



ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRE-SCHOOL

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Spring First Half Term 2024

Welcome back to our First Half Term of 2024. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Our topic this half-term will be 'People That Help Us'

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

- 8/1 – Firefighters
- 15/1 – Teacher and Support Staff
- 22/1 – Doctors
- 29/1 – Police
- 5/2 – Vets
- 12/2 - Dentist

We will also have a quality text each week and our activities will be based around this book and the theme. We will be having special visitors in based on our themes and also taking trips out locally around the community.

Maths

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

- Recapping Number 1 and 2
- Numbers 3,4 and 5

We will also learn a different nursery rhyme each week which follows our Maths topic.

We will continue to do PE with ASM on Tuesdays and Rhythm time on Thursdays.

Last half term we joined up with our Year 5 buddies on a Wednesday Afternoon, it has been lovely seeing the children getting to know their buddies and having fun reading and doing activities together. We also had a fun Christmas Craft morning with them in December and last week we had a visit from the Fire Engine together too.

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.

Snack

From this half term we are going to be providing snack for the children. We will have a fruit bowl available each day on our snack table. Children will be able to access snack throughout the morning and come up and choose a piece of fruit and pour themselves a cup of milk or water. This will help encourage their independence.

Many thanks for all donations received last half term, we really appreciate your support.

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.

Lunch

Please note as mentioned before Christmas, lunch has now increased in price to £2.75.

Next Steps

This week you will be receiving a copy of your child's Next Steps, these are smart targets that each Key Person has identified to help your child's progress. Once these targets are met they will be highlighted. New targets will be given each time your child achieves one, these will be shown to you termly.

Toys from home

There has been an increase in the amount of children bringing in toys from home, this becomes a problem when they go missing. We want to try and avoid children getting upset so we please ask that you refrain from letting your child bring in any personal items.

Invoices

Invoices have been sent out, if you have not already paid the previous one, please do so as soon as possible as this is now overdue. If anyone needs an invoice sending again please message me on Dojo.

Please continue to send in WOW vouchers from home, children love sharing them with us and we can put them up on our WOW display.

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
Katie Cartlidge
Julia Sterio
Andrea Sherratt
Sara Stakes