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Weekly Newsletter Monday 16th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a lovely Easter and a relaxing break!

We had a busy last week of term. It was lovely to see so many parents in for open afternoon and to see children proudly sharing their work. Classes 3 and 4 had a fun day getting together and creating Easter crafts, the whole school presented a wonderful Easter play with children from classes 3,4,5 and 6 acting out parts of the story. We were also treated to a South American drumming concert led by Mr Rees!



Children from classes 3,4,5 and 6 acting out parts of the story.



This term we are saying goodbye to three members of staff.

The final week of last term was Mrs Hodgson's last week with

us and this Friday will be Mrs Radcliffe and Mrs Fletcher's last day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their support for our children and wish them every success in their new positions.

The government sets the attendance target of 96% and this is the target that St Gabriel's is continuing to aim towards. Children striving for good attendance not only embeds good habits for the future, but most importantly also prevents children from missing out on valuable learning opportunities. We have many rewards for good attendance, such as our bronze, silver and gold individual certificates each term, our whole class attendance cup and our gold stars for each day a whole class is on school and on time – when 9 gold stars are collected the class gets £50 to spend on something of their choosing. Attendance is a regular slot in this weekly newsletter because it is so important. Some absences are understandable and we are sympathetic towards this, however regardless of reason, if a child's attendance falls below 90%, school has a duty to report this to the local authority and it is possible that the use of penalty notices may in some circumstances be advised. Last term we



had several Governors' Committee meetings and a Full Governing Body meeting. At the Full Governing Body meeting school attendance is reported on and at the Staffing and Community Governors' committee meeting, the subject of pupil attendance was discussed and a new policy was agreed. We now have a new attendance policy and this can be found in the lobby outside the ICT room and on our website. I would like to encourage you to read it, especially if you are considering removing your child during term time. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the following from our policy:

Children with less than 90% attendance will be discussed with the Early Help Team Officer, to ensure that support is given to families to enable regular attendance. In reference to the Local Authority Penalty Notice Code of Conduct and in consultation with the LA, a decision may be made to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice under *Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003*. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child is in school. Sanctions of any nature are for use only where parental co-operation in this process is either absent or deemed insufficient to resolve the presenting problem. Parent/carers and pupils are supported at school and Local Authority level to overcome barriers to regular attendance through a range of assessment and intervention strategies. The issuing of a penalty notice may be considered appropriate in any of the following circumstances:

- cases of overt truancy
- cases of parentally condoned absence, where this can be demonstrated.
- instances where parents take children out of school for holidays/leave in term time, without the head teacher's approval
- instances of excessive delayed return from holidays/leave in term-time, without prior school agreement.
- Persistent lateness (unauthorised)
- Where a child has been excluded from school and is found in a public place during school hours without reasonable justification within the first five days of the exclusion period.

The parents of a child with an attendance of less than 90% will receive a letter from the Senior Admin Officer. If attendance does not improve and there continues to be persistent absence, the Headteacher will invite parents in for a meeting and an attendance contract will be discussed and signed. The purpose of this is to ensure that children and families are supported in ensuring that the child is in school.

Holidays in term time

Holidays in term time will not be authorised. However, the Headteacher may authorise a leave of absence in very exceptional circumstances. If travelling abroad in holiday time, it is important that families allow enough travel time and return to England in time for the start of the new school term.

The use of penalty notices is something we are reluctant to use because it is hoped that parents will not take their children out of school during term time, unless there is a truly genuine exceptional circumstance. However we may have to use penalty notices for the reasons above. I would therefore encourage parents to make a note of holidays and to not take their children out of school. Our holiday dates for next year are on the website and I also include them in this letter for your reference. Holiday dates are also available from the office in a handy credit card size.

Attendance results from last term:

Attendance for the whole year so far: 95.34%

	23/02/2018	02/03/2018	09/03/2018	16/03/2018	23/03/2018	29/03/2018
Class 6	95	93.67	94.67	97.33	98	97.92
Class 5	94.33	90.67	93.29	94.33	98.67	95.83
Class 4	91.72	88.97	94.79	94.64	95.71	93.75
Class 3	88.97	95.86	99.31	97.24	98.62	94.83
Class 2	94	96.67	96	95	99	96.67
Class 1	98.26	87.83	95	99.09	98.18	93.18
Class R	88.42	93.68	93.16	92.63	92.63	95.39
Average	93.05	92.58	95.28	95.8	97.5	95.48

Awards for the last week of the last term:

Star of the week: Enkela, Class 1

Sports award: Archie, Class 2 **Music award:** Kanahiryam, Class 5

Newsletter slip draw winner: Malachi, Class 3

	Mentions Book	Courtesy Book
Class R	Preston and Isaac	Angel and Rebecca
Class 1	Layla and Ava S	Azyza and Misheel
Class 2	Kurubel and Zaara	Riley and Susan
Class 3	Muaz and Elon	Malak and Muaz
Class 4	Yasmin and Iyla	Mishel and Tahir
Class 5	Kyrese and Abdullah	Omari and Saeed
Class 6	Sarah	Nathaniel A and Nafeesah

Dates for the diary:

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.

Trips:

Tuesday 24th April – Class 4 to Tate Modern

Wednesday 25th April – Year 1 to the library

Tuesday 1st May – Class 4 Natural History Museum

Wednesday 2nd May – Class 4 to the library

Friday 4th May – Year 6 to the library

Tuesday 8th May – Reception visiting Pizza Express

Wednesday 9th May – Year 2 to the library

Thursday 10th May – Year 3 to the library

Monday 4th June – Reception visit to the library

Wednesday 6th June - Year 5 to the library

Thursday 7th June – Class 4 to Museum of London

Thursday 21st June – Peter and the Wolf for Classes 1 and 2

Thursday 28th June – Year 6 Leavers Service at St Margaret's Westminster Abbey

Other Dates

Wk beg 14th May – Yr 6 SATs week

Wk beg 21st May - Yr2 SATs week

Tuesday 22nd May – Class photos

Thursday 24th May - TFL safety talk for Year 6, and Curriculum and Achievement Governors committee meeting

Wk Beg 11th June – Phonics test week for Year 1

Thursday 14th June – Governors staffing meeting and Premises meeting

Friday 22nd June – Governors Finance meeting

Wk beg 9th July – Bikeability

Tuesday 10th July – Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 12th July – Sports Day

Term/holiday Dates for the Summer term

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

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.

Wednesday 18th April – KS2 SATs parent information session for Yr 6 parents

Monday 23rd April – School readiness coffee morning for new parents from Angel Nursery

Monday 30th April – ASD coffee morning

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th June – Parents evenings

Thursday 28th June – Year 6 parents invited to St Margaret's for the Year 6 leavers' service with other Deanery Schools

Wednesday 18th July (TBC) Prize Day

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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

Many thanks

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher
St Gabriel's CofE Primary School



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: Monday 16th April 2018

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____