



Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **Newsletter – January 2020**

Here we are at the start of a new decade looking ahead with hope and expectation for the challenges and opportunities that await. It is remarkable to think, at the start of 2010, St Gabriel's hadn't even been conceived as an idea and now here we are with all of our lovely children, families and staff, I can't help but wonder where we will be in 2030!

### **Celebrations:**

#### **Christmas 2019**

As the Autumn term drew to a close, we were able to celebrate with a range of wonderful events. Our Christmas production 'Superstar' was incredible, involving all of our children, performed for two packed audiences and enjoyed by all. We sang carols by candlelight, wore Christmas jumpers in aid of 'Save the Children', ate a delicious roast Christmas dinner and visited the Macready Theatre for a special Christmas performance! Well done to everyone.

#### **Welcomes and farewells**

At the start of the year, we are delighted to welcome Miss Wright back to Jackson class. Miss Seymour is starting a teaching placement with us in Jackson class for the next seven weeks and Mr Coppillie is completing a short teaching placement in Bell class for the next week. Lastly, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Shipley from Gutenberg class.

#### **Homework**

Thank you to everyone who is really engaging with our online platforms. A reminder that all of the work can be customised to suit the needs of the children and to speak to your class teacher for any help with this.

#### **Cold Weather**

Please ensure that children are well protected against the cold and any coats, hats, gloves, scarves are clearly named so that they don't get lost. Give yourself an extra few minutes in the morning to get to school safely and take care on the paths and approaches to the school.

#### **Attendance**

Your child's consistent attendance is so important to their education. At this time of year, illnesses may seem more prevalent but we ask that you make every effort to bring your child in to school unless you deem them too unwell to take part in normal school activities. If your child has a sickness and diarrhoea bug, we ask that you keep them off for 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school.

## **Car Parking – Walking bus**

The car park is very busy at drop off and pick up time. Please take extra special care not to rush, be patient with all users and especially watch out for children moving towards the gate. A slow walking pace should be the maximum speed of any car. We have had the idea mooted of a 'Walking bus' for families who can park (or walk) from the top of Houlton near to the café and then come down to the school together, relieving some of the traffic around school. If this is something you are interested in getting involved with, please contact the school office.

## **Vacancies**

Positions at the school are advertised on our website:

<http://stgabrielshoulton.org.uk/recruitment/>

We are in need of an individual to help maintain our site and buildings for around three hours a day starting after school. If you know of anyone interested, please get in touch!

## **Upcoming Dates**

**7<sup>th</sup> February – Hopper & Jackson visit – Think Tank Birmingham**

**12<sup>th</sup> February - Warwickshire Road Safety Workshop in school (Bell & Jackson)**

**13<sup>th</sup> February - Spring Term Discos (5pm and 6pm)**

**14<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for Half-Term**

## **Events Calendar**

Can be found at: <http://stgabrielshoulton.org.uk/events/> you can export this list or relevant events to your calendars at home by following the links.

Yours sincerely,



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