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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a bit more Christmassy in school! Don't forget we have Christmas Jumper/Own clothes day on Friday in aid of Save the Children.



Year 2 had a great time last week dressing up as part of their Caring and Sharing Topic. The class have been learning all about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and came to school as doctors, nurses and soldiers! They also had a session with Miss Michaela learning how to put bandages on!



What to do if your child develops symptoms and tests positive over the Christmas holidays

Please do notify school by phoning and leaving a message, or by emailing our office email address

office@stgabrielsprimary.co.uk. Both the answer messages

and the emails will be periodically checked over the holiday. If your child is symptomatic (cough, temperature or loss of taste/sense of smell) in the holidays, please get them tested. It is extremely important (particularly in the first week of the holiday) that you notify school if they test positive, as we may need to advise other families that their child needs to isolate and so therefore cannot mix with other potentially vulnerable family members over Christmas.

How will I know if my child's bubble has to isolate and we have already broken up for the holidays?

If we have to notify parents that their child's bubble/class is required to isolate, we will text parents and direct you to further information on our website. We will also email parents and carers. It is therefore vital that your contact details are up to date with school. **Because of the incubation period of the virus, these notifications (if necessary) will only occur during the first week of the holiday.**



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



Christmas Holidays

The Government currently advises against all but essential international travel. Please see this web address <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for further guidance. If families are planning on travelling abroad over the Christmas holidays, please check if you are required to quarantine on your return to England. If you are required to quarantine on your return this absence will not be authorised unless there was an exceptional reason for the initial overseas travel.

Homework and internet safety.

Homework: We have been phoning families and monitoring the work on Google Classroom as we have been wanting to monitor who is and who isn't able to complete the homework and the reasons for this. Unlike the beginning of last term, homework is not optional any more. All children should now be doing homework at home. Particularly as many of our children have lost so much learning time over lockdown.



Google Classroom

Google Classroom can be accessed on any home computer, tablet or smart phone. Some families are still encountering tech problems with this, but please tell your child's teacher or the office so that we can address these issues. If you are having problems editing documents, this can be because Google Docs (icon to the left) needs to be installed. If you are still having problems, please do phone school and we can advise you further.

We have a limited number of devices that we can loan for 8 weeks at a time. These cannot be loaned indefinitely as we would like to encourage families to eventually purchase their own if possible. Thank you once again for your patience whilst we continue to get to grips with the technology ourselves and 'iron out the wrinkles'.

Internet Safety: as part of every computing topic and as part of PSHE, internet safety is taught to every class and adults move between children and monitor what children are searching/viewing on line in lessons. However, with increased use of the internet at home we would also encourage parents to do the same as school and monitor what children are viewing/accessing on line.

December Dates for the diary:

- Tuesday 8th** nasal flu vaccinations
 - Friday 11th** Christmas jumper/own clothes day
 - Wed 16th** Christmas lunch
 - Friday 18th** End for term
- finish times are:
- 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).

Awards -

Star of the week – Omar

Class of the week – Class 1

Best wishes,

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher



Mentions	Poppy and Mohamed	Michael and Joseph	Anisa and Abuboker	Aishah and Shalom	Lina and Ava	Kaiya and Kemuel	Bilal and Meniah
Courtesy	Evie and Eunice	Hadi and Sortoo	Diora and Indigo	Amaris and Rebecca	Nabel and Adib	Jacob and Kaiya	Amelia and Bonuke