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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**Excellence with Compassion**

Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope all of our families are remaining healthy and well during these challenging times. It truly has been fantastic seeing so many of our classrooms with near perfect attendance. In fact, on Friday I was able to award a certificate and cup to class 5 for having 100% attendance all week! Congratulations Class 5! This strong attendance across St Gabriel's has meant that many of our children who have missed so much school over the summer, are rapidly making progress and beginning to catch up. It has been a privilege visiting the classrooms and seeing (and hearing!) the fabulous working atmospheres in every class, with children eager to learn and teachers teaching fun, engaging and challenging lessons.

### Remembrance

On Wednesday, we held a socially distanced Remembrance Service. Sadly, we couldn't follow our usual tradition and have all of the children in the playground for the 2 minutes silence. However, Year 6 represented the rest of the school and we 'Zoomed' service into the classrooms so that all classes could see the laying of the wreaths they had created for the service around the flag pole.



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### Children in need

On Friday, we marked Children In Need and we raised £179.60. Thanks you so much for all of your donations! It was lovely to see so many children coming in their own clothes and helping to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

### Positive Covid Case in Angel Nursery

I have been informed that Angel Nursery is closed for 2 weeks because a member of their bubble has tested positive for Covid. The nursery operates as one big bubble and so if one member of the bubble tests positive, the whole nursery needs to temporarily close in case anyone in the bubble has been in contact with the positive case. Some St Gabriel's children may have siblings in the nursery. St Gabriel's children with siblings in Angel Nursery are termed 'contacts of contacts' and so just like when we closed our Reception bubble, siblings can still come into school because they will not have been in direct contact with the positive case. If you are still concerned about this, please do give school a call.



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



## Masks, Social Distancing and Wrapping up Warm

The Local Authority have requested that parents and carers wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off children. A huge thank you to all who are following this guidance. Whilst the risk of contracting or passing on covid is significantly reduced outside, people can still inadvertently get close to one another; a face covering can reduce some of the risk to the wearer, but most of all, reduces risk to others. Unless you are exempt, we would encourage all to follow the LA advice and wear a face covering. Please also continue to keep yourself and others safe by socially distancing by the school gates during drop off and pick up times. Thank you once again for your continued support in this.

To ensure we have fresh air circulating in the classrooms, we will be keeping windows and doors open as much as possible. It is important that we get the balance between children and staff not getting too cold (and so will close windows for short periods of time), but also still allow fresh air to come into the classes. We would therefore encourage children to come to school with an extra layer as it starts to get a bit colder. This will be under continuous review.

## Anti-bullying week and mental health

Today we held a Zoom assembly led by Anna, our new MIND support. We recently sent a letter out advertising this new mental health support service we now have in school. MIND work with, and in, schools and colleges to support with mental health and wellbeing and to treat mild to moderate mental health issues. Anna talked to the whole school about how we need to look after our physical health and also the importance of looking after our mental health. We spoke about what mental health is. We also looked at how some times our worries can be really small and we can solve these problems ourselves, or how sometimes these worries might be too big to solve on our own and we might need someone else to talk to, and who that someone might be.

We also spoke about anti bullying. This week is anti-bullying week and classes will be taking part in different activities focusing on anti-bullying with support from the anti-bullying alliance.



## Nativity

Each year, as a whole school, we get together and present The Nativity, to which all of our families are invited. Traditionally, Reception dress as characters from the Christmas story and act out the story, whilst Year 6 narrate and the rest of the school sing the Christmas songs.

Despite Covid 19, we are eager to maintain our St Gabriel's traditions, but in a 'Covid safe' way. We are therefore going to film Reception class acting out the Christmas story and Year 6 will narrate. Families sadly will not be able to attend, but we would like to film the nativity and share this on our website so that our families can still see it. We are also going to explore ways we can record the children singing. We have recently sent a letter to parents in Reception and Year 6, who have previously indicated that they do not want their child to appear on the website. If you have received this letter, please do return it as soon as possible.

## PSHE and RSE Policy Consultation

On 1<sup>st</sup> October we sent out a letter to parents regarding the new expectations around Personal, Social and Health Education and the new statutory aspects of Relationships and Sex Education for primary schools. We directed parents to our website where the policies were available for consultation to parents, and we indicated an opportunity to respond via email to the office. The consultation period has been extended to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The letter we sent out last month is available on our website: [www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/our-newsletters](http://www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/our-newsletters) and the policies can be found on our website in the 'Parent Information', Policy Consultation' link: [www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/policy-consultation](http://www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/policy-consultation)

## Awards - Star of the week – Khadijah

<b>Mentions</b>	Mehmet and Talia	Eleen and Leo	Mohamad and Salma	Shalom and Amaris	Ava P and Humayra	Simo and Sahil	Meniah and Bilaal
<b>Courtesy</b>	Poppy E and Caleb	Ahmad and Omar	Nada and Vicky	Kaylem and Suad	Frankie and Hadya	Simo and Kaiya	Hermila and Iman

## Dates for the diary

Apologies for the error in some letters last week. The end of term is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and traditionally is at 2.30pm. Because of Covid we will need to stagger this finishing time.

Therefore, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December each class will leave an hour earlier than normal:

**Reception:** 2pm

**Year 1 and Year 3:** 2.10pm

**Year 2 and Year 4:** 2.20pm

**Year 5 and Year 6:** 2.30pm

As usual, elder siblings can go at the same time as their younger sibling(s).

School starts back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the same start and finishing times as this term.

Best wishes

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Headteacher