



The Messenger

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We began the week starting the 2nd week of Advent with Fr Tony leading us virtually in our class assemblies. His presence has been really welcomed by the children as he leads us through the special season. We will receive our last assembly from Fr Tony on Monday.

This week also saw us having to close the Reception class because of a further positive Covid case. It was so disappointing having to see our young children leave earlier for Christmas than expected. Thank you to all parents for their support this week in relation to this. I am hoping that we will have no further disruption before Christmas. With the roll out of a vaccine now taking place there is much needed hope and light ahead as we look forward into a new year.

With regard to receiving a positive test once we have closed please see the information on the last page of this newsletter.

We will be uploading some presentations to the website next week ready for Christmas, with something from each class. New pages will be set up, with a password for you to access. These will be made accessible to you next week so look out for your child's class password which you will receive by email.

Christmas Jumper day and Party Day on Monday of next week... just to clarify, children can wear own clothes for this day with their festive attire! Our Christmas lunch will be shared on Wednesday.

Wishing you a wonderful and safe weekend.

E J Byrne

Star of the Week and Kindness Award winners

Class	Star of the Week 4.12.20	Star of the Week 11.12.20	Kindness Award 4.12.20	Kindness Award 11.12.20
Pre School	Liam Hunt	River Van Schijndel	Finley Jones	Billy Lusher
Reception	Franco Boughey		Emmie Poole	
Year 1	Nyah Luxford	Ruby Lusher	Harry Broad	Lilly Crisford
Year 2	Dollie Ankers	Arabella Sweeting	Maya Thorpe	Hirushi Patabendige
Year 3	Annabel Berry	Nancy Machin	Jemma Rawlinson	Joel Thomas
Year 4	Aryana Nekoei	Jack Billingsley	Joab Dickenson	Daniel Khan
Year 5	William Brereton	Ben Hammond	Jessica Stansfield	Anya Hickman
Year 6	James Davies	Ethan Brown	Norah-Mae Canny	Hannah Percy

Key Dates

Mon 14 December 2020	Christmas Jumpers/Non Uniform/Class Party
Wed 16 December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Fri 18 December 2020	School closes
Mon 4 January 2021	'Happy New Year' School opens for Spring Term
Mon 11 January 2021	Individual photographs
Fri 12 February 2021	School closes for half term

Attendance	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
30 Nov -4 Dec	96.5	98.5	97.9	99.3	98.7	99.4	99.3	98.5

Fantastic attendance again last week from all classes above 96%. Y5 edged out Y6 by 0.1% Excellent! Overall our attendance this term has been just brilliant. Next week I will share the termly figures for the best attended class!

An Advent Prayer

Light Up Our Lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness
 Light up our lives with your coming.
 Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth
 Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world
 And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.
 Amen.

School Building Fund Reminder: You will not have failed to notice the extensive roof repairs we have recently received. We still have to make contributions to the Diocese annually from the Building Fund we ask of all parents to contribute to for their child. The voluntary contribution we ask for is £ 15 per pupil. Thank you to those parents that have so very generously given. At this time of year, I know funds will be tight but if you have not contributed yet could I ask you to consider in the new year. Thank you.

HOOKED ON BOOKS- NEW BOOKS FOR EACH CLASS

Classrooms have been filled with excitement as *Hooked on Books* resumed this half term.

This created a real buzz about books in each year group as children voted for the book they most wanted to add to their class library.

Different classes organised their voting systems in their own way, creating lots of discussion, debate and enthusiasm for books.

The following books were chosen:

Reception – *Squirrel's Autumn Search* by Anita Loughrey.

Year 1 - *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

Year 2 – *A Piglet Called Truffle* by Helen Peters

Year 3 – *Eagle Warrior* by Gill Lewis

Year 4 – *The Ickabog* by JK Rowling

Year 5 – *Animalcolm* by David Baddiel

Year 6 – *The 1,000 Year Old Boy*



We can't wait to start reading them!

Christmas holidays-Covid 19

- If any member of your household is displaying any of the 3 main Covid 19 symptoms you must seek a test and all self-isolate and await the test results.
- Your child must only get a Covid19 test if they have any of the 3 main symptoms.

If your child **develops symptoms on or up to Sunday 20th December,** you must inform us **as soon as** you have test results so that we can contact parents within the class/bubble and advise them that they must self-isolate. We will access the email account head@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk up to and including December 24th.

If your child **develops symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards,** you must inform us as soon as you have the test results, but we will not need to contact any parents or families as close contacts to advise them of the need to self-isolate.

When contacting the email address, please provide the information below to enable us to take the appropriate action.

Date symptoms started:

Date last in school:

Date of test:

Thank you.