



# St Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Excellence with compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new school year is well under way with classes going out on trips already!

Last week Year 6 visited Westminster Archives and then had a fascinating trip to the Houses of Parliament. This was all part of the Not Forgotten Project. This week Class Class 2 are visiting the Houses of Parliament as part of their Creative Curriculum Topic on Guy Fawkes and we will be waving goodbye to class 6 for three days as they go on their residential trip to Sayers Croft. Class 3 swimming starts this Wednesday. Miss Chittenden welcomes any parents who are happy to escort the class, so please do see her if you are able to help at any point over the coming term.



Last week we welcomed the Book People's Book Bus to the playground. Not only is this a great way of encouraging our children to read more, it also raises money for our school. Thank you to everyone who purchased books last week!

On Friday, we said good bye to Mr E. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his support for the individual and groups of children that he has supported over the past 5 years. He will be greatly missed. Taking over from Mr E in Year 3, we welcome Miss Aida.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October will be our Harvest Family Assembly. Each year we collect food and other items for a local charity: The Passage. This morning we were visited by Andrew from the charity and he spoke to the children in assembly about all of the work that the Passage do. Some of their work includes providing shower facilities for those who have been sleeping rough, helping get people back into accommodation and help them set up their new home and also supporting people back into work. From tomorrow we will be collecting tins of food and dried food, but also if you have any old towels at home these would also



be greatly appreciated as would any toiletries. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the table outside the computer room. Last year we had 2 tables overflowing with donations – it would be simply amazing if this year we can collect even more!

The Harvest assembly is not only a harvesting of gifts, but is also a harvesting of talents. During this assembly we will be announcing Year 6 House captains and other Year 6 leader responsibilities.

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms at the beginning of this year. Please ensure that your child is coming to school with the correct uniform.



We had a lot of scooters left over at the end of the summer term and indeed on Friday. Many of which seem to still be unclaimed. I would like to encourage children to claim their scooters at the end of the day please. You may recognise one of the scooters in the photo. If so, please do claim it.

As we do not have enough room for those children who are keen to bring their scooters daily, any scooters left on Friday will unfortunately need to be removed.

### Attendance

Sadly, we did not reach the government and school target of 96% last academic year. In fact, St Gabriel's only managed **94.9%** at the end of the year. This is a full 1% below Westminster. Therefore, I would ask that this year we make a huge effort to ensure we are in on time and are present in school every day; particularly before and after a school holiday. I would encourage parents to arrange to meet with me should an absence be required and the reasons for the absence can then be discussed. Whilst school is compassionate in particular exceptional circumstances and an absence may be authorised, school is obliged to refer families to the local authority if there are unauthorised absences. This may result in Westminster issuing a penalty notice.

### Attendance last week:

	06/09/2019	13/09/2019
Class 6	89.51	95.19
Class 5	94.44	95.33
Class 4	95.98	99.31
Class 3	96	99.17
Class 2	95	99.5
Class 1	84.92	97.14
Class R	90.67	98.75
Average	92.56	97.66

It is fantastic to see such an improvement from the first week back with a brilliant 97.66% for the whole school last week. Let's keep it up! Amazing to see 3 classes with more than 99%! Congratulations Class 2, you have just won with 99.5% and congratulations for gaining 4 excellent stars last week!!!

### Dates for the Diary:

Please do take note of the holiday/term dates. Holidays in term time are not authorised and may result in the Local Authority issuing a penalty notice to parents.

#### Dates in September:

Family assemblies are weekly, please do join us!  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Class 2 Trip  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Class 3 swimming starts  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Class 6 to Sayers Croft  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** first week of clubs  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Class 5 trip  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Parents Evening (crèche available)

#### Dates in October:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Parents Evening (crèche available)  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation classes start in school with Fr Owen  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Mr Nunn and small group of children attending awards ceremony for bulb planting competition  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Harvest Family assembly  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Individual children's photos  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:** school finishes at 3.30 – break up for half term

## Awards -

Star of the week: **Calum**

Class of the week: **Class 6**

<b>Mentions</b>	Berksan and Vicky	Adam B and Sohamm	Adib and Grace	Ellie and Armia	Jazmine and Bea-Grace	Peter and Megan
<b>Courtesy</b>	Indigo and Edwin	Isaac and Vanessa	Azyza and Tahrim	Ena and Jacob	Meniah and Aimee	Calum and Tia
<b>Top Table</b>	Maia and Maria					

# ST GABRIEL'S PARISH HALLS

## FUNDRAISING FOR ST GABRIEL'S SCHOOL

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 11am - 3pm**

**Admission £1 - Children free**

**Tea and cake for sale**

**Hire a table for £10 to sell your goods!**

**We are fundraising for St Gabriel's School**

Contact school office to book a table: 020 7641 6300  
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## Holiday/Term dates 2019-20

TERM 1 2019	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> Teachers' in service - school closed to children. Children return on <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am</b> School finishes on <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm</b>
TERM 2 2019	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b> Teachers' in service – School closed to children Children return <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am</b> School finishes <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm</b>
TERM 3 2020	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> - Teachers' in service school closed to children Children return <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b> School finishes on <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm</b>
TERM 4 2020	Children return on <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am.</b> School finishes on <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm</b>
TERM 5 2020	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> - Teachers' in service school closed to children Children return <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b> <b>MAY DAY</b> School closed <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> School finishes on <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.30pm</b>
TERM 6 2020	Children return on <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 9.00am</b> School finishes on <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.30pm</b>

Many thanks



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Please return the slip below for your child to be entered into the newsletter slips book raffle.



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

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

