



# ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRE-SCHOOL

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## Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2023

Welcome back to our second half term at Pre-School, we hope you have all had a lovely half term. This half term is going to be so exciting and we have lots of fun things planned in the run up to Christmas.

### Our topics this half-term will be 'Traditional tales' and 'Celebrations'

Within this we will be doing different themes each week which are based on our Twinkl phonics:

- Goldilocks – 6/11
- Little Red Riding Hood – 13/11
- The Gingerbread Man – 20/11
- The Three Little Pigs – 27/11
- The Enormous Turnip – 4/12
- Jack and the Beanstalk – 11/12
- Christmas activities – 18/12

Our first week back we will be learning about 'how to look after ourselves' and 'our emotions'. We will also have a visit from a nurse to teach us all about good hygiene, hand washing and how important it is.

The celebrations we will be looking at are Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Advent, Hannukah and Christmas.

We will also have a quality text each week and our activities will be based around this book and the theme.

### Maths

We will be following White Rose from Master the Curriculum. We will be doing the following topics:

- Sorting
- Subitising number 1 and 2
- Patterns

We will also learn a different nursery rhyme each week.

We will continue to do PE with ASM on Tuesdays and Rhythm time on Thursdays. This half term we are also going to be joining up with year 5 on a Wednesday afternoon and each child will have a reading buddy.

### Drop off and Collection

In the morning please use the buzzer and tell us the name of your child, do not let other people in unless you announce their names too. The same applies at the end of the day, if anyone else is picking up your child please send us a message via Dojo, and make sure they know your unique password. The main gate is open from 2.55pm if you arrive any earlier please just press the buzzer and the school office will let you in.

**The Pre-school day is still finishing at 3pm, there will be a late charge if you collect your child after this time. If you have other children in the main school please remember to collect your Pre-school child first.**

Remember to label all items: clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. Especially uniform as we very quickly end up with a pile of unnamed cardigans and jumpers. Please send your child in with a bag of spare clothes, including socks and pants. This can stay on their peg and will be sent home to be refilled if there are any accidents.

**If you could please send your child in with wellies we can keep these in school, then we can still get out and have fun even in the wet weather.**

### **Snack**

We continue to ask parents to support us by contributing to our snack cupboard and fridge! If you could donate any items to replenish our stock, it is greatly appreciated. If you are able to bring fresh foods, please do this at the beginning of the week. If it is dry foods (good dates) anytime is good. They are offered milk or water to go with this.

Please note, if your child brings a packed lunch can you please cut up grapes and small tomatoes lengthwise as they are a choking hazard.

### **Reminder**

If you haven't done so already there is a blank photograph album in your child's book bag, (if you need another copy please let us know) this is for you to do at home to put photos of family, friends, pets etc. If you would like us to print any photos for you please email them to [preschool@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Notice Board**

The lunch menu is changing next week, there will be a copy on the notice board outside Pre-School along with our holiday dates.

### **Invoices**

Invoices will be sent out this week, if you have not already paid the previous one, please do so as soon as possible as this is now overdue.

I am sending home some WOW moment templates, please feel free to fill these in when your child does anything amazing at home that they would like to share with us and we can display them at Pre-School.

### **Funding Forms**

**You will also be receiving your new funding form to fill out for next term, these need to be handed in by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November please.**

Please feel that you can come to us with any concerns or worries you may have, any questions, or just a catch up, we are available at the beginning or end of each day, and via email or class Dojo during Pre-School hours.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Cookson