



28th June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well and enjoying the summer, even if the weather is not quite as fine as we would wish. We have had a really successful few weeks in school as the children continue to work hard in their classes. Children in Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed a visit to Warwick Castle and our Year 6's have done an excellent job swimming. We are also preparing for our upper Key Stage 2 classes to go on residential over the next week. With so much going on, it's easy to miss we are rapidly heading towards the end of the academic year and I wanted to write to update you on some of the things happening before we break up for the summer.

Transition

This afternoon, children spent some time with their class teacher for the new academic year. Teachers are working closely with each other to support our children as they enter their next year group.

Group	Class Name	Teacher
Reception 1	King	Mrs Dowler / Miss Magowan
Reception 2	Parks	Mrs Garner
Year 1	Bell	Miss Randle
Year 2	Braille	Miss Bailey
Year 3	Berners-Lee	Miss Pearce
Year 4	Hopper	Mr Grafton
Year 5	Jackson	Miss Coulson
Year 6	Gutenberg	Mrs Roberts / Mr McCormick

Separate transition events are happening for children new to the school in Reception over the next two weeks and don't forget for any families with a three-year-old joining our new Nursery provision with Miss Henderson, we have a teddy bear's picnic on the field on 24th July from 11am-2pm.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mr McCormick to St Gabriel's as our new Deputy Headteacher in September. We are also pleased to be joined by Mr Grafton who will be our Year 4 teacher and Miss Henderson our new Nursery teacher. We are delighted that Mrs Gould (known to previous Nursery children as Ellie) is also joining the team from the Old Station Nursery.

Congratulations to Mrs Bemrose who is expecting her first child and will be starting maternity leave in late autumn.

End of Year Reporting

Families should expect to receive an end-of-year report from the 12th July which will give summative information on your child's progress since September. You will have the opportunity to discuss this report and catch up with your child's teacher in a parent consultation before the end of term. Look out for a letter this week asking you to state your preference for timing and format of the consultation.

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to holding our St Gabriel's Sports Day on Wednesday 14th July. Our younger children will take part in organised sports activities in the morning and our older children in the afternoon. We are hoping it will be possible to permit parents to watch the event outside in class groups in line with current government guidance. More details and timings will be available next week.

End of Term

A reminder that term finishes on **Wednesday 21st July at 2pm.**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Yours sincerely,



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