



St Gabriel's Newsletter

Headteacher : Mrs. L. Phelps

Thursday 8th February 2018



I cannot believe it is already nearly half term. I have had a wonderful five weeks getting to know the children and staff of St Gabriel's. Each day I love the number of visits to my office from children who have been working so hard in class, those who have taken time to draw or write me a letter at home and even those who just fancy popping in to say hello. I cannot describe how proud I am of your children and as we move into next half term I cannot wait to see what they will all achieve. We have a number of events taking place after half term and I have included some information about them. On the back I have also included the information about World Book Day, 1st March, which is one of my favourite days of the year. We are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite character on this day. I can't wait to see what they choose and the outfits my teachers also pick! I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Phelps

February Half Term

Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

PD DAY – MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2018 – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.

Children return to school: TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2018

Social Media and Internet Safety

Social Media is part of every day life and used safely can be an amazing tool to stay in contact with friends and family or find out up to date information. During Internet Safety Day we have worked with the children to help the children understand how to use the internet safely and be good online citizens.

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)

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has returned the parent questionnaires, they have been a great insight into your thoughts and opinions as well as giving us ways to improve. I will fully analyse the replies over half term and write to you with the results. A few requests

I have read so far have included:

- 1: A Key Stage 2 fruit shop for playtime.
- 2: A review of our extended school clubs for EYFS and KS1

Farewell

This week we sadly say farwell to Mrs Thomson, Mrs Boyes and Mr Fossey. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to St Gabriel's.

Forms

A few weeks ago we sent out a number of forms in relation to photography and trips. Please could any remaining forms be returned ASAP.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on 12th and 13th March. Letters will follow after half term.

Website of the week

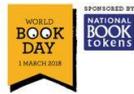
<http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

[National Geographic Kids](http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/) is great for children aged six to 13 years old. It has some stunning images and interactive games and colouring books. A lovely site for children to learn more about animals, wildlife and the world around them.

World Book Day 2018

World Book day takes place on Thursday 1st March.

This year we would like the children (and staff) to dress as their favourite book character. Although the dressing up will take place on one day that week, I am already planning lots of exciting activities for the whole week.



#WORLDBOOKDAY 2018
THURSDAY 1 MARCH



Get Caught reading

During the week we will be running a special competition which will encourage our children to 'Get Caught Reading'. We want to see photographs of our children reading in the most unusual places. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative so get your thinking caps on.

Thursday 1st March – Dressing up day – Favourite Character.

Friday 2nd March Book and Breakfast.

On Friday 2nd 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.

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

Keep watching our Social Media Feeds during this week for more exciting events and surprises!!!



Outdoor Learning

I believe outdoor learning should be something that takes place all of the time to help children learn about the weather, environment or to support the teaching of a particular concept. With this in mind I have asked staff to integrate outdoor learning into the whole curriculum. This means the children will no longer work on Thermal Thursday but instead Outdoor work will be done at various points when appropriate.

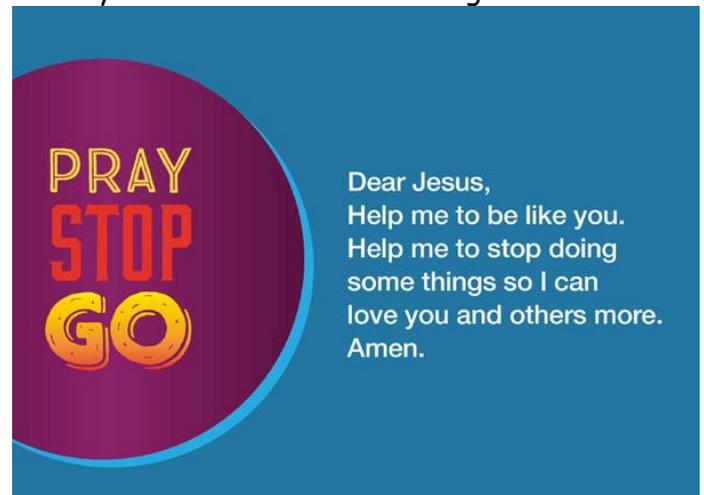
Staff will inform parents (with plenty of notice) if any outdoor clothing is required.

Trees

Recently I have received confirmation that we have secured delivery of over 150 trees. I am excited to announce our plans to create a nature garden within our grounds. I will send out an invitation once we have had our delivery to ask you to join us for a tree planting day.

Lent

This week we started our preparations for Lent which begins next week during half term. We are asking the children to: Stop, Pray, Go - Why not ask your child about the message behind this.



Logo and Uniform Consultation

This week I have asked for our Logo to be given a bit of a makeover to help us think about the message we want to spread about St Gabriel's. After the holiday I would like to ask all parents, children and staff to give me their opinions on our school uniform and help to decide upon a new Logo from a number of possible designs. I can't wait to see them all. Keep an eye on our social media feeds for a sneak peek when the proofs arrive.