

ST GILBERT'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 5th September 2017

WELCOME BACK!

Mr Graves

I hope you've had a great summer! Welcome back to the new school year – I'm here until Christmas, and I'm really looking forward to working with everyone in this wonderful school community! Miss Tumelty sends her best regards, and she will see you all soon! Thank you for the lovely welcome that I have received.

Next holiday...

We break up for half term of on **Thursday 19th October**. School reopens on **Monday 30th October**.

Mass

We have Mass in school at 2.30pm this Friday (8th September), please feel welcome to join us!

Earrings

Please note that earrings are not to be worn in school, as they can result in some nasty incidents.

Keeping Children Safe

Children are being reminded that their safety on the playground is paramount at all times, including home time. Please can you assist the staff by helping us to remind your children that they should not climb on any walls, benches or gates and that they should not leave the playground without their parents.

Photographs: Facebook and Social Media

We ask that when you take photographs of children in school at an event such as assembly, that you do so at the end of the event, and that the photograph ONLY contains your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Toys

St Gilbert's is unable to guarantee that any toys brought into school will not be damaged or lost. Therefore, children must not bring toys into school. Thank you.

Internet Safety at Home

Most broadband providers operate a 'firewall' that you can switch on for your home broadband, that tries to stop all inappropriate material being displayed on any laptop, tablet, phone or device that connects to your home's wifi. For more details, contact your provider, Eg:

BT: 0800 100 400 Sky: 0800 151 2747
Plus Net: 0800 432 0080 Talk Talk: 0800 049 1374 Virgin Media: 0345 454 1111
EE: 0800 079 5119 Tesco: 0345 30 400 30

SATs 2017 / Phonics Tests

Year 6 SATs exams are below, and Year 2 SATs are carried out throughout the month of May.

May 2018: w/c 14th May

May 2019: w/c 13th May

Children in Year 1 must sit a National Phonics Test at the end of the school year...

June 2018: w/c 11th June

June 2019: w/c 10th June

Please avoid any absences during any of the above dates.

Safe Working Environment

In line with Salford Council's policy, immediate action will be taken against any instances of verbal or physical abuse of school staff.

Family Holiday

Please remember that schools are no longer allowed to authorise absences for family holidays.

Reading Books

Regrettably, we must charge for lost or damaged reading books. The charge is £5 per book.

Arriving and Leaving School

For insurance purposes, children must not arrive at school before 8.45am if an adult does not supervise them. All children should enter the school building as soon as possible after the 8.45am bell. Children who arrive after 9.00am will be marked late & should use the main entrance.

If your child walks home on their own they are encouraged to leave the school grounds and head home straight away. Please discuss with your child the time you expect them to arrive home.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly and in the event you do find head-lice, please treat them immediately to avoid further spread of these determined little creatures.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact Salford Council on 0161 793 2500

Unavoidable Closure

If it is felt necessary to close the school due to weather or building problems, this information will be put up on the school website and on the Twitter feed as soon as possible.

Phone Numbers

It is very important that school has an up to date phone number so that we can contact you in the case of an emergency. Please ensure that if you have changed your mobile number, that the office has been informed. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

If your child walks to school (during Year 6) and you wish them to carry a mobile phone,

we ask that your child gives the phone to their classteacher, which will then be sent to the office for safekeeping during the day. As the battery will be needed to use the phone if it is required on the way home, the child should switch the phone off prior to handing it in, to save the battery's power. It is the child's responsibility to switch the phone off and hand it in at Morning Registration and to ask for it at hometime. Phones must not be used on the school grounds for any reason.

Wristbands and Jewellery

We would like to remind children that jewellery and wristbands are not to be worn in school.

Water in School

Children are encouraged to bring water into school (no other drinks are allowed i.e. no juice or flavoured water). They should bring water in a clear plastic water bottle with the child's name on. The bottle should be taken home in the evening to wash and refill. Thank you.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler, please ensure that there are 2 inhalers kept in school, and that the ones you send in are not out of date. Thank you.

PE

If your child is unable to take part in PE, **we respectfully request that this MUST be put in writing and addressed to the headteacher**. If you catch a member of staff in the morning and tell them, **it still must be placed in writing before the PE lesson**. This measure ensures that we can easily tell all staff, and it ensures that 'Chinese whispers' do not result in us having incorrect information. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher

In school at 3.00pm on 11th and 12th September! I will be around from 2.30pm if you wish to say hello.

11th = Y6/5/2/Reception.

12th = Y4/3/1

Caritas

We have a new Caritas worker starting with us this September called Alison. I'm sure you will all make her feel very welcome.