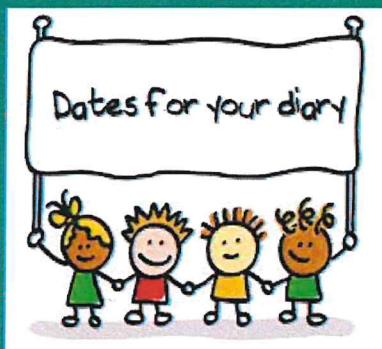




'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

**St Gabriel's Catholic
Primary School**

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Key Dates

- 13/2 Y4 Egyptian Day
- 13/2 Y6 Stanley Head
- 16/2 Y1 Class Assembly
- 17/2 School closes
- 27/2 School open
- 2/3 World Book Day
- 3/3 Y3 Hedgehog workshop
- 7/3 School book fayre
- 13/3 British Science Week

The Messenger

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Byrne

Please keep Mr Byrne in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from his accident.

The children have had another lovely week in school.

Children's mental health week

We started the week with an assembly led by our Y6 mental health leaders. Elijah, Rosie, Christopher, Isla, Daniel and Joab talked to our children about what mental health is. All classes have enjoyed various activities throughout the week where we have discussed the importance of mental health and how we can build strategies to help us improve our mental well-being. This week we have also launched 'My Happy Mind' in our classes. This programme for schools is grounded in the latest scientific research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing. There is also a parent app too, so that you can reinforce everything your children are learning at school when they're at home. If you would like more information about this fantastic programme please click here [School Programme - myHappyMind](#)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday our Year 3 children celebrated their sacrament of Reconciliation in church with Father Tony and their families. The children read confidently and prayed reverently, and we were very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Metters who has prepared the children so beautifully.

Please remember these children in your prayers as they continue to learn more about their faith and develop their personal relationship with God.





Designated Safeguarding

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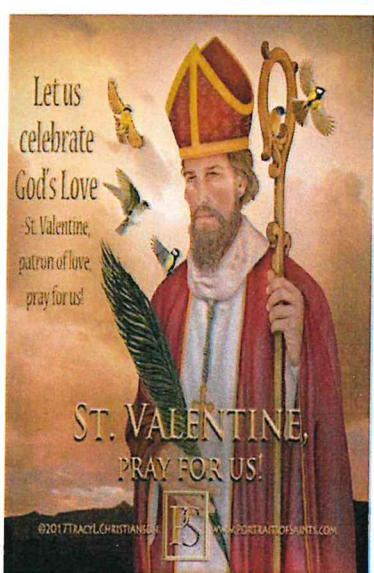
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Chair of Governing Body:

Michael Mitchell

Governor responsible for Safeguarding: Mrs Kirsty Shenton

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Parent Survey

I would like to thank you for your overwhelmingly positive responses to the recent survey.

The results were extremely pleasing and confirms what a wonderful school family we have at St Gabriel's. We very much value your thoughts and we are always looking at how to improve. It is so pleasing to know that 100% of parents feel that they are welcome in school and that their children are happy at school. Whilst the survey was incredibly positive there were a couple of minor issues raised;

- Parents prefer teacher consultations face to face rather than online. As a result, the spring term parents consultations will be face to face.
- Some parents would like the office to be open later. This is something that we are looking into.
- Whilst most parents appreciated the increased opportunities in extra-curricular activities provided this year, some parents felt that there should be more provision. At present, we have 19 extra-curricular clubs, and whilst we will endeavour to increase the provision, there is however limited space in school.

Playground Equipment

Parents in foundation stage and key stage one may have noticed the wonderful new playground equipment we have installed in our playground this week. The children are very excited and have really enjoyed playing on it. Due to health and safety regulations the equipment is only allowed to be played on during the school day, so please may I request that although tempting, preschool children and our school children do not play on the equipment after school. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Car park

Thank you for your patience with the installation of our new gates. We are extremely grateful to the diocese for providing the funding for this.

Medication

If your child needs to take medication during school hours please ensure you have completed a medical form. For parents who use Whizz Kids these forms are available from Whizz Kids staff. Please ask Nicky or Jason for a form and they will gladly help.

Valentine's Day menu L ♥ ve is in the air!

There will be a change of menu on 14th February – please book on school spider if you wish your child to have a hot dinner.



Cheese oakcakes will now be on sale on Friday breaktime instead of pizza baps for 60p



As Spring arrives could you remind your children to keep off the grassy banks as the bulbs start to show.

Thank you.

Burger in a bun with wedges

Loaded jacket potatoes with cheese

Heart shaped shortbread cookie.



Prayer Bags

In Reception this week Sebastian Wilkinson has been chosen to take home the prayer bag for continually displaying our school values.

In Year 3 this week Finn McCann has been chosen for living their life as Jesus would want us to.

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children (and staff!) are looking forward to an exciting week at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre in Staffordshire next week. We can't wait to hear about their adventures!

Wishing you a restful and happy weekend.

Mrs C. Stevenson.
Deputy Headteacher.

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