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## Weekly Newsletter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Fantastic News!!!**

At the beginning of last week, schools were sent the provisional results tables for the Key Stage 2 SATs. Whilst this is not the final data I am delighted to say that St Gabriel's in the provisional results came first out of all of the schools in Westminster! Well done to last year's Class 6 and a huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work. This is truly excellent news!

### Excellence with compassion

We have been looking at a motto that can really reflect what St Gabriel's is all about. In the first week back the classes decided which out of our Christian Values they wanted to focus on for the term. Our Christian values come from the bible, however, as you will see, they are values that are shared by people of different faiths and they all contribute to creating a happy caring school for us to be in and a better world for us. Classes chose the following:

Reception: Compassion

Class 1: Friendship

Class 2: Thankfulness

Class 3: Peace

Class 4: Friendship

Class 5: Justice

Class 6: Trust

In our first whole school assembly each class talked about activities they had done, shared prayers, art work or writing about their class value. You can see some of their work in display in the Great Hall.

In assembly last week we talked about how many of our class values are linked to compassion, that we should all show love, understanding, friendship and kindness to each other. We also talked about how at the same time we should be striving for excellence in all we do: in our work, in our behaviour and in how we treat each other. We all agreed that '*excellence with compassion*' really reflects St Gabriel's.



## Class 6 Trips

Last week, Class 6 were very fortunate and went on 2 trips! Their first was to Kensington Gardens as part of the Not Forgotten Project, a scheme which helps children to learn about the First and Second World Wars. At Kensington Gardens, Class 6 learnt about life in the trenches and were shown round a model trench.



On Wednesday Year 6 were the first class to visit Pizza Express, where they had a fantastic time learning how to make pizzas. They also were able to take their pizzas home with them. Other classes have this to look forward to!!

## Farewell to Miss Chittenden

Last week we said a temporary good bye to Miss Chittenden. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the coming months as she goes on maternity leave.

## Meet the Teachers

I hope you found the Meet the Teachers meetings useful last week. Please do talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions. There will be further opportunities to see how your child is doing, during parents evening in October, in their end of term report at Christmas and in an open afternoon in December.

## And this week.....

On Wednesday Class 6 and Mr Nunn will be accompanied by Mrs Ward, Mr Tom and Mrs Radcliffe as they leave us for their three day residential trip to Sayers Croft. I'm sure they will have an amazing time; we wish them a safe journey and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

Wednesday is Class 3's first swimming. If you haven't returned your 'whereabouts' forms, please ensure that you do so. Children cannot go on any trips until we have the forms back.



## SIAMs Inspection

On Wednesday we welcome Allan McLean from the London Diocesan Boards for Schools. He will be inspecting our Religious Education and Collective Worship as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglicans & Methodist Schools (SIAMs). He will be spending the day at St Gabriel's touring the school, visiting RE lessons and watching collective worship. He will also be meeting with children, Governors, parents and staff.

## 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. However, although we have been close, we have not been able to reach that target **yet!** Our first school rule is that *we come to school to learn*. Please do support your child in their learning and support the school in achieving that 96% target, by ensuring that your child is coming to school and is in school and on time. Whilst illness cannot be avoided, holidays in term time can. Please do make a note of the holiday dates below and avoid booking holidays or doctors/dentist appointments during school time. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this. A full list of holiday dates is on our website and is available from the office. Our attendance since the start of September is 93.81% - let's see if we can get 96%!

	08/09/2017	15/09/2017
Class 6	93.89	94.33
Class 5	85.56	94
Class 4	94.83	98.28
Class 3	92.22	90
Class 2	87.78	98.67
Class 1	100	97.14
Class R	90.29	92.43
Average	91.79	95.01



## Other Awards:

**Star of the week:** Kurubel, Class 2

**Class of the week:** Class 3

**Top Table:** **Key Stage 1:** Last week: Minhaj, Class 2 This week: Daisy, Class 2

**Key Stage 2:** Last week: Alexandra, Class 5 This week: Jesse, Class 6

	Mentions Book	Courtesy Book
Class 1	Kerem and Daniel	Humayra and Angelo
Class 2	Layan and Salma	Daisy and Ena
Class 3	Amelia and Malachi	Agatha and Aimee
Class 4	Yasmin and Lyth	Mishel and Sophy
Class 5	Sama and Sonny	Yara and Hanan
Class 6	Jesse and Sienna	Bhakti and Mohamed

## Dates for Your Diary.....

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

### 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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Parents Evening

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** evening performance of Vivaldi's Gloria in St Gabriel's Church

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity Service (afternoon – time to be confirmed)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** 3.30pm Open afternoon for parents to visit the classroom and see children's books and Evening Carol Service at St Gabriel's Church

### Term/holiday Dates for the Autumn term

TERM 1

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm:** School finishes for half term break

TERM 2 **Monday 30<sup>st</sup> October** School closed, teachers training day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00am** – children return to school

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term** – school finishes at 2.30pm

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018** – children return to school

### Trips

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Class 6 going to Sayers Croft for 3 days, Yr 1 to library

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** first swimming for Yr 3 and then every Wednesday

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Class 1 trip to Transport Museum

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Class 5 to National Gallery, Yr 2 to the library

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Class 5 to Pizza Express

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Reception to Library

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Yr 4 to library

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** Yr 5 to library

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Class 4 to Pizza Express

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Yr 6 to library

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Class 6 to Household Cavalry Museum

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Class 6 to Westminster Archives

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Last Swimming for Yr 3

### Other Events:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Reception and Yr 1 taking part in Keep Smiling project in school – learning about oral health

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Family Assembly

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** 3.45pm Governors Premises Meeting & 5pm Curriculum and standards Governors Meeting

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** 2.30 Governors Staffing Committee meeting and 3.45pm Finance Governors Meeting

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Yr 6 taking part in Play in a Day as part of the 'Not Forgotten' Project

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** 5pm Full Governing Body Meeting

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Nasal Flu injections for Yrs 1,2,3,4

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### Our House Saints and Compassion

#### Prayer for the week:

Thank you Father for the compassion demonstrated by your son Jesus. We pray that we remember to treat others with compassion, showing patience, love, understanding and kindness. We thank you for the strength of St Peter and Our Lady and for the Compassion and generosity of St Elizabeth and St Edward.

Amen

I hope you have a great week!

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_