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Weekly Newsletter Monday 19th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Week.....

Trips:

We had several class trips last week: on Tuesday, as part of their topic on Greece, Class 5 visited the British Museum and saw some amazing ancient artefacts, Class 4 also were at the British museum on Friday, for their topic on the Egyptians and Class 1 had a fabulous time at Vauxhall City farm. They were eager to tell me all about the famous llamas (as seen on Star Wars!!) and the donkeys!

Safeguarding

We had the results of our parent safeguarding questionnaire. By Wednesday, 19 parents had responded to our survey, we really appreciate the many positive comments and the very reassuring results are as follows:



School year	2016/2017	2017/2018
Surveys returned	25	20
Question 1 Do you consider St. Gabriel's School to be a physically safe environment for your child (in terms of the site, buildings, equipment). Please score 1 to 5 where 1 is 'unsafe' in all physical aspects and 5 is very safe in its physical features.	5 = 84% 4 = 16%	5 = 95% 4 = 5%
Question 2 Do you consider school staff practice to be of the highest safety standards in all aspects of school activity: e.g. playtime supervision, educational trips, PE, pupil relationships, etc. Yes or No	Yes 96% No 4%	Yes 100%
Question 3 Is your child happy at our school and do they feel secure? Yes or No	Yes 100%	Yes 100%
Question 4 Would your child feel confident about approaching a member of staff if he/she felt unsafe or unhappy at school? Yes or No	Yes 84% No 12% Not sure 4%	Yes 100%
Question 5 Do you feel happy and confident to report any concerns or complaints to the school regarding your child's safety and well being ? Yes or No	Yes 100%	Yes 100%
Question 6 Do you think the school teaches your child how to keep himself/herself safe and deal sensibly with risk (e.g. road safety, stranger danger, use of the internet, playing safely). Yes or No	Yes 80% No 4% Not sure 16%	Yes 100%
Question 7 Do you think the school adequately controls access during the school day, preventing unauthorised adults getting into school? Yes or No	Yes 100%	Yes 100%



Please remember if you ever do have any concerns, we always encourage parents to talk to the class teacher, our Assistant Heads Mrs Wotherspoon or Mr Nunn, or myself.

In reference to safeguarding, you may be aware that the children were asked to go inside on Tuesday lunch time. The police were looking for a suspect in the vicinity and a police man spoke to a member of staff through the gate and said as the children were out playing, it would be wise to bring them in from the big playground. We did not need to go into full lock down and neither did any other schools, the infants remained outside in their contained small playground, the Reception children came in and played inside their classroom and the juniors were brought into the hall. We were informed with in about 10 minutes that it was safe and that the children could return outside. However, as a precaution the children remained inside and we cancelled Class 6's trip to St Gabriel's church. In situations like this (unlike a fire alarm) it is not always possible to tell children exactly why they are being told to go inside as there could be many different reasons why, but the most important reason is to keep them safe. I have explained to the juniors that just as we have the fire alarm to get children outside quickly, we may have to go inside quickly and that this is called a lock down. On Tuesday the children



responded brilliantly, moving inside sensibly and quickly, but to ensure that all children are fully aware of what to do we will be practicing these procedures more, in the same way that we have fire drills.

Science Day

As part of National Science week last week, we had a special science day! Every class took part in different science activities during the day, from Reception learning all about bubbles and making some lovely bubble pictures, to class 5 learning about forensic science and Class 6 making plastic out of milk!

Sports Relief

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for sports relief. This was an initiative run by the school council and I am pleased to announce that they were able to raise £58.18. Well done!

School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our school uniform. It is preferable for children to wear black school shoes, if they are going to be in a trainer style, I would ask that they are not brightly coloured – we are beginning to see children wearing neon trainers every day – this is not part of school uniform. For PE it is black shorts/tracksuit or jogging bottoms and yellow St Gabriel's polo shirt only please. We have the nearly new sales of uniform and PE kits at the end of the month, or PE tops are also available in the office. If in doubt please see our display in the Reception

And coming shortly.....

Open afternoon:

Between 3.30 and 4.15 next Monday we have Open Afternoon. This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and sit down with them to view their work books. It was really lovely to see children so proudly sharing their work during our open afternoon before Christmas.

Easter Service

All parents are welcome to join us for our special Easter Service on Wednesday 28th March at 9.10am. We will be singing special celebratory songs and children from the junior classes will be reading and acting out scenes from the Easter story.

This week is the last week of clubs!

Don't forget, you can find more photos of what we have been up to on our Twitter page:

 @gabrielsschool

Attendance

Good attendance is very important, a child missing just one day can impact on their progress. Attendance for the whole school for last week was much improved and nearly hit 96%, for the year overall it has risen ever so slightly to 95.25%. Please do make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time to help our children to attain their 96% attendance target.

	23/02/2018	02/03/2018	09/03/2018	16/03/2018
Class 6	95	93.67	94.67	97.33
Class 5	94.33	90.67	93.29	94.33
Class 4	91.72	88.97	94.79	94.64
Class 3	88.97	95.86	99.31	97.24
Class 2	94	96.67	96	95
Class 1	98.26	87.83	95	99.09
Class R	88.42	93.68	93.16	92.63
Average	93.05	92.58	95.28	95.8

Class 1 have an amazing attendance of 99.09% - fantastic Class 1!!

Class of the week: Class 1

Awards:

Top Table: **Key Stage 1: Archie (2)** **Key Stage 2: Sarah (6)**

	Mentions Book	Courtesy Book
Class R	Isaac and Evelyn	Sahad and Kaylem
Class 1	Tahrim and Angelo	Enkela and Humayra
Class 2	Arebah and Jacob	Asia and Armia
Class 3	Amelia and Iman	Aleeha and Farah
Class 4	Nayara and Asif	Nabeel and Mahnaz
Class 5	Adam H and Alexandra	Rebecca and Saeed
Class 6	Reem and Berkkan	Mia and Leon

Many thanks

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I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 19th March 2018

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____