

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

## INSET DAY 5 Monday 27th June 2022 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Please note - school staff have a teacher training day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022. School will be closed to all pupils. Thank you.

### Mrs Golby

Mrs Golby has handed in her resignation and will be leaving St. Gabriel's in July. Mrs Golby has worked as a teacher at St. Gabriel's since 2010. Her 12 years have seen her mostly teaching in Year 1 and Reception. More recently she has been involved in delivering our new approach to Early Reading and Phonics.

We thank Mrs Golby for all her very hard work over the years. I know you will want to join me in wishing Kelly and her family well for the future.

**IF ANY PARENT IS WORRIED OR CONCERNED ABOUT PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE AT THIS TIME THEN PLEASE DO APPROACH ME OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN CONFIDENCE, WE WILL ALWAYS TRY TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN.**

Please be aware of the wide range of food available from the Heart of Tamworth shop on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church. One generous bag of shopping for £4.00.

### Catholic Virtues

This half term the children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be **ATTENTIVE** to their experiences and to their vocation; and **DISCERNING** about the choices they make and the effect of these choices.



### Tennis Festival

Children in Year 3 took part in a tennis festival at Spital Tennis and Bowls Club on Tuesday. It was a very exciting event with lots of different tennis-related activities to try. The children did very well and even picked up some new tricks! They were so well-behaved and made St. Gabriel's proud with their attitude and willingness. The team was: Erin, Lenny, Tymon, Archie, Ivy, Tommy, Ava, Jacob, Orla, Aubrey, Neive, Dollie, Harriet, Jakub and Oliwia (from 4HB). Well done all! Thank you to Miss Caswell for organising and to Miss Bishop for helping on the day.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH  
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE

### **Sports Day**

Please find below information regarding sports day. Please also see previous email from Mr Fowler.

Sports day will take place in the morning and afternoon (weather permitting) of Thursday 30th June. KS2 (Y3-Y6) will take place in the morning at 9:15am and KS1 (Rec, Y1 & Y2) will take place in the afternoon at 1:15pm.

The children can come to school in their own sporty clothes or in the colour of their house for the event. Reception children should dress in their normal PE kits.

Parents will be allowed to enter onto the school field from 9:10am for KS2 and 1:00pm for KS1. Parents must always follow the directions and advice of all school staff. This is to ensure a smooth and orderly running of the events. It is also for the protection of ALL our children and a potential child protection/safeguarding matter.

**NOTE KS1 CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO THEIR CLASSROOMS AT 3.00PM.**

**PARENTS WILL LEAVE AND ASSEMBLE ON KS1 PLAYGROUND FOR COLLECTION AS NORMAL.** Thank you.

### **Hot Weather**

Now that the weather is warmer please remember to send your child in with a suitable hat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure that on hot/sunny days you apply sun cream **BEFORE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL**. Do not send children to school with bottles of sun cream. We are not allowed to apply sun cream for children.

Children need to have had their hay fever medication before they come in to school and should bring a water bottle with them. Unless there is a medical reason, children should not be bringing sunglasses into school. Please ensure all belongings are named and labelled.

**Please see weather update from Staffordshire County Council at the end of the newsletter.**

### **Supervision by parents**

It has been brought to our attention that some children are playing, unsupervised on and around the school grounds of a morning. Please be aware that this is potentially a safeguarding issue in regards to accidents and also an opportunity for children to get into trouble. Please consider the danger and ensure you are there and are supervising your children at all times on the way to school and on the school grounds **BEFORE 8.50am**. Thank you.

### **Family & Community Information Hub**

Please could I draw your attention to the new family and community information section on our website?

This section contains a wealth of current information on community activities from mother and toddler groups to free courses as well as job and training opportunities. It also provides information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks. There will also be information on healthcare. Please take some time to have a look at the information found [here](#) and keep checking in - there will be new information added most weeks, as and when we get it, we will post it.

### Twitter access

We would love more followers!

We have a number of parents who have requested to follow us on Twitter. Please ensure that you also email the following address with your twitter details so that we can cross reference twitter account requests and email addresses. This ensures our account stays safe.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

[twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk)

### Parish Summer Scheme

The Parish Summer Scheme Forms are available at Sacred Heart and St John's, places are going fast. The scheme was oversubscribed last year and some were disappointed not to get a place. Should you wish for your child to attend this year's Summer Scheme please return your forms promptly.

The Summer Scheme is for children currently in Year 2 - Year 7. There is an additional Teen Scheme for any older siblings in Year 8- Year 10. The Summer Scheme starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> July for two weeks.

### Our Parish

It's a good time to think about going back to Church if you have been away due to Covid.

There are many opportunities to be involved in the Catholic parish in Tamworth.

Have a look at [www.tamworthrc.church](http://www.tamworthrc.church) Think seriously about going along to one of the Masses at the times shown. A celebration of Holy Mass takes about 50 minutes. Many people find it spiritually lifting to sit in the peace of the Sacred Heart Church and listen and feel God around them. You will not know that unless you try it. Try it and tell me of your experience. Thank you.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Georgie
RJC	Elizabeth
1KG	George
1NH	Emilia
2JH	Ryder
2NT	Mason
3CC	Elizabeth
3LH	Mia
4HA	Scarlett
4HB	Josh
5AC	Esmae
5SG	Summer-Skye
6BF	Seb
6ST	Kian



**Well Done Readers of the  
Week!**



*Do you know of any families who have moved into Tamworth? We currently have a small number of spaces in some other year groups. If a family you know is interested please ask them to contact the school office in the first instance. Thank you*

### Ukraine - Humanitarian crisis situation

The March For Ukraine Campaign has been set up in Tamworth to collect essential supplies for refugees. It involves numerous organisations that includes Heart of Tamworth and The Parish of St. John the Baptist. They are helping as members of the organising group, collecting supplies, being a delivery centre and some transport. They are strictly only collecting new or nearly new items from the following list: Nappies, wipes, children's colouring books and pencils/crayons. Large blankets and sleeping bags. First aid items. Protein bars, baby food pouches (without milk or meat), sterilising tablets and dried food (pasta, rice, tea, biscuits etc). New nests, socks and pants. Toiletries. Donations can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church.



### Living with Covid

The Government recently announced their Covid 19 response "Living with Covid-19" strategy for England. It means that most of the measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus are no longer required.

**National guidance now urges us all to take personal responsibility so that our actions minimise the risks of transmission.**

In school we will continue to:

- Offer frequent and proper handwashing for staff and pupils
- Encourage good respiratory hygiene - this includes continuing to follow "catch it, bin it, kill it"
- Have additional cleaning of major touch points
- Have additional ventilation

### SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT ADVICE

#### UPDATED FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 ONWARDS

- Staff or pupils who are unwell, particularly with a fever or high temperature, **SHOULD STAY OFF SCHOOL** until they are feeling well and temperature has returned to normal.

- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for Covid unless directed to by a health professional.
- Pupils who do test positive, after following direction to take a test by the NHS or GP, **SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR 3 DAYS** (This is the day of the test plus 3 clear days). After the 3 days they should continue to stay off/away until they are feeling well and temperature is back to normal.
- Adults who test positive **SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR 5 DAYS** ((This is the day of the test plus 5 clear days). After the 5 days they should continue to stay off/away until they are feeling well and temperature is back to normal.

### **IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU TAKE A CHILD FOR A PCR TEST, FOLLOWING DIRECTION FROM NHS OR YOUR GP, THEY MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE AWAITING A RESULT, FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHER PUPILS AND STAFF. THANK YOU.**

Get the basic principles of virus controls done well as part of your behaviour.

The spread of **ALL** variants will be reduced by:

- Limiting your mixing
- Keeping your distance
- Good hand, nose and mouth hygiene
- Good ventilation

**IF YOU ARE INVITED INTO SCHOOL FOR A MEETING PLEASE**

- Wear a mask if you can
- Sanitise hands on arrival
- Respect social distancing

### **Dates for your Diary**

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion 9.15am
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY 5 - School closed to pupils
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Polesworth School Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Key Stage 2 @ 9.15am Parents very welcome to attend Key Stage 1 @ 1.15pm School field, weather permitting!
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright @ Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Francis of Assisi New Parents Meeting 6.00pm-7.30pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass for Sacrament of Confirmation 9.15am Year 5 to St. Francis of Assisi, Aldridge - Curriculum taster day Various activities
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	School Mass for end of school year - Led by Year 6
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Parents welcome 9.15am Year 6 Leavers Party
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day of school 3.30pm Commonwealth Torch @ Sacred Heart - celebration event Re: Commonwealth Games

God our Father,  
You raised up John the Baptist,  
to prepare a perfect people for Christ the Lord.  
Give your Church joy in spirit,  
and guide those who believe in you,  
into the way of salvation and peace.  
Amen.

(Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June)

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher