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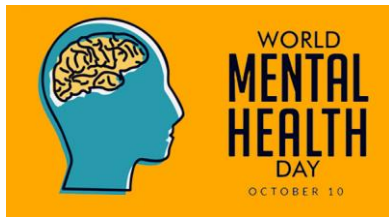
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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello Yellow

Don't forget tomorrow is Hello Yellow day! Children are invited to come into school wearing something yellow and bring in a donation (suggested donation £1) for the YoungMinds charity. This can be one yellow thing or as much yellow clothing as you have at home! During the day, the children will be talking about mental health.



For further information please visit <https://youngminds.org.uk/> Hello Yellow is an event which we mark annually in aid of children's mental health awareness. YoungMinds is the UK's leading children's mental health charity committed to improving the mental health and emotional well-being of children and empowering their parents and carers.



Half term Activities

Free Half-Term Activities and Healthy Food for Children and Young People in Westminster - October, February & May Half Terms 2023/24

This academic year (2023/24), Westminster City Council is funding local organisations to offer free activities and healthy food to children and young people during the October, February, and May Half-Terms.

This provision allows vulnerable children and young people to access enriching activities such as Sports Camps, Music, Dance, Arts and Crafts, Adventure Play, Youth Clubs and Offsite Trips during half-term holidays. Participants also receive a free healthy meal each day they attend.

Please do look out for the leaflets, which will be shared in the coming week.

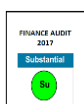
Visit the Our City Website to find out what activities are available and to book a place:

<https://ourcity.org.uk/westminster-half-term>

Parents Learn English for free....

We are offering a great opportunity to all parents who would like to learn or improve their spoken and written English, for **free!** Using the well-known application Duolingo, we are able to sign any parents up to learn English in a fun way and at their own pace.

If you are interested and would like more information please speak to Mr Baker or a member of staff in the office.



Covid and seasonal viruses

We have had a few children (and adults) with coughs, colds and sore throats. If you have suffered from any one of these and feel well enough to come to school, then current guidance advises it is safe to do so. We are going to be keeping windows and doors open for as long as possible and will be encouraging children to regularly wash hands and use tissues etc.

Some of our community have tested positive for covid. Again the guidance states that it is no longer necessary to isolate, however the NHS has the following guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

What to do if you have tested positive

You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms.

But if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old – children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

We would therefore ask that the above guidance is followed, to help us to keep our community well. If your child tests positive, please keep them off school for 3 days from the point of the test. They can then come back into school if they feel well enough.

Parents evening

This is in the hall tomorrow after school and on Wednesday afterschool. Please do book an appointment if you haven't already. If the sign-up sheet is full, please contact the office or the class teacher to arrange an appointment at a later date. Appointments are only 10 minutes and we would respectfully ask that these timings are stuck to. A crèche is available for school aged children. Unfortunately we are unable to look after children under the age of Reception.

Uniform

It is fantastic to see so many of our children looking really smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school in school shoes and the correct uniform. Please do see us if you need any support with uniform as we have some brand new items that have been gifted to St Gabriel's and are also able to apply for other avenues of support.

Cricket for Years 1 – 6

On the first Monday back after half term and then on every Monday for the rest of the half term, we will be welcoming Middlesex cricketers to coach Classes 1-6 until Christmas. All classes should therefore bring their PE kits to school on Mondays, starting from the 30th October. **However we are asking Year 2 to come in their PE kit and to bring their uniform – just for next half term.** Year 2 will have a 40 minute cricket session right after assembly on the Monday. This will not give them enough time to get changed and so we ask that just for next half term they come to school in PE kits, but bring their uniform with them to get changed into.



The Passage Harvest collection

We have had lots of fabulous gifts donated

already and still have a few days to go before our harvest assembly on Thursday. Any non-perishable food items are warmly welcome (such as pasta, tins of food, rice, cereals). Any toiletries are also very much needed including toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, soaps, shower gel etc.



Parents Evenings

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October, we have Parents Evenings. Sign-up sheets are on the boards outside the computer room.

Attendance:

We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year and next year are on our website.

Dates for this half term: October

Tues 10th: Parents Evening

Wed 11th: Parents Evening

Fri 13th: Louise Wannier children's author visiting Yr 1 and Yr 3

Wed 18th: Individual photos

Fri 20th: break up for half term

Mon 30th: School starts – children in school

(last day of term Thursday 21st December)

Awards:

Star of the Week: Teddy

Class of the Week: Class 3 **and** Class 5

Music Award: Ayub **Sports Award:** Everyone in Class 5!

House Points winner: **Our Lady** and **St. Peter**

Mentions	Samira Esra	Kelsey Ammanuel	Lari Cecilia	Ruth Hadi	Janelle Maryam	Ibrahim Evelyn
Courtesy	Clara Roman	Ali Lyla	Anayah Nikolina	Jude Rosie	Anisa Janelle	Vanessa Shalom

With very best wishes

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