

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



4th October 2024

Weekly Theme

Next week, our focus is on mental health and ways to keep ourselves mentally well. We will be joined by our Mental Health School Link Worker, David, who will lead assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2.

CAFOD Harvest/Foodbank

This week, Key Stage 2 have reflected on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching: human dignity, common good and solidarity. We talked about creating a world which is fair for all and looking after the beauty of creation. By working together and showing solidarity this Harvest, we have been able to provide for those less fortunate in our local community and raise money for CAFOD to help our global neighbours where food is not always accessible. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

First Holy Communion

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 4 about the sacramental programme, 'With You Always.' If you want your child to be part of the programme in preparation for receiving Holy Communion, please return your forms before half term as the meetings will begin straight after the holiday. Any child who wants to take part can do so. If they have not been baptised, this will be offered as part of the programme. The invitation is open to any child in Year 5/6 who may also want to join the programme.

Fr Nicholas' Visit

We welcomed Fr Nicholas to school on Monday. He joined us for assembly and spoke to children about our patron saint, Angel Gabriel, and then spoke about his life, growing up in Ghana. Thank you to parents/carers who also made him welcome at the gates at home time.

Y7 Welcome Mass - St Mary's

It was lovely to see our past pupils at St Mary's Welcome Mass last night. They look so grown up. I was very proud to see some of our children involved in the Mass: reading, presenting offertory gifts and part of the choir.

High School Transitions

Thanks to parents/carers who attended the meeting today with Mrs Brahms, headteacher from St Mary's High School. Transition comes around very quickly so it is important to get as much information as possible to make the best decision for your child.

Y6 High School Applications

Please note that the deadline for high school applications is approaching. In recent years, anyone who has applied late has NOT been able to secure a place in their preferred school. The deadline is **31st October 2024**.

The application form is available through the web page at [Secondary schools \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools), before an application is made you must read the 'Applying for a Y7 place' booklet which is available on the web page. The booklet will explain how applications are considered, the oversubscription criteria for all Wigan Secondary School and how to apply.

Y5/6 Visit to Chester Zoo

Next Tuesday 8th October, Year 5 and 6 are visiting Chester Zoo as part of their learning in Science. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and comfortable shoes for walking (e.g trainers)

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 9th October to take individual and siblings photographs.

Parents Evening

On Wednesday 16th October, we have our parents evening. Please return your slip with your preferred time slot. Your child's teacher will confirm your appointment time.

Parent Governor Elections

We have two parent governor places available. The nomination forms have been sent home. The parent governor role is to support the Governing Board with strategic decisions, contributing views from a parental perspective.

Please note this is not a 'parent spokesperson' role and you cannot get involved in individual concerns.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this role, please complete the nomination form and return to school by 12pm on Thursday 10th October.

Complaints

A positive working relationship between home and school is important for your child's education. There may be times when you wish to raise concerns or need clarification on specific matters.

Please rest assured that we want to work with you to address your concerns. If you wish to raise a concern, it is necessary to follow the complaints procedure.

In Short:

1– Speak to class teacher

2– Speak to a member of SLT with responsibility for your child's year, or for pastoral matters ask for Mrs Ashurst.

3— If the matter cannot be resolved, arrange to meet with Mrs Williams.

4— At this stage, your concerns may be escalated to our Chair of Governors.

Residential Trips

There are two residential visits booked for this academic year. Separate letters, with further details, have been sent home.

1 - Y6 residential to Dobroyd Castle on Monday 2nd-Wednesday 4th June.

2 - Y3/4 residential weekend to Low Bank Ground, Coniston on Friday 23rd—Sunday 25th May.

Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. We are sending this information now to give you plenty time to cover the costs with a payment plan. If your child would like to attend then please return the slip with a deposit.

Parent Assembly

On Monday 14th October, Miss Mason's class will lead our assembly. Parents/carers of children in Class 13 are welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:

★ **Beau, Billy, Nik and Grayson** for showing **LOVE**

★ **Chikamso, Rory, Nelly, Eva, Oscar and Ethan** for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**

★ **Dahlton and Jasmine** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

Class 3 - **Rosie**

Class 4 - **Eldar**

★ Class 5 - **Xander**



Class 6 - **Thomas**

Class 7 - **Phoenix**

Class 8 - **George**

Class 9 - **Klaudia**

★ Class 10 - **Donald**



Class 11 - **Ivy**

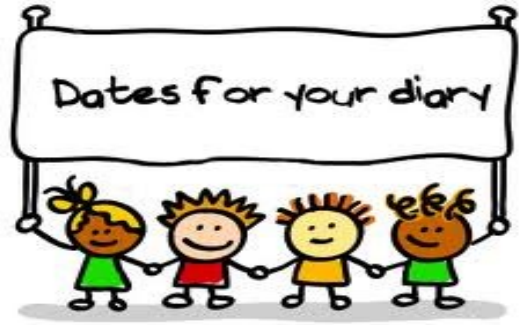
Class 12- **Lily**

Class 13- **Emma**



For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

Congratulations and Well Done!



8th October-

Y/5 Trip to Chester Zoo

9th October -

School photographs

14th October

Class 13 assembly on E-safety

16th October

Parents Evening

18th October

Close for half term

