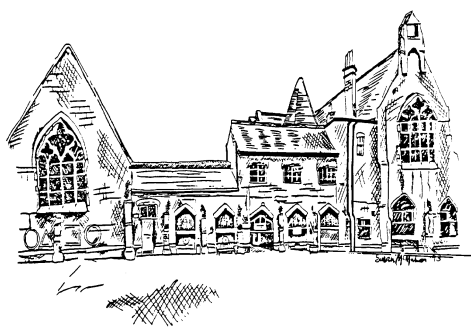




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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents,

A very warm welcome back to a brand new school year!

I hope you have all had a wonderful break over the summer. We have really been looking forward to welcoming all of our families back to this new academic year!

Meet the teacher

Parents from each class will have the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and to learn more about what goes on in their child's class. Meetings will be at 3.40pm over the next 2 weeks and will take place in the classroom on the following dates:

- Thursday 3rd September: Year 6
- Friday 4th September: Year 5
- Monday 7th September: Year 2
- Tuesday 8th September: Year 1
- Wednesday 9th September: Year 3
- Thursday 10th September: Year R
- Friday 11th September: Year 4

A creche will be provided on each occasion in the computer room. Sadly, we are not able to look after younger siblings and so children in the crèche can only be school aged children attending St Gabriel's. Reception crèche will be in the Great Hall.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance is now almost in line with the national average for attendance. This is great news! However, our punctuality still needs some improvement. This year we are moving collective worship to start at 9.15am. This is because all classes are going to have a maths focus this year. When children enter the class every morning, they will be taking part in a short maths activity before going into the hall for collective worship. Therefore, if your child is late, they will not just be missing registration, but also valuable learning and reinforcement of maths concepts. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.

Family Assemblies

We are looking forward to continuing to welcome parents to our Thursday morning Family Assemblies. All parents are welcome. This will start next week.

Wrap around care and clubs

Breakfast club starting on Monday 7th September from 8am (£3 for half an hour).

Fitness continues to be from 8.30am. (Free)



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

After school care starting Monday 7th September and is available from 3.30-5.45pm (£2 per half hour until 5pm, then £5 flat rate between 5pm and 5.45pm).

We operate this later service with limited staffing. **We are not able to look after children after 5.45pm. If parents are late to pick up on more than 2 occasions, they will not be able to use the after-school care service for the remainder of the term.** We understand that unexpected emergencies can arise, however it is important that parents plan a contingency. We do not have staff available after 5.45pm.

Bookings for after school care must be made by the end of the day on the Friday before. We are unable to take any bookings after this time. Payment is taken on the School Money App

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this.

Clubs letters will go out at the end of the week. Please return these as soon as possible.

Uniform

It was lovely to see so many children making such an effort with uniform for Prize Day and for our class photos towards the end of term. Correct black school shoes and the wearing of ties, made our children look so much neater and reflected the pride that we all have in being members of St Gabriel's. As part of our St Gabriel's uniform, we would like to encourage **all children to wear ties (unless a summer dress is being worn)**. This is an important part of our uniform that distinguishes St Gabriel's children from other schools. Please also ensure your child comes to school in **black school shoes. Trainers are to be worn only with the PE kit.**

Swimming

Swimming takes place for Year 3 this term (start date to follow) and until May half term. For the final half term, Year 6 goes swimming again. By the end of Year 6, school has to report on the children's swimming ability. We also want to ensure that all of our children can swim by the time they leave St Gabriel's. For this activity to take place, we also need parents' support. For safeguarding purposes, parents are not allowed to go into the changing room, but we do need your help with walking to and from



the pool, so please do look out for the class swimming letter and volunteer if you can help us!

Our School Values

This term we are focusing on Friendship. This week the children discuss the importance of friendship, we look at where it comes from in the bible, and the reference to Friendship in the book of Proverbs: 'A sweet *friendship* refreshes the soul.' The children discuss what friendship means to them and talk about how we can show compassion and friendship to all regardless of race, religion or where we come from.

Whereabouts and collection forms

In addition to this newsletter, you will receive several other important letters. Even if your information has not changed since last year, it is vital that these forms are completed and returned the next day. Many thanks in advance for this.

Dates for September and October:

(See previous page for meet the teacher dates)

September:

First 2 weeks: Meet the teacher meeting (please see above dates)

Monday 7th: Yr 4 Youth Kitchen session (every Monday this half term)

Wed 9th: Year 6 to Sayers Croft

Fri 11th: Yr 6 return from Sayers Croft

Mon 14th: Representative from the Passage visiting for Monday assembly

Tues 15th: Timetables rock stars day – come dressed as a rock star!

Thurs 24th: Family Assembly Harvest

October:

Thurs 1st: Fire Brigade workshop with Yr2 & 5

Fri 2nd: Flu vaccinations

Thurs 8th: Autism advisory coffee morning for parents

Fri 9th: Hello Yellow day – wear something yellow for mental health day

Wed 21st: Parents evening

Thurs 22nd: Parents evening

Fri 23rd: last day of half term and own clothes fundraiser

Prayer for the week:

At St Gabriel's help us Lord to be Excellent in all we do and to treat all with compassion. Help us to work with all our hearts, to be excellent in our learning, in our behaviour and in how we treat others. When things are hard you help us to endure.

Remind us to make wise choices, clothing ourselves with compassion through our friendships, serving others and ensuring justice and peace for all.

Amen

We are all looking forward to an exciting and busy new school year.

With very best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher