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## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Excellence with Compassion*

Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had some lovely activities going on in school in the past few weeks. We have developed some budding new gardeners, and our Reception bubbles have been learning all about pirates!

Bubble 4 have been learning about symmetry and have some lovely bracelets!

On Friday, we had a secondary school transition session Year 6 children. Some of our Year 6's at home joined Year 6's in school via video call and took part in a session supported by Dream Arts.

Mr Nunn said how lovely it was to see so many more of the class together again!



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### End of term finish date

Further to last week's newsletter, our finish date for **children currently in school is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 6 their last day will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This includes vulnerable and Key worker children.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, if your child is in Yr 2 or Yr 3 they are welcome to come into school for the day. We texted parents on Friday and will be following up with phone calls for any family we don't hear from this week, and will ask for confirmation if you would like your child to attend. **If your child is in Yr 2 or 3 and they are currently in school because they fall into the key worker or vulnerable group, they are also welcome to come back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.** We will repeat this for children in Yr4 and Yr5 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **Similarly, if your child is in Yr 4 or Yr5 and currently in school because they are in the vulnerable or key worker group, they are also welcome to return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.** To enable us to follow our risk assessment, to plan and to sort children into bubbles, it is important that you tell us this week if you would like your child to come in on that day. Children **will not have to come to school in their school uniform**, and will need to bring a bottle of water and fruit with them. If your child is normally school dinners, we will ensure a school dinner is provided for them. If they are packed lunch, they can bring their packed lunch in as normal. Each year group will be arranged into 2 bubbles and will spend at least half a day with their current teacher and if possible, half a day with their new teacher for September. For example Yr 3 will be split into 2 bubbles and spend at least half a day with their current teacher and potentially half a day with their new teacher. Attendance is not compulsory, but we would love to see as many children as possible!



## Year 6 Leaving Ceremony

We will also be contacting parents to gather numbers for the Year 6 Leavers Ceremony, scheduled for 2.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is in place of our usual Prize Day event.

We have conducted a risk assessment for this ceremony and accordingly will have various measures in place to minimise any risk:

- We would ask that no one attends if they have any symptoms of Covid 19 (dry cough, temperature, loss of smell or taste) or if anyone in their family have any of these symptoms.
- The ceremony will take place in the playground and cannot be moved to the hall should it rain. The ceremony is sadly therefore weather dependent. Should rain be forecast, we will cancel on the morning and let parents know via text.
- Our playground is big enough to comfortably accommodate a limited number of children, parents, staff and governors spaced 2m apart.
- Only Year 6 children will be present, sadly we cannot admit brothers or sisters of children in year 6. I am truly sorry for this, however it is important that we limit the number of people in the playground. Sadly, we will have to turn parents away who bring other children with them.
- Year 6 can each invite one parent/carer should they wish. Apologies also for this measure, however as with our no siblings rule, we have to limit the number of people in the playground. If more than one parent/carer arrives, we will respectfully not be able to admit them. I respectfully ask that staff are not put in the position where they are required to turn people away. Thank you for your support in this.
- On arrival, all guests need to ensure that they continue to follow social distancing
- In addition to children and parents, staff and a small number of governors will be present
- Hand sanitiser will be available on the gate
- All attendees are welcome to wear a face covering should they wish
- The ceremony will be limited to speeches and prize giving (but very sadly no singing)
- To limit contact, awards will be handed to children in a small bag
- All seats will be facing in the same direction, will be 2m apart and will be disinfected before and after use.
- To limit the number of things being touched by others, we will not have programmes available
- Children will be sat in line in their bubbles
- Any newly arrived children will be grouped in the same bubble and will still remain 2m apart
- Sadly, we will not be able to have our traditional tea party. At the end of the ceremony, so that we don't get too many people gathering next to the gates, I will ask a bubble at a time to leave with their family member.

I would like to stress that whilst it would be truly lovely to see as many Year 6 as possible, this is not compulsory, and we also completely understand that some families may not feel comfortable with this and may wish not to attend. If this is the case we would still like to mark your child's time at St Gabriel's and will keep their awards bag in the office for collection the following week.

Year 6 children who have not attended this term, are welcome to come for the morning as well and spend some time with Mr Nunn. Any new children will be in in the hall and a new bubble will be created for them. Again, this is not compulsory and children are more than welcome to only attend the ceremony if they wish.

## Key End of Term Dates:

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** final day for all of those children currently at school – finishing at 1.45pm
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** remaining Yr 6 who have not returned yet, may return for the day – they will be in their own separate bubble. This is not compulsory.

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**: 2.30pm mini prize day/leaving ceremony in the playground for Year 6 children only and 1 parent.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**: Yr 2 and Yr 3 invited in, both classes split into 2 bubbles with 2 separate teachers who swap half way through so that all children spend some time with their current teacher
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**: Yr 4 & Yr 5 invited in, both classes split into at least 2 bubbles with 2 separate teachers who swap half way through so that all children spend some time with their current teacher

## Reports

Reports will be emailed to you on Friday. The reports will be password protected with your child's date of birth using format dd/mm/yyyy. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their teacher, you can book a ten minute phone call via the office and the teacher will call you. Phone appointments are available Monday – Thursday next week. Times will be 3.10pm, 3.20pm, 3.30pm, 3.40pm or 3.50pm. If you book a slot, please ensure you have your phone close to hand at that time. Sadly, there are not many other times that the teacher will be able to call you if you miss the call.

## Do you have Covid symptoms?

Please see below. We have been asked to advertise the following government advice. It is vital that these steps are followed for yourself or your child, not just for your and their health, but for the health of others in our school and community.



I hope all of our families and staff continue to stay safe and well,  
Best wishes

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher