



8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and may I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome for all of those new to St Gabriel's! It has been a great pleasure to see all of our children settling in to their new classes and starting off the term so purposefully. We are really looking forward to our year together and can't wait to see all that we are going to achieve.

Site development

As highlighted before the summer break, our school site is undergoing development work to provide enhanced facilities for the school community in the future. Our field has been renovated and reseeded with new top soil and additional drainage to ensure a more useable surface. Unfortunately the contractor working on the extended playground went into administration over the summer so this has been delayed whilst a replacement is found. We're looking forward to seeing this complete in the coming weeks.

Friday Assemblies

We love welcoming families in to school to see the work of our children and celebrate achievements together in our Friday assemblies. However, due to the growth in pupil numbers, space in the hall is increasingly limited and therefore, attendance to Fridays' assemblies will now be by invitation on a class by class basis. Throughout the year, each class will take it in turns to lead a Class Celebration Assembly for the rest of the school with parents from that class invited to watch. Parents of children awarded certificates are also invited to attend. Entrance to Fridays' assemblies is via the Community entrance with doors opening at 10:10am ready for assembly to start at 10:15am and to conclude at 10:45am. We look forward

to welcoming you to our Class Celebration assemblies in the coming weeks and months. Please make a note of the dates below.

Autumn term Assemblies

6 th October- Gutenberg	10 th November- Berners-Lee	1 st December- Kerr
13 th October- Jackson	17 th November- Ahmad	8 th December- Windsor
20 th October- Turing	24 th November- Braille	15 th December- Bell
27 th October- Hopper		

Teacher–Parent information Event

You are warmly invited to a Parent Information Meeting on **Tuesday**

19th September at 3:30pm with your child’s new teacher. This will take place in classrooms and it will be an opportunity to find out more about the routines and expectations in your child’s new year group. For those with siblings, the session will be repeated at 4pm. Information from the meeting will also be shared by email for anyone unable to attend.

Staffing

It has been wonderful to welcome new members of staff to our St Gabriel’s family who are already doing a fantastic job for our children as part of a brilliant team, helping the year to get off to a flying start. A reminder of our staff compliment is below for your information. Our wonderful office team are on hand for any of your queries and please feel welcome to get in touch with your child’s class teacher about anything concerning your child in the first instance. As a leadership team, we are here to help and support our community as we journey towards our goal of flourishing together. Just for your awareness, as Headteacher of St Gabriel’s, there are times in the week where my work on behalf of our Academy Trust and Local Authority take me away from the school. During such times, the school is led by Mr McCormick, ably supported by our senior leaders, Mrs Garner and Mrs Roberts.

Headteacher Mr Taylor

Deputy Headteacher Mr McCormick

Assistant Headteachers

Mrs Garner

Mrs Roberts – Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Teachers

Mrs Dowler – EYFS Lead

Miss Ponter – Parks

Miss Magowan – King

Miss Phelps – Bell

Miss Merrick – Windsor

Miss Dall – Kerr

Miss Bailey – Braille KS1 Lead

Mrs Firth – Berners-Lee

Miss Randle – Ahmad

Mr Grafton – Hopper

Miss de Kock – Turing

Miss Coulson – Jackson KS2 Lead

Miss May – Gutenberg

Mrs Chand – (Mat leave)

Mrs Bemrose – (Mat leave)

Additional Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Miss Shinner – Year 6

Mr Nobes – Year 5

Mrs Batten – Year 4

Mr Healey – Year 4

Mrs Fuller – Year 3

Miss Rukovanska – Year 3

Miss Aust – Year 2

Mrs Black – Year 1

Miss Roberts – Year 1

Mrs Tennant-Bale – Reception/ Nursery

Mrs Osiatynski – Reception

Mrs Gould – Reception

Miss Fassam – Reception

Miss Fiddes – Nursery

Miss Womble – Nursery

Miss Taylor – Nursery

Miss Taylor-Foster – Nursery

Office

Mrs Clarke – Business Manager

Mrs H Wilmot – Office Manager

Mrs H Maloyd – Admin Officer

Mrs S Grundy – Finance Assistant

Mrs K Hunt – Receptionist, Admin Assistant

Premises Mr Marshall – Site Manager

Wrap Around

Miss Taylor-Foster - Lead

Miss Fuller

Miss H Sharpe (Mat Leave)

Miss L Worster (Mat Leave)

Angels Wrap around childcare

To remind you and for any new families, if you require childcare before or after school, we run a breakfast and after school club called Angels from 7:30am to 6pm each school day. To book on for the first time, please email childcare@stgabrielscofeacademy.org

PTFA

Our PTFA (parents, teachers and friends of St Gabriel's) are helping with the Houlton Community Garage Sale this **Saturday 9th Sept 11am-2pm**. The Garage Sale program with map will be sold on the green next to the Co-op carpark for £1 each. Clothes - Toys - Electronics - Food - Household Items will all be available and a portion of the funds raised will go towards supporting our school.



Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sun!

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Taylor
Headteacher



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