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Weekly Newsletter Wednesday 5th September 2018 Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a really lovely break over the holidays! It is brilliant to see all of our children back in school, looking eager to learn and refreshed after the holidays.

It is also fantastic to see children making such an effort with their uniforms, wearing correct school shoes and ties; it really does help the children to take pride in their appearance and in our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to all of the new members of our school community, to new children and parents throughout the school and to Julia Kukiewicz our Class 5 Teacher, our new music teacher Frances Jones and Louise Gannon our Children and Family Wellbeing Support Worker.

School has been open over the holidays and we have had various works carried out, including an upgrade to our security alarm system, repainting of the stairs in the old block and the Year 3/4 corridor and also redecoration of Year 3's classroom.

Meet the Teacher

In the coming week all parents will have an opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their child's class teacher and find out about what your child will be learning in the coming term. Dates and times are as follows:

3.35pm Friday 7th September: Reception Class Meet the Teacher and Class 1 meet the teacher

3.35pm Monday 10th September: Class 4 Meet the Teacher and Class 5

3.35pm Tuesday 11th September: Class 3 Meet the Teacher

3.35pm Wednesday 12th September: Class 6 Meet the Teacher

3.35pm Thursday 13th September: Class 2 Meet the Teacher

This will be a short meeting and is not meant to be the time to talk individually about your child as we will have parents' evenings at the beginning of October when you will be able to do this.



If you find that you are unable to make the meeting, your child's teacher is always in the playground at the end of the day and for 5 minutes before the bell goes in the morning should you need to talk to them. The teachers will also be sending out their own class letters, with further information on Monday.

I would like to encourage you to first talk to your child's teacher should you have any concerns. I am also available in the playground at the start and end of each day or an appointment can be made via the office you would like to meet with me further. If the issue relates to another child, please do talk to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership team and not the child themselves as this can often worsen a situation.

Whereabouts Forms

Accompanying this letter your child will have brought their Whereabouts form home today. It is crucial that these are filled in and returned tomorrow. It is vital that we have your contact details in case of an emergency.

Along with the Whereabouts Form there is a slip at the bottom of this letter. Please return the slip with the Whereabouts form. We are going to have a lucky draw and the child whose slip that is drawn out, in assembly tomorrow, will choose a book as their prize. We will be doing this every week.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is now £2 per day or £10 for the week. Please put this money into an envelope with your child's name on it and give it to the class teacher, or take it to the school office. All School Meals must be paid for in advance and if this is not possible we ask that you send your child to school with a packed lunch.

Please be reminded that you will only be able to change your child's meal option (Packed Lunch or School Dinner) at the beginning of each Half Term. The choice must be adhered to until the following Half Term. Please let the office know your choice.

All children in Class R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. However, you must inform the office of your child's meal option (Packed Lunch or School Dinner) as soon as possible.

Attendance

Attendance is a regular feature in our newsletters because it is so important. The Government sets a target of 96% attendance for every school and Angela and myself meet with a representative from Westminster each term to discuss children who's attendance falls below 90%. I would like to encourage all parents to not take holiday in term time. These are not authorised and may result in Westminster issuing a fixed penalty notice.

If you need to make a doctor or dentist appointment, we would be grateful if you could arrange the appointment for outside of school hours.

Dates for Your Diary.....

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

Trips

Thursday 6th September: Yr 6 to Westminster Archives

Monday 10th September: Yr 3 to Houses of Parliament

Monday 17th September: Yr 6 to Brompton Cemetery as part of Not Forgotten project

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st September: Yr 6 to Sayers Croft Residential field trip

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TERM 1

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September – school closed for staff INSET

Wednesday 5th September – children return to school
Friday 19th October – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 2

Monday 29th October School closed for Staff INSET

Tuesday 30th October – children return
Friday 21st December – school finishes at 2.30pm

TERM 3

Monday 7th January – school closed for staff INSET

Tuesday 8th January – children return
Friday 15th February – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 4

Monday 25th February – children return
Friday 5th April – school finishes at 2.30pm

TERM 5

Tuesday 23rd April – children return
Monday 6th May – school closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 6

Monday 3rd June – Children return
Wednesday 5th June – school closed for INSET

Tuesday 23rd July – school finishes at 2.30pm

Events for Parents

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

Every Thursday: Family Assembly – our first family assembly will be Thursday 13th September.

Meet the Teacher: see above times and dates

Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th October: parents evening

Thursday 20th December: Open afternoon (opportunity to view your child's work in their classroom)

Other Events:

Wednesday 19th September: first year 3 swimming

Tuesday 25th September: Reception and Class 1 teeth brushing session

Tuesday 16th October: Individuals photo day

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www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk

I hope you have a great week!

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter and returned the 'Whereabouts' form. Date: 5th September 2018

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____