



# St Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Parent Governor:** As you may be aware, there were two nominations for parent governor and I would like to give a huge thank you to the two nominees Ryan Nichol and Lizzie Breckon. The voting was incredibly close as there was only a difference of 2 votes in the final count. I can now announce that Ryan Nichol received the most votes. I would like to warmly welcome him to this important role on the St Gabriel's Governing Body. Thank you to all who voted in the subsequent ballot.

**Before and after school care:** Thank you for returning your slips regarding before and after school care. We have had a larger response than the last time parents were consulted and so the possibility and feasibility of this provision will be investigated further. Watch this space!

**Remembrance Day Service:** Our theme for Collective Worship last week was Remembrance. All of the children painted beautiful poppies to decorate the lobby. Each poppy had the name of an ex student from St Gabriel's, who sadly lost their lives in the First World War and who are mentioned in the St Gabriel's Role of Honour. On Friday, Father Owen led us in a Remembrance Service in the playground just before 11am. Prayers were said, the role of honour read and we stood for the 2 minutes silence. The children were impeccably behaved on such a windy cold morning and sung the



National Anthem beautifully.

**Choir:** Mr Day continues to lead the choir at 8.30am on a Friday morning. All children in Classes 3 to 6 continue to be welcome. If you missed returning the slip and would like your child to participate, please contact the office.



**MEND Parent Workshop Tomorrow at 3.30pm:** Class 4 and Class 1 have weekly sessions on a Tuesday afternoon, from the MEND team. During these sessions, they learn all about the importance of looking after ourselves, eating healthily and exercising. There is a parent workshop tomorrow after school, during which time, if you choose to go, your child can take part in other activities run by the team from MEND. A letter went out last week reading this, however if you would like to know more, please do talk to Miss Wilson who has organised these opportunities.

**Nativity Service:** I would like to draw your attention to the change in date. This will now be in the afternoon on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. As in previous years, this is a whole school event. All of the children sing the songs and have begun to learn them with Mr Rees. Reception children play a key role in acting and creating the 'tableaux' whilst Class 6 are our narrators. All parents are welcome.

**Uniform and Cake sale:** This will continue to be every Wednesday after school and is helping to raise funds for our children. Cake donations are always welcome at the office, or if you would like to help on the stall, please contact the office or Class 6 parent, Mrs Rexhepi. Please ensure that any cakes donated do not contain nuts. Thank you to everyone who has donated a cake so far!

**Safety out of school**

You may be aware of an on line article in the Evening Standard last Sunday, which reported the attempted abduction of a 17 year old on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, as they walked through the estate at 7pm at night. I would like to encourage all parents, particularly parents of children in Classes 5 and 6, to reinforce with their children the importance of being constantly vigilant and aware of those around them if they are out on their own or walking home from school, particularly as it is darker much earlier at this time of year.

**Attendance**

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 our 96% target, by ensuring that your child is coming to school and is in school and on time.

**FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE NEWS!!!!** We have just crossed **96%** attendance for the academic year!! Our attendance since September is now **96.17%**. It would be simply amazing if this can continue to rise. Thank you for your support in this!

	03/11/2017	10/11/2017
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.67</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>95.83</b>	<b>96.33</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>95.83</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>99.14</b>	<b>97.59</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>98.33</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>97.28</b>	<b>97.39</b>
<b>Class R</b>	<b>90.97</b>	<b>90.56</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>96.71</b>	<b>97.32</b>



to Class 2 for achieving 100% attendance all week – Class 2 will receive a cup and a special certificate!

## Awards:

**Music Award:** Aneurin, Class 2

**Newsletter draw book winner:** - no draw last week.

**Top Table:** Key Stage 1: Evie, Class 1 Key Stage 2: Jesse, Class 6

**Star of the week:** Lucas, Class 6

	Mentions Book	Courtesy Book
Class R	Isaac and Shalom	Isaac and Ayesha
Class 1	Angelo and Zion	Ava P Daniel
Class 2	Minhaj and Isabelle	Joon and Salma
Class 3	Niko and Farah	Jahvan and Hermila
Class 4	Megan and Sebastian	Iyla and Maria
Class 5	Sonny and Kyrese	Hassan and Rebecca
Class 6	Reem and Brooke	Brooke and Tasfia

## Dates for Your Diary

### Trips

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Class 2 to National Army Museum

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Class 6 to Westminster Education Centre

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

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Class 4 at Tate Britain

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

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

### Term/holiday Dates for the Autumn term

**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

### 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 18<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

### Other Events:

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Pimlico Musical Foundation singing round the Christmas Tree in Churchill Gardens Estate

**Our theme this week – Wisdom  
Prayer for the week:**



Thank you Lord that you have given us choice. We can choose what we do, what we say, and how we are with others. Help us to make the right decisions. Lord give us wisdom to know what to say when others are upset, what to do when we are sad or someone else has upset us or made us cross.  
Help us Father to be wise.  
Amen

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I hope you have a great week!

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Headteacher



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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

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