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Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a healthy and enjoyable Christmas. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity during the Advent Season. You have contributed to Father Hudson's, through toiletry donations, to our Parish Church, through raffle ticket purchases, to CAFOD World Gifts, by donating to the class Christmas Card and prior to this, to The British Legion through the support of Remembrance merchandise. Thank you all for the difference that you have made. The Liturgical Leaders will write to you to say exactly how the CAFOD World Gifts money was spent.

Thank you also for personal gifts and cards to staff – these are truly appreciated.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their support in making many Christmassy memories – purchasing gifts and contacting Santa himself for a visit and for the pantomime that they provided for the whole school. Each year, they encourage the decoration of the classroom doors – here are the winning class entries for 2024 (Holy Family, St Martin and St Mary Magdalene):



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Thank you to all who were able to support our Liturgical Events – especially the Nativity Craft for Early Years and the Carol Service. We were overwhelmed by your support.

Winter weather

As we enter into the winter months, I would like to remind you of the procedures for cold weather, in particular – snow. It is always our intention for the school to be open. We work hard to make the site accessible but we often have to put a number of restrictions in place in order to reduce risk. We attempt to clear paths and entrances and have the main access points gritted. This is sometimes challenged by the timing of the snowfall. This work starts very early in the morning to be ready for a usual start. However, there are times when we may need to make alternative arrangements. These may include:

- A delayed opening time
- School closure (before the day has begun)
- Early school closure (due to heavy snowfall during the day)
- Reduced parking on the carpark due to a lack of visibility of spaces and increased risk of skidding.

What we ask of you as parents:

- Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed – in particular their footwear
- Be alert to messages sent about school closure. These would come via the text message service as well as being repeated on MarvellousMe. Please make sure that any relatives/child carers who are not on these systems are informed of the message if they are the person bringing your child to school.
- Should the school be closed – this would also be reported via Wolverhampton Facebook Site by the Local Authority and the local radio.
- Please do not panic about punctuality. We recognise that the journey to school would be more challenging and safety is paramount. On occasions of snow, someone will remain at the back gate until 9:15am.

Whether or not we allow children to go outside on a snow day is risk assessed at the time and may differ per playground, as playgrounds get differing amounts of sunlight, melting ice – for example. We ask that you send suitable clothing in case this is a possibility.

As we move into what is the shortest term of the year, I would like to point out a few key events, share an updated calendar and inform you of the progress with the multi-academy St Gabriel the Archangel.



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The CEO has now been appointed for the St Gabriel the Archangel Multi-academy Trust. We are pleased to share that our current CEO – Toni Ellis, has been appointed as the CEO for the new company. Within her current role, Toni has been a strength of support across all of our MAC schools and has led with a strong vision. We are therefore very pleased that she will become the leader of this larger establishment. Again, I will keep you informed of any further advancements over the forthcoming months.

Other updates:

Miss Jackson – As many of you are aware, Miss Jackson left last March to have her baby. She has decided not to return to her post. Therefore, we currently have an advert out for a class teacher/SENDCo role. This is available via our website –

<https://www.stanthonyscpa.co.uk/vacancies/> closing date 13th January.

Multi-skills with Soccer 2000 is now available for pupils who have registered interest from **St Veronica's class** for this half term. Please register your interest via the link

<https://forms.gle/acXN38VsTrZtrE1w5> (see MarvellousMe for letter with more information).

Other communication: An updated afterschool club letter and class curriculum newsletters will be sent out by Friday.

I hope that you all have a great start to this new year.

Kind regards,



Mrs T Davis
(Principal)

Dates for your diary (new items indicated by *)

Monday 23/12 – Friday 3/1	SCHOOL CLOSED – CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday 6 th January	Back to school
Monday 6 th January	Epiphany Mass 9:30am
Tuesday 7 th January	9-10am SEN Coffee morning – ‘Toileting’ with SEN School Nurses – sign up online https://forms.gle/s1sMwGbuPNdL8eYM7
Friday 10 th January	Class newsletters sent home with relevant dates and curriculum information



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*Monday 13 th January	Y4 pupils SPARKS Programme with Fire Service
*Thursday 16 th January	CENSUS Day – special meal available from catering service
Friday 17 th January	St Francis's class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Friday 24 th January	St Joseph's class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Friday 31 st January	St Stephen's class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
*Wednesday 5 th February – Thursday 6 th February	Y2 Visit to Kingswood
Friday 7 th February	St Cecilia's class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Tuesday 11 th February	Online Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th February	Online Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Friday 14 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM
Tuesday 4 th March	9-10am SEN Coffee morning – 'Sleep' with SEN School Nurses – sign up online https://forms.gle/vKbcoVy1Gjvz8ZVc8
Wednesday 5 th March	10am Ash Wednesday Mass – parents welcome
Friday 7 th March	St Maximilian's class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Wednesday 12 th March	Reception Parents – Phonic Workshop 9am
Friday 14 th March	St Mary Magdalene's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Friday 21 st March	St Bernadette's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Friday 28 th March	St Patrick's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:30 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Wednesday 9 th April	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation 1:30-3pm in church – parents welcome. <i>This is mostly a silent service – parents do not need to be present but are of course welcome.</i>
Thursday 10 th April	All day – Lenten Retreat with Onelife Music – pupils from Reception to Y6
Friday 11 th April	9:30am Lent Mass – parents welcome
Friday 11 th April	Break up for Easter – early finish 2:15pm; (Nursery 2:30pm)
Monday 14/4 – Friday 25/4	SCHOOL CLOSED – EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 28 th April	Back to school
Monday 28 th April	Open Classroom Nursery 12:45pm (<i>Parents will be invited in once pupils have come through the gates and settled in</i>)
Tuesday 29 th April	Open Classroom Reception 2pm



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Wednesday 30 th April	Open Classroom Nursery 8:45am (<i>Parents will be invited in once pupils have come through the gates and settled in</i>)
Wednesday 30 th April	Open Classroom KS1 2:15pm
Thursday 1 st May	Open Classroom UKS2 9am
Thursday 2 nd May	Open Classroom LKS2 2:30pm
Friday 2 nd May	Easter Mass 9:30am – parents welcome
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Friday 9 th May	St John Bosco's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Saturday 10 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion – 10:30am
Monday 12/5 – Thursday 15/5	Y6 SATS Test week
Friday 16 th May	St Martin's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Wednesday 21 st May	9-10am SEN Coffee morning – 'Dental' with SEN School Nurses – sign up online https://forms.gle/vKbcoVy1Gjvz8ZVc8
Thursday 22 nd May	Crowning Mary Celebration in church 2:15pm – children are asked to bring in fresh flowers. Parents welcome.
*Thursday 22 nd May	Wear orange day – Non-uniform. Please wear an item of orange clothing or an orange accessory. This is awareness raising of Coeliac Disease, which is a condition affecting a number of members of our school community.
Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 26/5-Friday 30/5	SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	Y4 multiplication check fortnight
Monday 9 th June	Y1 phonic screening assessment week (+ Y2 resits)
Friday 13 th June	St Anthony's Feast Day – Mass 10am
Friday 13 th June	St Veronica's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Friday 20 th June	St Francis's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Monday 23 rd June	Sports Day: YN 8:45; YR 9:45; KS1 11; KS2 1:30pm
Thursday 26 th June	Reserve sports day
Friday 27 th June	St Joseph's Class assembly – parents welcome – enter at 2:35 for a prompt start. We will not be able to accommodate late comers.
Monday 30/6-Friday 4/7	Y6 transition (most secondary schools hold their transition events this week) Reception to Y5 pupils visit their new classes for September
Friday 4 th July	Class talent shows (all ages)
*Friday 4 th July	<i>Date reserved for Summer Fete – 3:30-5:30pm</i>
Wednesday 9 th July	Theatre Club production 6:45pm
Wednesday 9 th July	End of year reports to parents
Friday 11 th July	Whole school talent show 1:45pm – <i>sadly we cannot invite parents due to lack of space.</i>
Monday 14 th July	1:30pm Garden Party for the Parishioners – served by Y6



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Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 leavers disco 5:45pm followed by parents' bistro at 7:15pm
Friday 18 th July	9:30am Leavers' Mass – parents welcome
Friday 18 th July	Break up for Summer– early finish 2:15pm; (Nursery 2:30pm)
Monday 21st July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July	SCHOOL CLOSED – SUMMER HOLIDAY



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