



St Gabriel's Newsletter



Headteacher : Mrs. L. Phelps

Monday 5th March 2018

It was an eventful week! But we are back and raring to go. I want to thank you all for your support and patience last week. It was a very difficult decision to close school and I really do apologise for any inconvenience it caused, but I had to ensure the safety of my pupils and staff at all times. I want to say a huge thank you to my wonderful staff who continued to work so hard even while not in school, I am a very lucky Head Teacher to have such dedicated staff. It was amazing to see all the wonderful work the children were doing in the snow. Thank you to everyone who sent us photographs via Facebook and Twitter. On a personal note, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the parents who sent me such lovely and supportive messages. I really do appreciate your kind words and the support you have given me since I have started at St Gabriel's. You have all welcomed me so warmly it has been incredible.

I will update you in the newsletter about the new date for World book day and book and breakfast along with the exciting news about our Rocket Fund Project. Hope you all have a wonderful and a bit warmer week!

Mrs Phelps

Easter Holidays

Friday 30th March 2018 – Friday 13th April 2018

Rocket Funding Project

I hope you have all been following the progress of our Rocket Funding Project to bring VR Technology to school. The project went live last Monday and the response has been amazing.

We have had lots of support come in, and a big thank you to parents, staff and local businesses (**AAA roofing, Ben Davies Plastering, RNL Electrical services and PIR Electrical**). We also had some fabulous support from **Protocol Education**.

On Saturday night and Sunday afternoon we had two unbelievable donations. Staff had taken to twitter to ask local Teesside celebrities to retweet our campaign. We never expected **Steph McGovern, Glen Durrant and Bob Mortimer** to personally donate to the project. We are incredibly grateful to them both for their support and can't wait for the equipment to arrive. Thank you to our very kind parents who also donated some VR sets to school this was incredibly generous and we are very grateful for your support.

We are still looking for donations so if anyone knows any local businesses (or celebrities) who might donate please let me know. The staff are amazing on Twitter!!!!



Trees

We are expecting our delivery of trees this week for the new wildlife area we are creating on the school field. I will send out more information but we would love parents to come and help us plant them to create a new learning area for the children.

Social Media

As a school we believe using social media can celebrate your child's achievements. You can follow us on Facebook, on twitter (@GabrielsOrmesby) or follow me on Instagram (@stgabrielsheadteacher)

Website of the week

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

I can't recommend this site enough! It's an amazing free resource for children to help them research so many different topics and themes

World Book Day 2018

I am sure many of you guessed that I was a bit excited for World Book Day and I cannot believe that the snow managed to spoil all our fun. However please find below the information for the rearranged events this week.



Get Caught reading

Thank you to everyone who entered our get caught reading campaign. I was so impressed with all of the entries from both children and staff! I will send out prizes and certificates this week.

Tuesday 6th March – Theatre Visit

On the afternoon of 6th March, Mrs Caley has kindly organised a visit to school from a local theatre company with a play which includes some very familiar characters

Friday 9th March – Dressing up day – Favourite Character.

Friday 9th March Book and Breakfast.

On Friday 9th March we would like to invite you to our first book and breakfast event. It will be your opportunity to join us for a FREE breakfast before sharing some books in your child's classroom at the start of the day. The event will run from 8:30 until 9:30.

Book and Breakfast is a free event but on the day if anyone can spare any small change as a donation to our Rocket Fund it would be really appreciated.

World book Day Voucher

The children will bring home their World Book day Voucher today – they are still valid and can be redeemed until 25th March



New Logo

A huge thank you to everyone who has commented on our Social Media feeds about our new school Logo. The three options are below for you to look at. We really want to hear your opinions so please speak to myself or any member of staff in school. The new logo will go on new uniform, however any uniform with the previous logo on can still be worn, all new uniform purchased will have the new logo.

Option 1



Option2



Option 3



Parents Evening 12 & 13th March
Letters with Dates and times for Parents evening will be sent out from today.