

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

**PLEASE SEE SECTIONS BELOW FROM THIS WEEKS COVID SCHOOL UPDATE FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

## **Testing**

Everyone is encouraged to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) twice a week. A third of people who have the virus show no symptoms, so regular testing is the best way to identify more people who may unknowingly have Covid-19.

Anyone who has a positive LFT test should book a confirmatory PCR test via the national booking system. People who have one of the main three symptoms, feel generally unwell, or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive should also take a PCR test. See our website for [advice on testing and self-isolation](#).

To help tackle the increase of cases in high schools, a Mobile Testing Unit is currently being deployed across the county, offering precautionary PCR tests to students. The PCR tests are more accurate than the LFT and results are sent to the labs for analysis.

## **Sports Activities**

There have been reports that some children have continued to take part in out of school sporting activities, even though they have tested positive for the virus.

Everyone is reminded that people who test positive are legally required to self-isolate at home for 10 days. They should not be taking part or going out to support sports or leisure events. People who have one of the main symptoms should self-isolate and book a PCR test.

## **Half Term**

Cases remain high in Staffordshire - and continue to rise. With half-term approaching we are encouraging everyone to help continue to reduce the risk and to enjoy the break safely.

## **\*\*\*"Squid Game" - SAFEGUARDING WARNING\*\*\***

There have been some concerning reports recently about children and young people playing "Squid Game" at schools across the county. It is also being viewed on platforms such as YouTube and Tiktok. This Netflix series is rated at 15.

Children SHOULD NOT be watching this. The show is graphic with a lot of violent content. Please talk to your children about why it is not appropriate and/or ensure parental control settings are correctly in place on devices used at home.



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## Wear It Pink - Non-Uniform Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Wear It Pink is a charity event for breast cancer on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sacred Heart. It is for a cause that has affected countless families and maybe yours too? If you can help then please contact Annette on [net72@live.co.uk](mailto:net72@live.co.uk)

**Please note that to mark the Wear It Pink event, we will have a non-uniform day in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.** All proceeds to this cause. We are asking for **ALL** non-uniform donations to be paid via ParentPay. Unfortunately we can no longer accept cash donations.

Currently 2 members of school staff are battling breast cancer. Breast cancer, in fact all forms of cancer, touch us all through family and friends. Thanks to everyone for making an effort for this worthy cause.

## CAFOD Go Green

Thank you for the donations received from the CAFOD Go Green non uniform day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. We raised an amazing £344.16!!!

## Thank you

Many thanks to those parents who have continued to liaise, contact, communicate and follow our advice around Covid requirements.

## Mask wearing

Many of us in school are still wearing masks, for the protection of each other and yourselves. We encourage all those coming onto site, to please also wear a mask.

Thank you.

## Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Ignacy
RJC	Maximus
1KG	Flo
1NH	Ruby-Lee
2JH	Mia Rose
2NT	Freddie
3CC	Archie
3LH	Harry C
4HA	Alexander
4HB	Ethan
5AC	Rory
5SG	Callum
6BF	Daniella
6ST	Jamie



**Well Done Readers of the Week!**



## **Flu Vaccination Programme - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to deliver the Childhood Nasal Flu Programme for children from Reception-Year 6.

An email was sent out to all parents on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with information and a link for you to complete e-consent. Please ensure you give your consent by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**If your child is asthmatic and there are any changes to their health 14 days before the vaccination date YOU MUST contact the immunisation team on 0300 124 0366 as your child may not be well enough to receive the vaccination. These include, if your child:**

- **Becomes wheezy**
- **Has required oral steroids**
- **Has increased their asthma medication**

If you have any further questions or need more information, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team rather than the school on 0300 124 0366 or

[school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk)

### **Parking**

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.

Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a COMPLAINT with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours. Local police will be following this up.

We again ask you take this advice and requests on board. Thanks to those parents who were supportive of PCSOs and PCs present at the school recently.

### **Home Start Family Group**

Home-Start Tamworth is a local charity which supports ordinary parents in and around Tamworth, Staffordshire, who are going through challenging times. They are running a Family Group on Thursday mornings during term time at Sacred Heart 9.30am-11.00am. Please see attached poster for further information.

### **Alpha - In person or Online**

A choice of two Alpha courses. One on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart 7.30-9.00pm from 30<sup>th</sup> September or one online on Zoom- day and time to be confirmed. So it's meeting up or Zooming in? The choice is yours. Watch an inspiring video and follow with discussion! Why not give it a try? Please book so that we know numbers via email [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) or phone 01827 769403

### Youth Band

Starting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6.15-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Modwen Room. New members welcome. It is open to all young people in Year 6 and above. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument, why not give it a try we'd love to see you.

Please contact Alex Parker [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) for more details and to register your interest or feel free to just turn up! Parental Consent forms will need to be completed with contact details at the first practice. The Youth Band leads the music at one Mass probably about once every month to six weeks and meets during term time. Thank you.

### Journey in faith

Are you, or do you know anyone else, interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Please get in touch with us soon as the course starts at the end of September. Email [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) or phone 01827 769403 to speak with Fr Michael or Alex Parker to book a place and find out more.

### Message from the kitchen

The school lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November will be:

Monday: INSET DAY  
Tuesday: Pizza and Rainbow Pasta  
Wednesday: Roast Dinner  
Thursday: Bonfire Night Menu - see attached  
Friday: Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Non-uniform day in school - Wear It Pink
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School finishes for half term 3.20pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET DAY 2 - School closed to pupils
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School re-opens to pupils
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Childhood Flu Vaccinations in school Reception-year 6

Merciful Jesus, I want to have faith and trust in you.

Bless me in my life today.

Let me spread your love, through simple acts of kindness that I show to those I meet today.

Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes  
Headteacher