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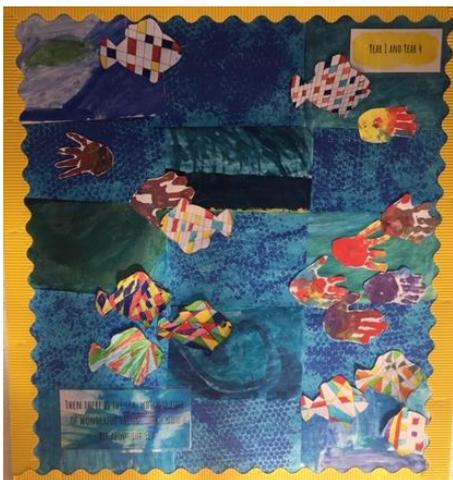
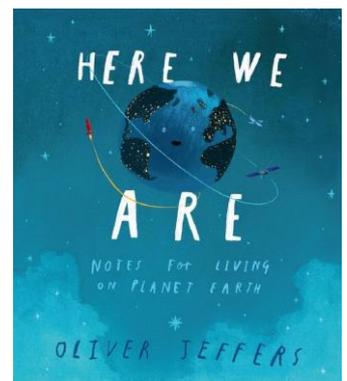
Dear Parents,

Please make sure that the Blackstone gate does not become too crowded in the morning and at the end of the day. To help with this we are trialling an entry and exit system. There are also lines on the pavement to help you form a queue.

Values – Friendship

Proverbs 27:9 A sweet FRIENDSHIP refreshes the soul

We started our term with all of our classes looking at the meaning of Friendship, this is our value for the term. Children looked at where this value comes from in the bible and discussed how we can be good friends and what this may have looked like over the past few months. The children created some fabulous work and we shared this in our first 'non family' family assembly. Please do look at our [Twitter](#) page to see more lovely examples of the children's work! (@gabrielsschool). We have also been looking at our place in the world and have combined work from all of our classes to create bigger pictures. We all looked at the book [Here We Are](#) by Oliver Jeffers and created art and literacy activities connected to the book.



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



A reminder about PE Kits:

Children should come into school in their PE kits on their PE days as they will not be changing.

Reception: Tuesday

Year 1: Thursday and Friday

Year 2: Monday and Tuesday

Year 3: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5: Tuesday and Friday

Year 6: Monday and Friday

When classes are not doing PE, they will have the daily mile. They will therefore need to bring in trainers every day.

Meet the teacher

At the beginning of every year, we have an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher. Because we are unable to hold these sessions this year, the teachers have created 'meet the teacher' videos instead. Please do look in the [Information for Parents](#) Section of our website www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk and you will see a presentation from your child's class teacher.

We would like to stress that whilst you cannot talk to your child's teacher in the playground, they are more than happy to chat to you on the phone should you have any concern. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please phone the office and they will arrange a time for the teacher to call you back after school.

Parents' evenings

These also cannot happen this term, however we have set dates aside for parents/teacher phone consultations. Please phone school to make an appointment and your child's teacher will call you. We have set the following dates aside for the parent/teacher evenings phone consultations:

Reception:	Next week after school: 28 th , 29 th , 30 th Sep and 1 st , 2 nd October 3.40-4.30pm
Years 1 – 6:	Following 2 weeks on these dates: 13 th , 14 th , 19 th and 20 th October 3.40 – 4.30pm (if there is high demand then more dates will be added)

Google Classroom – supporting homework and potential home learning

We are aiming to move away from paper based homework. Not only is this environmentally more sound, but it also limits resources mixing between home and school, which currently because of Covid, is very important. We have chosen Google Classrooms to help us with this. It is an education platform recommended by the government.



Familiarising children with how to use a virtual learning platform now with something smaller like homework, is helping us to make sure that our children's learning is future proofed if there should be another lockdown or, if like Reception class last week, a class has to isolate.

Because there is the risk that classes or/and individuals may have to isolate, schools need to carry on educating children at home, as we do not want our children's futures to be impacted further by missing any more school. We understand that the past few months were very hard for children learning from home and they may have been very reluctant to do any work. The government are now instructing schools to ensure that teachers are able to see the work that children have done at home and Google Classrooms is a way of doing this.

Teachers had a training session on the first day of the holidays, but this technology is also new to teachers and I imagine is new to many of our families. We understand that it will be challenging getting to understand how to use it and so we thank you in advance for being patient, as we are all learning

over the next month. Teachers will be showing children in school, how to access the site and how to have a go at any work that may be uploaded, so hopefully when your child comes home they will be able to show you how to use it! We will also create a 'how to' guide for families and post this on our website.

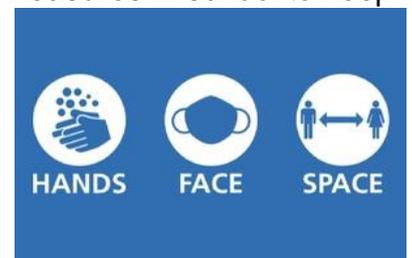
Your child may have already received their login details. **Please keep this safe.**

In order for children (and parents) to be able to familiarise themselves with how to use it, we are starting off small and this month and we are doing 'testers'. Over the next few weeks teachers will give a few pieces of work on Google Classrooms for your child to try out at home. It can be accessed on home computers, tablets and phones. The 'testers' this month are not compulsory in the same way as homework is, they are merely to help us all (teachers, children and parents) to make sure the system is working. It will also help us to see who is able to access this from home and who cannot and will help us to find ways to support those who are having difficulty with it.

Therefore, homework for September is only reading every night whilst we learn how to use Google Classrooms.

Social Distancing

To reduce the risk of the spread of the disease, we are putting in lots of measures in school to keep children from different classes separate, I respectfully ask that parents please help us as much as you can by limiting the number of people your child is mixing with out of school. From last Monday, the Government have introduced the Rule of 6 – where you can only mix with 6 other people inside and outside. This helps schools to stay open if our communities can follow this rule out of school.



Covid Symptoms

If your child has Covid symptoms in school, we will call you straight away, and ask you to collect your child. Your child will remain in school in the meeting room, with an adult, until you can collect them.

I would like to reassure parents that, contrary to social media rumours, your child will not be locked up or taken away anywhere,

We will then ask that you arrange to get a Covid test for your child as soon as possible and to inform school as soon as you receive the results. Parents are asked to come and collect their child from school straight away and to take them home and ensure they remain in the home until they are tested.

If your child has a cough or/and a temperature please book a test for them. If you cannot get a test, children must stay off school and remain at home for 10 days. Other members of the household must remain at home for 14 days or until you know that your child has tested negative.

It is important that we follow these rules (as hard as they are to follow and as much as we may not like them) so that we can work together to keep the infection rate down and avoid more classes closing.

Awards -

Star of the week – Last week: Kaiya This week: Janelle

Class of the week: Class 2

House points winner: Our Lady

Mentions last week	Noel and Leila	Vicky and Janelle	Modar and Vanessa	Lucas and Enkela	Mutaz and Noor	Omar and Elon
Mentions this week	Ayan and Fred	Indigo and Abuboker	Angel and Suad	Hadya and Ramone	Reece and Ellie	Zakaria and Amelia
Courtesy	Shanaiya and Ayan	Ayla and Mohammad	Aishah and Isaac	Ariunaa and Humayra	Reo and Polina	Bella and Henry

Best wishes

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Headteacher