latest information from Public Health England is to alert parents to an increase in cases of measles. This spreads very easily in unvaccinated children. We have **no** reported cases of measles to date. Please see the attached leaflet with further information.

Chinese New Year Visitor

Reception enjoyed their Chinese New Year workshop this week. They learnt about how it is celebrated, looked at some artefacts and learnt some Kung fu moves.

First Holy Communion

There will be one date for all Year 4 children receiving their First Holy Communion this year. This will take place on Saturday 27th April, at Holy Family Church, at 2pm.

Confirmations

Any young person who is in Year 8 or above, has made their First Holy Communion and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at **www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk**. The website for registration opens on the 15th January and closes on the 15th March.

Contact Numbers

We have experienced some difficulty contacting parents in recent weeks. This may be due to change of phones/numbers over Christmas. If you have changed your number, please can you let us know so that we are able to make contact with you should an emergency arise.

Parking

Please can we remind you to keep the access to school clear in the interests of maintaining a safe route into school for our children. Enforcement officers will be carrying out routine checks. I appreciate the difficulty posed by the location of the school at the end of a cul-de-sac but this is more reason to keep the immediate area clear for cars to turn around safely.

Half Term

Please note that we finish for half-term on Friday 16th February at the normal times. Monday 26th February is a staff INSET day and school is closed to children. School re-opens on Tuesday 27th February.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



Mia and Darcie for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



Patrick for showing **RESPECT**



Kaiden for showing **HONESTY**



Hollie, Lilly, Luca, Alyzah, Phoebe, Emma, Ruby, Chantelle, Paige, Aarya and Nikolas for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

Class 3 - April

Class 4 - Summer

Class 5 - Selina

Class 6 - Anaya

Class 7 - Olivia

Class 8 - Leon

Class 9 - Ivy

Class 10 - Kairi

Class 11 - Drew

Class 12 - Tishe



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

Congratulations and Well Done!

Reading

Our green readers this week are Class 9 and 12 with 94%



Dates for this Half Term.

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)