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Dear Parents,

Curriculum Evening Thursday 17th March 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Please see the flyer. We truly hope as many parents as possible attend this event. We have grouped together three essential areas of importance.

Mathematics – The revised National Curriculum for maths is essentially much harder! It demands the understanding of more difficult concepts at an earlier age whilst promoting 'deeper learning' of all skills by all children.

E-Safety – E-Safety is an ongoing area of concern for both parents and schools.

National Assessment – We are now in a so called 'world without levels'. Your children will now be assessed as work below, at or beyond their age-related expectation. This is a huge national change!

Come and learn more about these three issues and gain practical advice in how to support your children.

World Book Day – Book Bonanza 3rd March – How better to celebrate World Book Day than by class 'swaps of books'. On World Book Day your child can bring a book or books (no more than 5 per child) into school that they no longer require but that are still in excellent, re-usable condition. Please ensure that the books are age appropriate to your child.

On the same day your child will need to bring in a 50p donation to join in the 'Book Bonanza' selection for their class. This is an ideal opportunity for your child to have fun choosing new books and for a very cheap price!!

The number of books brought by the children will determine how many books can be bought by each child (still for only 50p). If your child brings one book into school we guarantee that they will be able to buy at least one book from the book sale.

Any books left over at the end of the day will first be offered to school and the remainder donated to a local charity shop.

Snowy Weather Reminder – Please note, in the event that school would need to close due to bad weather, parents would be informed by TEXT and a message will be put on the school website homepage: www.stgabrielssch.co.uk.

Dates for Diaries:

Mon 29 th	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Dance Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – <u>last one tonight</u>
Tues 1 st March	Secondary places offered Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Wed 2 nd	Netball Practice – Y5 and Y6 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing Tennis for Year 3 and Year 4 – ongoing to 6 th April Dance Festival at King George’s Hall – details sent earlier Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Thurs 3 rd	Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing to 6 th April World Book Day – Book Bonanza – details sent earlier this week Y3 and Y4 Trip to Halle for Youth at Bridgewater Hall, a.m. Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y4 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing to 7 th April Full Governors Meeting followed by Admissions – 5.00 p.m.
Fri 4 th	Bikeability (all day) Absolute Handball – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – 1 of 5 sessions
Thurs 10 th	Sing Together Concert – choir members only
Wed 16 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs in School – afternoon
Thurs 17 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs in school – afternoon
Fri 18 th	Sport Relief – Sponsored Bounce – details sent home earlier
Mon 21 st	Y5/Y6 Cross Country at QEGS, Harrison Sports Ground
Tues 22 nd	Governors’ Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m. Friends’ Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 24 th	Whole School Eucharist in School Netball Tournament 4.00 p.m.
Fri 25 th	School Closed for Good Friday
Mon 28 th	School Closed for Easter Monday
Tues 29 th	Easter Competition – details to follow
Thurs 31 st	Big Screen Cinema after school – Charlie Brown and Snoopy – details to follow
Tues 5 th April	Parents’ Evening – details to follow (no Gym Club tonight)
Wed 6 th	Y5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge
Thurs 7 th	Parents’ Evening – details to follow (no Choir)
Fri 8 th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. – Easter holiday
Mon 25 th	School re-opens

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher