



# St Gerard's Catholic School Newsletter

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*With Christ at our side and St Gerard as our guide we live, love, learn and pray together.*

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school for another term at St Gerard's. After such a long time apart, it was obvious when we opened the gates last week, that we had all missed each other greatly. The children have made a great start to school and their new classes. I wish to thank you all for your support throughout the lockdown and during our return to school, and particularly for your patience and understanding when dropping off and collecting your children. I am sure there will many challenges this term, but I am confident that as a community we will get through it together.

Welcome back!

Mr Crehan

### Nursery & Reception

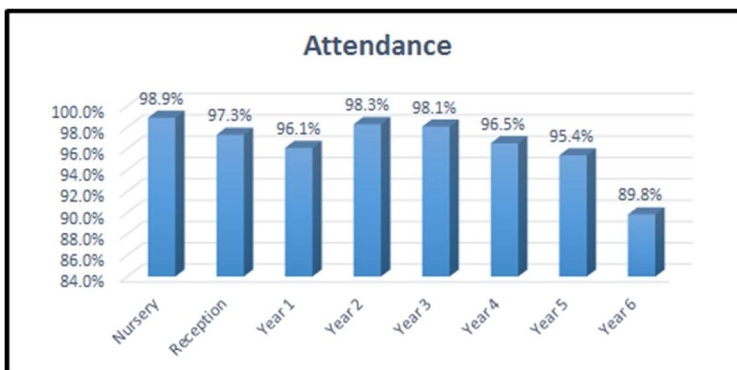
We are very proud of the youngest children in our school. They have started school in a wonderful way. Well done!

I would like to welcome the new parents and children to our school. We look forward to getting to know you and wish you many years of happiness in our school community.



### Attendance

Well done to all the children to making a great start to school. Congratulations to our Nursery children for being the best attenders this week!



Thank you for adhering to social distancing when dropping off and collecting your children.

Please ensure you **do not crowd outside the gates** too as people need to pass safely.

## School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart in their new uniforms.

Please ensure your child wears black school shoes with their uniform. **Trainers and boots are not allowed.**



**Please make sure all items of school uniform including coats are labelled with your child's name.**

## Gospel Virtues



This half term we are **Curious** about everything; and **Active** in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.

## Secondary Transfer Online Year 6

All Secondary Transfer Applications must be submitted between **1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** for your child to transfer to secondary school in September 2021. If you live in Birmingham, apply online at **[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)** If you need any help applying online the school office will be happy to help you. Dates and times of schools open days and sessions are available on MyEd website <https://myed.com/> or on your preferred school websites.

## Nursery Places

If you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place for a 3 year old that was born between 1st Sept 2016 and 31st August 2017 please tell them to make enquiries at the school office.

## Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020	Spring Term 2021	Summer Term 2021
Wednesday 2nd September	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
to	to	to
Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2nd November	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
to	to	to
Friday 18th December	Thursday 1st April	Wednesday 21st July



## Books from Last Year

Please can you have a look at home for any books that your child had in their last class. We are missing some and need them for other children to use. Please return books as soon as possible. Thank you.

### CATCH IT



Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

### BIN IT



Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

### KILL IT



Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.

