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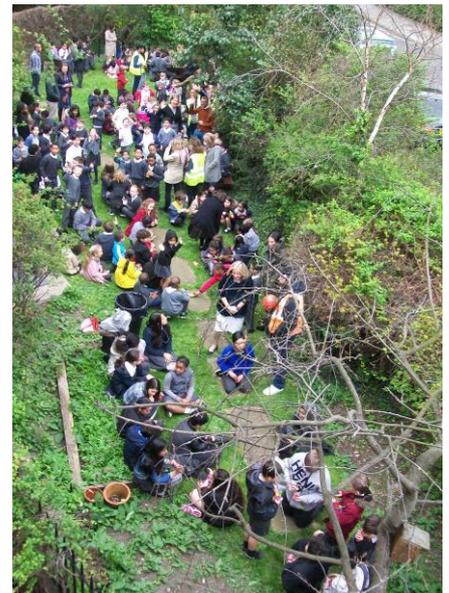
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely break.

I would like to take this opportunity to say what an honour it is to be the new Headteacher of St Gabriel's. As you know I have had the privilege of working with Miss McMahon as her Deputy since September 2015 and in that time, it has been truly lovely really getting to know the children, staff, parents and governors of the school. Routed in the Christian ethos of our school, Miss McMahon has created a haven for our children enabling them to grow academically, emotionally, morally and spiritually. These foundations have been crucial in enabling our children to succeed and it is my goal to continue this, to build up on it and ensure that St Gabriel's children are provided with the foundations for their future that enables them to have choices, be their best and achieve whatever they set out to do. I intend to ensure that the high expectations established for behaviour and academic achievement at St Gabriel's continues, because I know that our children have amazing potential!

Farewell to Miss McMahon

It was a very busy last week of term, with various celebrations marking Miss McMahon's retirement. We had a lovely family assembly, where the music group performed brilliantly and Miss McMahon was not only Star of The Week, but received mentions from every class, she received the sports award, music award, a pen licence and her name was even pulled out for the newsletter slips. The good work was a poem written by children from across the school and presented in a video filmed by Mr Tom.



On the Wednesday evening, in recognition of Miss McMahon's 26 years as Headteacher, representatives from schools across Westminster and the London Diocesan Board for Schools, previous staff, governors and teachers who have known Miss McMahon since the start of her teaching career met to celebrate her service and retirement.

Finally on the last day of term, the children celebrated with a party in the garden and then enjoyed the Really Big Pants Theatre Company production of Plundered! As a final thank you to Miss McMahon, the whole school did an amazing job of singing 'One More Step'. You may also notice as you enter the school, that we have renamed the Garden.

Miss McMahon would also like to express her thanks to you all:

I cannot adequately express how much I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. I have loved my time at St Gabriel's and the last week was no exception. Your goodness was simply amazing, and I have bought myself a new computer with the money you so generously gave me.

I was really touched by the words expressed in the very moving last Family Assembly. What an amazing occasion. It was lovely to see you standing by the gate when the children sang 'One More Step' and then such fun to plant the Susan Magnolia in the garden with Class 6. I have promised that I will come back and help in the garden so I will get to see it bloom and blossom.

The end of the last day was very special and I am now loving re-reading the cards, tending my flowers and delighting in the wonderful memories. I am leaving my stamp collection behind to hopefully continue to encourage the children to work hard and celebrate each other's work in the Headteacher's Office. It was always one of the very best bits of the day! I have also put a magnolia and cherry blossom tree in the courtyard playground. Again hopefully they will grow and develop alongside the children. Immense thanks for your support over the years. I have been so very fortunate to have such an amazing group to work to encourage and support me.

Thank you all so much, especially for having such amazing children!



thank you!

A huge thank you to Ms Rexhepi for organising the collection and coffee morning after the family assembly. She would also like to say a few words of thanks:

Dear Parents:

The heartfelt assembly for Miss McMahon went extremely well. I am writing this letter to let you all know that we managed to present her with a cheque for £765 plus £30 for flowers. We also ordered a Magnolia 'Susan' plant which was planted with members of Class 6 on the last day of term.

Special thanks to the parents who helped me to collect money from each individual class.

Ms Rexhepi.

Teaching Staff

We have two new members of staff to whom we would like to give a very warm welcome. In Class 3 we have Miss Caroline Keane, who the children met towards the end of last term.

Miss Fiona Palmgren is also starting with us. She is with Class 2 and will be working closely with Miss Gilbert as she approaches her maternity leave.

In place of a Deputy, as an interim the Governors have appointed two Assistant Heads and so I am delighted to announce that Mrs Wotherspoon and Mr Nunn were interviewed towards the end of term and offered the positions of Interim Assistant Headteachers. As well as being members of the Senior Leadership Team and amongst their other responsibilities, Mrs Wotherspoon will be Deputy Child Protection Lead and oversee Teaching and Learning; whilst Mr Nunn will be in charge of Behaviour and Religious Education.

We also welcome Mrs Gallon back from maternity leave. She will be covering different teachers for their release time on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Dates for Your Diary.....

Please do refer to these regularly as dates may change and new events will be added.

Term/holiday Dates

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Friday 26th May: Last day of term - School Breaks up at 3.30pm

Monday 5th June: School starts

Monday 26th June: School closed for INSET

Friday 21st July: Last day of Summer term – School breaks up at 2.30pm

Trips

Friday 21st April Class 1 to library

Tuesday 25th April: Class 4 to British Museum

Wednesday 26th April: Class 2 to library

Thursday 4th May: Class 4 to Tate Britain

Friday 5th May: Reception to the library

Tuesday 16th May: Class 6 to the Abbey Centre

Thursday 18th May: Class 4 to the Library

Wednesday 7th June: Class 5 to library

Monday 12th June: Class 4 to Museum of London

Tuesday 20th June: Class 3 to library

Wednesday 21st June: Class 4 science Museum

Thursday 29th June: Class 6 St Margaret's Deanery Leavers Service

Events for Parents

Every Wednesday: Mass – a different Junior class each week is in Mass held by either Father Owen or Father Lee. You are all warmly invited.

Every Thursday: Family Assembly

Monday 24th April: 3.30pm Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting in Year 6

Monday 12th June: Parents evening

Wednesday 14th June: Parents evening (Class 4 will start at 2.30pm)

Wednesday 14th June: 7.00pm Year 4 taking part in the Pimlico Musical Foundation Concert

Sports Day: To be confirmed

Friday 14th July: Reports go home

SATs – Class 2 and Class 6 parents may wish to take note of the following dates:

Week of the 1st May: **KS1 SATs for Class 2.** These tests are not as prescriptive as the KS2 tests and can be carried out on different days during this week. A timetable will follow.

Monday 24th April: 3.30pm Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting in Class 6

Week of the 8th May: **KS2 SATs for Class 6.** These are much more prescriptive and are to be carried out on specific days:

Monday 8th May: English reading test

Tuesday 9th May: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Wednesday 10th May: Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic
Maths Paper 2: reasoning.

Thursday 11th May: Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

We thank you in advance for making sure that your child is punctual and has 100% attendance during the week of the tests. A good night's sleep is also essential!

Other Events:

Wednesday 3rd May: First swimming for Class 3

Monday 15th May: Fire brigade talk for Class 2 and Class 5

Tuesday 23rd May: Class photos

Thursday 25th May: Curriculum and Standards Governors' Meeting

Thursday 8th June: Governors' Staffing Committee and Premises Committee meetings

Friday 23rd June: Governors' Finance Meeting

Wednesday 5th July: Last Swimming

Week beginning 10th and 17th July: Bikeability for Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 18th July: Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 19th July: Prize Day

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Wishing you an enjoyable first week of the Summer term!

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 18th April 2017

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____