



The Messenger

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week saw us really get festive with a brilliant Christmas Jumper Day and party on Monday for the children. There was a great spirit amongst the school which was fuelled by an unexpected arrival of Santa's elf along the way. Christmas cheer was also brought to Milton House residents nearby this week as Y2 made a visit to sing to them in their grounds. The residents thought our children were wonderful as they spread their Christmas sparkle in the community this week. Well done to Y2!

A special note as well for Y6 and their Business Enterprise project which raised over £210. They chose their charities in which they wanted to support which again shows great maturity and responsibility by all of them. A super effort Y6.



We have also uploaded some presentations to the website which you will receive notification about if not already, along with the password to access your child's page. We hope you enjoy them.

And finally...thank you for all of your support this term in the most difficult circumstances. Your children have been a real credit in adapting to so many new routines experienced. Your kindness of christmas gifts for staff have all been greatly appreciated...Thank you!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! (and safe)

E J Byrne

Christmas Mass 25th December 11:00 here at St Gabriel's School on the playground at the rear. Please bring your own camping chair. You need to book if you intend to come to mass over the Christmas period for masses in church. Details will be on St Gabriel's Parish website... <http://www.stgabrielsalsager.org.uk/happening.htm>

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Star of the Week and Kindness Award winners

Class	Star of the Week 11.12.20	Star of the Week 18.12.20	Kindness Award 11.12.20	Kindness Award 18.12.20
Pre School	River Van Schijndel	All stars ☺	Billy Lusher	All showed acts of kindness this week!
Reception				
Year 1	Ruby Lusher	Pippa Joynes	Lilly Crisford	Chloe Woodfine
Year 2	Arabella Sweeting	Jenson Kent	Hirushi Patabendige	Tyga-Lily Frost
Year 3	Nancy Machin	Amelia Peyton	Joel Thomas	Ocean Nekoei
Year 4	Jack Billingsley	Samuel Rayner	Daniel Khan	George Simm
Year 5	Ben Hammond	Eleanor Powell	Anya Hickman	Suzie Malkin
Year 6	Ethan Brown	Francesca Davies	Hannah Percy	Setareh Nekoei

Key Dates

Fri 18 December 2020	School closes
Mon 4 January 2021	<i>'Happy New Year'</i> School opens for Spring Term
Mon 11 January 2021	Individual photographs
Week of 11 Jan	Author Writing Masterclasses for Y1-Y6
Fri 12 February 2021	School closes for half term

Attendance	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
Term Sept-Dec 20	97.9	98.3	94.8	98.5	97.8	98.8	97.4	97.6

These figures are just incredible! Thank you for all of your efforts here as the whole school average reaches 97% which is excellent. Congratulations to Year 5 and Y3 with magnificent figures. So proud of you all!

The recent election for a new 'Parent Governor' saw Mr Jonathan Luxford duly elected. As an ex-pupil of St Gabriel's, I am sure he will be a great asset to the Governing Body in the terms and years ahead. I would like to thank him and the other candidates who stood, for their commitment in supporting the school.

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:

Should you or your child be isolating before our return on the 4th January 2021 and is unable to return, please inform us via

admin@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you.

Booking for Christmas Masses

In order to comply with government guidelines to keep us all safe and well during the pandemic, if you would like to attend one of the Masses at Christmas, you will need to book a seat in advance.

Masses are at the following times:

24th December - Christmas Eve: 3 pm; 6.30 pm; (Bookings Needed)

25th December - Christmas Day: 9.30 am; (Bookings Needed)

11.00 am in St. Gabriel's School Playground (no bookings necessary for last open-air mass)

Please book for your own household only

You can make a booking either

- in person at one of the Masses on Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Monday 21st December;
- on the phone to Deacon Eddie, 07851376925 please leave a message if there is no reply
- or by email to: eddie.miller1348@gmail.com

Please state:

- the first name, surname and telephone number of the person making the booking
- the date and time of the Mass you would like to attend, with alternatives in order of preference
- the number of seats required (maximum of 6 per household,)
- if anyone in your group has mobility difficulties

You will be allocated a numbered seat on a first come, first served basis; one seat number will be given per household.

You can collect your tickets before and after the Masses on Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Tuesday 22nd December or you can ask us to email your allocation to you.

Stewards will open the church doors half an hour before Mass starts. You will need to be in your allocated seat no later than 15 minutes before Mass starts. Any seats not taken by this time may be given to someone else.