

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Note



16th February 2024

### Weekly Theme

This week, we have marked the start of this season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Well done to our readers: Heidi, Braxton, Ruby, Jensen and Paige.

### Lenten Activities

When we return after half-term, we will be taking part in a series of Lenten activities.

During Lent, Christians try to do three things:

- 1) Pray
- 2) Fast
- 3) Give to Charity

We will be raising money for CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) and doing our big Lent Walk again this year. More details to follow. We had tremendous support with parents and families joining us on the walk last year. This year, it is planned for Friday 15th March if you are able to keep this morning free, it would be lovely to have parents join us again.

This week, we also concentrated on the Lord's Prayer. You may wish to pray this special prayer at home during Lent.



## **What's in the news?**

For the last few weeks, Key Stage 2 have discussed weekly news items. Some of the topics discussed have included:

- The first female to referee a Premier League football match
- The prediction that there will be driverless cars by 2026
- A Spanish lady, Mar Galcerán, who was elected to Spanish parliament, overcoming her learning difficulties due to the genetic disorder– Downs Syndrome, to achieve her ambition
- The proposal for a GCSE in British Sign Language
- Sustainability and fashion

## **Sustainability/Spring clean**

During the sustainable fashion debate, we also considered re-cycling of old clothes to avoid landfills and waste which are damaging to our environment. Following this discussion, our eco-warriors are excited to get involved in the Collection4Clothes, who support eleven different charities across the UK. After half term, our Eco Warriors will collect clothing donations on Friday 8th March and Friday 15th March.

This may be a good opportunity for a spring clean over half-term, ready to donate unwanted and pre-loved clothing for our charity work. Please only donate clean clothing in a good condition. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## **Attendance**

Please see the attendance results for each class last week. Congratulations to Class 5 with the best attendance at 96.67% It is great to see that 6 classes had attendance higher than 95%. Well done - keep it up. Let's aim for all classes after half term.

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

Class 1 - 91.67%	Class 7 - 95%
Class 2 - 91.90%	Class 8 - 93.87%
Class 3 - 94.62%	Class 9 - 95%
Class 4 - 95.2%	Class 10 - 92.33%
Class 5 - 96.67%	Class 11 - 95.81%
Class 6 - 95.20%	Class 12 - 89.39%

**AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK**

This week's certificates are awarded to:



**Hiva** for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



**Declan, Louie R, Sophie Mc** for showing **RESPECT**



**Braxton, Chloe M & Jason H** for showing **COURAGE**



**Skyla, Lia & Jake K** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



**Jacob G** for showing **HONESTY**

Class 3 - Layton

Class 4 - Myla

Class 5 - Ygritte

Class 6 - Lily T

Class 7 - Libby

Class 8 - Louie

Class 9 - Alex K

Class 10 - Harrison

Class 11 - Ruby

Class 12 - Josh C

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

Congratulations and Well Done!

**Reading**

Our green readers this week are Class 7( 97%), 9( 96%) and 12 (94%)



**Dates for this Half Term.**

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

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

**Thursday 7th March**– World Book Day

**Friday 8th March** - Class 5 assembly (Miss Woodheads Class) Parents are welcome to join us for a 2.45pm start.

**Thursday 14th March** - Y6 parent meeting re SAT's 2.30pm or 5pm

**Friday 15th March** – Fit Friday & Big Lent walk

**Monday 25th March** - Key Stage 2 Easter Reflection 9.15am and 2.15 pm (more information on tickets will follow)

**Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March**– Easter Fun Days

**Easter Holidays-**

School closes on **Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm**

School re-opens– **Thursday 11th April**

**I hope you have a lovely half term.**