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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break! Our New term is well under way and it is lovely seeing the children coming back to school eager and ready to learn!

Class 2 Fire of London Trip

On Thursday, Class 2 visited the Museum of London and were taken on a walking tour of the city and some of the areas affected by the fire. The children had a lovely time finding out more about where the fire of London started and what happened. The children came back armed with lots of facts for writing their own diary entries!



In Service Training Day (INSET) – Vision and Values, Literacy and Marking, and Music & PE.

Last Monday staff were in school for an INSET day. During the day, we had a focus on our school Vision and Values, literacy, marking, and Music and PE.

We looked at the biblical source of our vision of 'Excellence': *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart* (Colossians 3 verse 23) with 'Compassion': *Clothe yourselves with*

compassion. (Colossians 3 verse 12).

And we looked at the 'excellence' of the love and compassion of Jesus and what 'excellence' and 'compassion' means in practice to all of our community, of all faiths and no faiths, including adults and children. We want all to be excellent in everything we do at St Gabriel's, in our learning, our work, our relationships, and to try our hardest to be the best we can, working at it *'with all our hearts' and 'clothing ourselves in compassion' for others.* We also discussed the biblical sources of our values of **Friendship, Peace, Service, Justice, Wisdom and Endurance**, and how these also all link to our vision of Excellence with Compassion. In collective worship over the coming term, we will be following this theme in more detail, finding out about St Paul (the writer of these verses from the bible) and looking further at what this means to us in school.

Excellence with compassion

*What ever you do, work at it with all your
heart.*

Clothe yourselves with compassion.

Colossians 3 verses 23 and 12



Music and PE

Miss Bell led a session for us during our INSET on Music and on PE.

We have explored ways of improving and enhancing our music provision at St Gabriel's and will now be following a scheme enabling the children to learn more musical skills, notation and explore different instruments. This term Classes 1 and 2 will be learning to play the glockenspiels, 3 and 4 will be learning recorders, Class 5 will be benefiting from more teaching time with our music specialist from the Pimlico Musical Foundation and Class 6 will be learning the Djembe drums.

We have an exciting term ahead for PE: We will be benefiting from different organisations and sports coaches working with us to develop our PE. Classes 3 and 4 will be taking part in cricket with coaches from MCC this term, on Thursdays every class will be working with sports coaches on street dance this half term and gymnastics next half term and we have sports coaches from the Chelsea Primary Stars programme coming in on Tuesdays to work with Classes 5 and 6. The coaches will also be working with groups of Yr 5 children developing Young Playground Leader skills.

Where timetabling has allowed, we have also tried as much as possible to ensure that every class is doing the daily mile on days when they do not have PE.

After school care and clubs

After school care starts again this week. Please do ensure that if your child is in after school care, that they are collected on time. Unfortunately, we are not able to extend this service after 5pm.

After school clubs start on the 27th January.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year has now slipped below 95% to 94.47%. Our target is 96%; let's try really hard to meet that target this term! I would like to discourage parents from taking their children out of school during term time. We are required to make referrals to the local authority if there are repeated unauthorised absences.

	01/11/2019	08/11/2019	15/11/2019	22/11/2019	29/11/2019	06/12/2019	13/12/2019	19/12/2019
Class 6	91.2	91.48	94.07	94.07	86.67	90.22	89.63	93.52
Class 5	96.67	98.33	95	96	95	95.67	94.67	87.08
Class 4	95.83	98	96.33	94.67	97.67	93.67	93.1	98.28
Class 3	98.44	96.67	96.25	94.17	92.5	96.67	90	87.5
Class 2	94.38	94	93.81	91.43	84.29	95.24	87.14	92.86
Class 1	97.02	99.05	94.29	99.05	97.14	90.48	93.33	92.26
Class R	94	99.2	94.8	91.2	89.2	93.2	95.6	95
Average	95.36	96.72	95	94.38	92.02	93.59	92.09	92.37

**Congratulations
Class 4, with a
fantastic
98.28%!**

Awards - Class of the week: Class 2

Mentions	Noel and Baneen	Nada and Kaya	Ayesha and Adam	Skyler-Rose and Lucas	Noor and Tanzim	Aaliyah and Bella	Lyth and Megan
Courtesy	Jude M and Skyler-Rose						

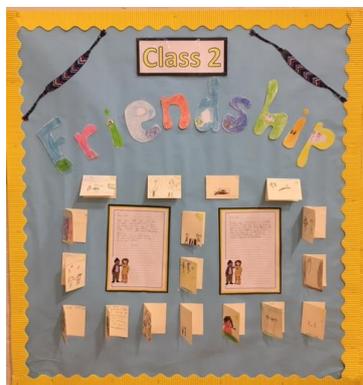
Holiday dates:

TERM 3 2020	Monday 6th January - Teachers' in service school closed to children Children return Tuesday 7th January 2020 School finishes on Friday 14th February at 3.30pm
TERM 4 2020	Children return on Monday 24th February at 9.00am. School finishes on Friday 3rd April at 2.30pm
TERM 5 2020	Monday 20th April - Teachers' in service school closed to children Children return Tuesday 21st April 2020 MAY DAY School closed Friday 8th May School finishes on Friday 22nd May at 3.30pm
TERM 6 2020	Children return on Monday 1st June at 9.00am School finishes on Tuesday 21st July at 2.30pm

Dates for the diary:

<p>January 2020: Thursday 8th – Dream Arts Media Project starts for Class 4 (every Thursday until Easter) Monday 13th – Lords Cricket sessions start in school for Classes 4 & 5 Monday 13th Year 1 to Library Wednesday 15th - Swimming for Class 3 starts Thursday 16th – Reception to the library Monday 20th – Class 3 & 4 Cortauld Gallery Workshop in school Monday 20th – Yr 6 club starts Monday 20th Yr 2 to library Monday 27th – After school clubs Wed 29th – Yr 5 library Thursday 30th – Class 2 visiting St Gabriel's Church Friday 31st – Mr Nunn taking a group to St Paul's Cathedral for special London Schools church service Friday 31st – Class 4 to the science museum</p>	<p>February 2020: Monday 3rd – Yr 6 library Tuesday 4th – Yr 1 to Buckingham Palace Wednesday 12th and Thurs 13th – Parents evening Friday 15th – break up for half term Monday 17th to Fri 21st – Half term holiday Monday 24th – School starts</p>	<p>March 2020: Monday 2nd – Road Safety Play for Classes 5 & 6 in school Monday 2nd – Year 1 to library Thursday 5th – World Book Day Thursday 5th (afternoon) – Class 6 to Transport Museum for Junior Citizenship Thursday 5th – Reception to the library Monday 9th – Yr 2 library Thursday 12th – Class 5 to Wallace Collection (rescheduled from Autumn Term) Monday 23rd – Class 4 library Wed 25th – Yr 5 library Monday 30th – Yr 6 library April 2020: Wednesday 1st – Open Afternoon Friday 3rd – School finishes at 2.30pm</p>
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Please do refer to these dates regularly. New trips and dates may be added.



Rebecca Anson
Headteacher

In Collective worship in the classroom, we looked at our vision, and what this means and each class chose a value to focus on for the term. Our prayer this week focuses on our vision and our values.

*Lord, help us to be **excellent** and to try our hardest in all we do, to **endure** and to work at everything with all of our heart. Through living **peacefully, justly, serving** one another, being a good friend and making **wise** decisions, remind us to show **compassion** to all.*

Amen



Please return the slip below for your child to be entered into the 13th January newsletter slips book raffle.



I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 13th January 2020

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____