



# St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

*"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13*

June 2021

Dear Parents,

## Covid Restrictions

Following the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week, schools will not be able to lift any social distancing measures. This is unfortunate and puts a dampener on plans for the end of term. However, we are all hoping that when we return in September, there will be no bubble restrictions and children and staff alike can mix across school, as we used to!



## Huge Thanks!

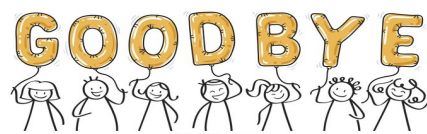
I would like to use this occasion to express thanks from all St Gabriel's staff and Governors for your continued support and understanding during these challenges times.

## *End of an Era - staffing changes*

The end of this term will mark the end of an era for school – as both **Mrs Hollings** and **Mrs Holmes** will be retiring!

Mrs Hollings has been a key point of contact for many of you over the years, having worked at St Gabriel's for almost a quarter of a century... 24 years in total! Mrs Holmes is not far behind her, with 19 years of service!

In addition, **Mrs Marsh**, currently our Year 1 Welfare Assistant, will also be retiring – after 18 years and **Mrs Hilliard**, who joined our Teaching Assistant team 3 years ago, will also be leaving this term – although I'm delighted to say that she will remain on our Friends Committee and Governing Body.



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Lastly, but by no means least, **Mrs Pearson**, will be stepping down from her role as Vice Chair of Governors after 50 years of contact with St Gabriel's – from her own children first attending, to ten years as Secretary (prior to Mrs Hollings) and the remaining 24 years on the Governing Body!

All this amounts to a huge change for our school family. We will miss them all! We wish them the very best in their 'retirements' and would like to express our huge thanks and praise for their individual dedication, care, teamwork and devotion to our school, our children and our staff. We all consider St Gabriel's to be a special place to work – our children are eager learners, with supportive parents and our staff are not only committed, but work as a family to support one another. These relationships are what sets us apart. It is always relationships that matter most.

So, to all our staff 'leavers' thank you and farewell...!

**WE'LL MISS YOU**

## **Year 6 Leavers**

I'm delighted to say that the Y6 Residential trip to Robinwood is still on for next week! We didn't want another year group to miss out on this fantastic opportunity. All arrangements remain Covid compliant. We hope they all have a wonderful time.

## *Dates for Diaries...*

**Tues 22nd** June Y6 Swimming lessons for non-swimmers

**Wed 23—**

**Fri 25th** Y6 Robinwood Trip

**Tues 29th** Y6 Swimming lessons for non-swimmers

**Tues 6th July** Y6 Swimming lessons for non-swimmers

Music Exams—timings to follow

**Tues 13th** Y6 Swimming lessons for non-swimmers

**Mon 12th** No music lessons this week

**Fri 16th** School closes @ 3.30 p.m. for Summer



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