



St Gerard's Catholic School Newsletter

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Friday 25th September 2020

Headteacher's Message

What a wonderful few weeks we have had at St Gerard's. The children across the school have been reading the Oliver Jeffers book—'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth'. They have produced lots of wonderful work about retuning to life in a community, looking after each other, treating everyone equally and how to take better care of ourselves and our world.

These messages could not be more important at this current time, where we all have to work together to keep each other safe and well.

Thank you for your continued support with the measures we have in place to look after our community.

Mr Crehan



Hands, Face, Space.

You will be aware of the new Government campaign for tackling Covid-19 over the winter. Your child stays in a bubble during school and washes their hands frequently. We ask that you support this campaign for the safety of our community.

Space (social distancing)

At the end of the school day, parents are **currently** allowed into the playground to collect their children.

However, there have been occasions where social distancing is not occurring. **We have seen parents from different households talking closely, sitting together and even hugging!**

We urge you to **keep a 2 metre distance** from each other, there is plenty of room to do this. Please do not congregate and talk near the gates.

We ask that only one person collects your child, and you leave the playground as soon as possible. Please supervise your children—they should not be playing.

We know this is difficult, but the rules are set by the government and are there for our safety.

We are doing so well as a community - let's keep it up!





Well done Nursery!

We are very pleased with our Nursery children who have made a wonderful start at St Gerard's.

They have been coming in every day with huge smiles and staying for the whole day. They even won the attendance trophy in their first week!

Well done children!

Birthday Sweets

Due to current restrictions we cannot allow children to bring in any sweets or treats to share with the rest of the class. Thank you for your understanding .

Weekly Attendance



Congratulations to Year 1 for their 100% attendance! Keep it up!

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.



Welcome Mr. Evans

Mr Evans is our new Sports Apprentice. He is joining the school through our partnership with Kingsbury School Sports Partnership. Mr Evans will be supporting the children in their PE lessons, after school clubs and lunchtime games. We wish him success in his new role and welcome him to our school.

Messages at the gates

There are an increasing number of parents asking to pass messages at the gate. This causes congestion and puts children, other parents and staff at unnecessary risk, at a time when we are trying to socially distance.

Please call or email the office if you have a message or want to talk to a teacher.

Secondary Transfer Online Year 6

All Secondary Transfer Applications must be submitted between **1st September and 31st 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

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.

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
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HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
to	to	to
Friday 18th December	Thursday 1st April	Wednesday 21st July

Staff INSET day

School will be **CLOSED** to **ALL** pupils on **Friday 23rd October** for staff training.

Parents Evening

Will take place during the week beginning 12th October by phone appointments, more information to follow.

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.

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.



***If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team:
Mr Crehan, Mrs Jones, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Powis, or Mrs Kissun.***