

# **Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**

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Dear Parents

## **School Games Mark GOLD 2021-2022**

Congratulations to all the children from all the many sports participated in last year.

Mr Fowler went through the application process for the School Games Mark 2021-2022 at the end of July and was successful in securing Gold!

Particular thanks to Mr Fowler for so much effort and organising of such various opportunities for our children, with much success, throughout the last year.

## **Finances**

You will have seen in the media, I am sure, the many references to increasing difficulties faced by schools due to cost pressures caused by the energy crisis.

Your continued support with contributions to the school Governors Fund is appreciated at this time of great difficulty, for us all.

The Governing Board will be writing to parents shortly, to advise you on the use of your contributions. Contributions will now be funding basic items in school. Thank you.

## **Friends of St. Gabriel's - Annual General Meeting - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 @ 3.30pm**

This meeting will take place in school, at the end of the school day. Can I encourage any parent who might wish to get involved in fundraising for the school to come along?

Current post holders Mr Vernon, Mrs Joesbury, Mr Agnew and Mrs Vernon will attend but new members would be very welcome and are needed. Thank you.

## **Catholic Virtues - Compassionate and Loving**

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be Compassionate and Loving.

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



### **Sacramental Preparation notices**

Parents of children making the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation in Year 3 and Confirmation in Year 6 are encouraged to attend the following meetings next week:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - First Holy Communion Parents @ Sacred Heart 6pm or 7pm

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Confirmation Parents @ Sacred Heart 7pm

These children and families are being encouraged by Fr. Michael to attend the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, where they will lead the readings, prayers and music. If for any reason they cannot attend the 9.00am Mass, the parish encourage attending one of the other Masses.

### **Reader of the Week**

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Khloe
1RJC	Arabella
1KG	George
1NH	Eddie
2BL	Catherine
2NT	Nikodem
3CC	Sean
3LH	George
4HB	Erin
4LM	Jakub
5SM	Ewan
5ST	Jake
6AC	Maja
6BF	Darcie



**Well Done Readers of the Week!**

### **Attendance**

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the pandemic. It has always been parents/carers legal duty to get children into school regularly, this is even more vital now due to the disruption to the children's learning. For this reason, it is so important that your child is in school for every educational hour possible.

I would ask that any routine appointments are made out of school hours and that you consider very carefully any absence from school. We don't want the education of our children to suffer any more than it has done already.

Our expectations for attendance are as per our published Attendance Policy which you can find [here](#) , we would encourage you to read and understand this. Thank you.

## **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College - Open Evening**

Please note, our local Catholic secondary feeder school, St Francis of Assisi Catholic College, will hold their open evening this evening as detailed below.

The St. Francis of Assisi prospectus can be found [here](#)

A dark blue poster with a large, faint white cross in the background. At the top center is the school's crest, a shield with a gold cross. To the right of the crest, the text 'St Francis of Assisi CATHOLIC COLLEGE' is written in white. Below the crest, the words 'Open Evening' are in large, bold, yellow font. Underneath that, 'Thursday 22nd September 2022' and '5:30pm - 8pm' are also in yellow. Below the time, 'Open Mornings Monday 26th – Friday 30th 09:30 -12:00' is written in white. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains contact information in black text: 'Tel: 01922 740 300', 'Email: [postbox@stfrancis.cc](mailto:postbox@stfrancis.cc)', 'Web: [www.stfrancis.cc](http://www.stfrancis.cc)', and 'Facebook: @SFACTC'.

## **Twitter**

Currently we have 44 active followers, could we double this in a week? We would love more followers! Parents who have taken the easy steps to follow our account have enjoyed seeing some lovely moments of every day school life captured through this means.

In order to follow the school Twitter account please make a request via Twitter AND ensure that you also email [twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk) 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.

## **Non Uniform Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Rob Vernon, is running the London Marathon on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. All funds raised are in aid of Children with Cancer UK - helping children and young people with cancer to ring the bell. We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September to help with the fundraising. Voluntary contributions can be made directly through Mr Vernon's Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roblondon22>

## **Resilience/Independence**

Do encourage your child to organise themselves properly each morning. Encourage them to carry their own bag and belongings. Talk to them about organising their belongings, so they are not misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Break Time Snacks**

As part of our healthy school policy all Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit during morning break time. For older children or if your child prefers to bring in their own snack, please ensure it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit. For health and safety reasons please avoid sending the children into school with fruit that contain stones e.g. cherries. If your child is bringing in grapes, can these please be cut in half. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder please that dogs must not be brought beyond the school gates and onto school premises. Dogs are banned from all school grounds because of the danger of toxicariasis in dog waste. This is in line with County Council guidelines. Please respect this request at all times. Thank you.

### 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. Thank you.

### Parking at Belgrave Club

We have been informed that from September 2022 the Belgrave Club will continue to offer the facility of parking for parents/guardians. Please be aware that the cost for use of the car park remains at £5.00, per car, for the school year (club members are free).

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

## **St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**



**OPEN MORNING**

**Friday 7th October 2022**

**9.30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon**

This is aimed particularly at parents/families who may be thinking about St. Gabriel's for their child in September 2023. If you know of any family member or friends who might be considering us then please encourage them to come. This is a valuable opportunity to view the school during the working day.

We pride ourselves on good relationships and the care given to our pupils.  
We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd September	St Francis of Assisi Open Evening 5.30pm-8.00pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 6 return from Alton Castle
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	First Holy Communion parents meeting Sacred Heart 6pm or 7pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6 Confirmation parents meeting Sacred Heart 7pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Non Uniform Day - Voluntary donations to Children with Cancer UK - please see link above for Just Giving page
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Mass of Enrolment for Sacraments - Sacred Heart 9am All children making Sacraments in Year 3 or Year 6 are encouraged to attend with families
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School finishes for half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET DAY 2
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School re opens for pupils

Dear Lord

We thank you for all the beauty and wonder you have given to us in our world, around us.  
Let us all take simple actions to protect the Earth, our common home.

Amen

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes  
Headteacher