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Weekly Newsletter Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term and a new year at St Gabriel's. Many thanks for all of the Christmas presents and cards. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas time and a peaceful holiday.

We had a very busy end to the term. On the last Monday, the whole school sang beautifully for our Nativity and Reception performed brilliantly. We had some lovely solos from members of Class 6 and Reception.



On the Tuesday we had a lovely Christmas lunch. A huge thanks goes to all of the staff in the kitchen for such a lovely dinner!

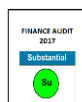


After school we had a very busy open afternoon. All of the parents were invited to view their children's books. It was great to see all of our classrooms so busy with children

proudly sharing their work with parents. If you missed this opportunity but would like to see your child's books, please do talk to your child's class teacher. Another open afternoon is also planned for the end of this term on Wednesday 28th March.



And finally on our last day of term, we had a fantastic Christmas music concert arranged by Jan our clarinet and flute teacher. Children read Christmas poems and we had performances from children on the flute, guitar and recorder.



We also had a wonderful performance from the bells, during which the whole school joined in singing Jingle Bells!

We also had our final cake and uniform sale of the term. We raised £55.11 and have raised £270.69 so far. Thank you to all of the parents who have donated cakes this term and who have been selling them.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives in school on time. Aiming for 8.50am, ensures all children are in the playground ready for when the bell is rung at 9.00am.

For most of the second half of the Autumn Term there was cause for celebration as we were meeting our attendance target of 96%, however sadly this began to drop as we approached Christmas. Our final attendance for the whole school year was **95.61%**. Please do support your child and the school by ensuring that they are in school and on time. As you may be aware, St Gabriel's came first in the borough for Key Stage 2 results in 2017. It would be amazing if we could achieve this again, however it is only possible if the children in all classes are here in school learning. And for that we need your support. As I am sure you agree, every year at St Gabriel's is vital in your child's learning.

Congratulations to Class 2 with an attendance of 98.33 – a fantastic attendance!

	03/11/2017	10/11/2017	17/11/2017	24/11/2017	01/12/2017	08/12/2017	15/12/2017	15/12/2017
Class 6	97.5	97.67	98.67	97	98	97.33	98.67	95
Class 5	95.83	96.33	98.67	97.33	97.33	97	86.67	85
Class 4	95.83	99	97.33	98.33	94.67	91	98	95
Class 3	99.14	97.59	97.93	98.97	91.38	97.93	94.48	91.95
Class 2	98.33	100	98	99	94.67	93.67	94.33	98.33
Class 1	97.28	97.39	97.92	90.42	90	89.58	78.33	84.03
Class R	90.97	90.56	94.44	91.11	92.22	90.56	96.67	92.59
Average	96.71	97.32	97.75	96.49	94.29	94.19	92.62	91.88

Please make a careful note of the holiday dates below. Any holiday absences in term time will not be authorised and parents may be liable for a fine.

Dates for the diary:

Term/holiday Dates for the Spring and Summer term

TERM 3 **Tuesday 2nd January** - Teachers' training day school closed to children

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – children return to school

Friday 9th February 2018 – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 4

Monday 19th February – children return to school

Thursday 29th March 2018 – school finishes at 2.30pm.

TERM 5

Monday 16th April 2018 – children return to school

Monday 7th May – school closed for the day for May day

Friday 25th May 2018 – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 6

Monday 4th June 2018 – children return

Friday 15th June 2018 - school closed to children for Staff training day

Friday 20th July 2018 – school finishes at 2.30pm

Trips:

Wednesday 10th January – Class 3 swimming starts

Thursday 11th January – Class 3 to Museum of London

Wednesday 17th January – Class 1 to library

Wednesday 24th January – Class 2 to the library

Friday 26th January – Class 3 to the library

Monday 29th January – Class 6 to the library

Wednesday 31st January – Class 4 to the library

Monday 26th February – Reception to the library

Tuesday 27th February – Class 2 visiting Pizza Express

Tuesday 6th March – Class 1 visiting Pizza Express

There is no family assembly this week and so there is no newsletter slip.

Please look out for your child's class newsletter on Monday 8th January.

Many thanks

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher
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Events for Parents:

Parents are as ever, warmly invited to Wednesday and Thursday assemblies. Wednesday assembly is for one Key Stage 2 class each week. Thursday assembly is Family assembly.

Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th February – parents evening in the hall.

Thursday 8th March 7-8pm – Pimlico Musical Foundation concert in St Gabriel's Church

Wednesday 28th March 3.30 – 4.15pm - Open afternoon in classrooms