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Website : <http://st-gerards.halton.sch.uk>

**Please take a look at St. Gerard's School Website** - We have had parents/carers coming into school saying they have not received school letters.

All letters that are sent out with children are put on our website. Please take time to look at the website, as everything we send out is uploaded.

[www.st-gerards.halton.sch.uk](http://www.st-gerards.halton.sch.uk)

**SATS** - Children in Year 6 will be preparing hard for their end of year tests which take place week beginning 14 May 2018.

After Half-Term Mr McCabe has organised SATs booster sessions. These extra revision sessions will cover Reading, Math, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

They will be held, every weekday morning, at 8.30am and after school from 3.15-4.15 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

These sessions are vital to ensure your child succeeds in their examinations; it is highly recommended that they attend all of them.

**Y6 SATs**

**Lent** - Lent begins on 14 February 2018. It is the time when we think about giving something up and helping others in our society. We traditionally support the Good Shepherd appeal and CAFOD during Lent and over the next few weeks the children will be thinking about what they can do to raise money. We also continue to remember those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation over the next few weeks.



It has been a busy few weeks at St. Gerard's since we come back after Christmas! The children have continued to enjoy their learning and the visits that the children have been on adding enrichment to the curriculum! I have been impressed with some of the work that the children have produced particularly in their Art and DT lessons and the constant Twitter Feeds are great for parents and carers to keep abreast of what happens at St Gerard's.

May I remind you that our staff will not tolerate any verbal abuse from parents and carers. We have a Parent Code of Conduct which we expect all parents and carers to adhere to. Thank you.

If you have any concerns about your child the first person you should contact is your child's Class Teacher. Whilst I am always available to speak to parents and carers (if I am not in meetings or away from school) it is important that you speak to the Teacher first.

We would all a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing the children return on **Monday 19 February**.

**Safer internet Day** - St Gerard's took part in Safer Internet Day 2018. Pupils learned how to ensure they keep themselves safe while using the internet and how to educate their family and friends about E-safety. Parents can find information about how to stay safe on our Twitter page and our website.



**Art** - The fabulous work of all our children is now on display at the PAN Arts Project in Halton Lea Runcorn Shopping Centre. It will be exhibited for the next couple of weeks.

We are immensely proud of the work that represents the children's dreams and aspirations and hope that you are able to visit the full exhibition.

**Attendance & Punctuality** - Please remember to ensure that your children arrive in School on time and that their attendance and punctuality continues to be a priority. We will continue to encourage good attendance and those children who attend school every day this half-term will be rewarded.

**Lateness** - If your child/children are late for school please remember to come with them as you will have to sign them in on our system.

**Holidays** - Just a reminder that school is **not** allowed to authorise holidays during the school terms unless there are exceptional circumstances.



Attendance

**Underwater Street** - Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time at Underwater Street in Wavertree. The children had a 'Science-fueled day' filled with smoke, light and electricity. The children were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Mr Naylor and Miss Harvey were stopped by several members of the general public to applaud how beautifully behaved the children were. It was lovely to have so many parents and carers who supported our trip – it was lovely to have so much support from everyone! On behalf of all of the Foundation Stage Team we would like to say a big 'Thank You!'





**Nursery** - We still have places available in our Nursery. We are now providing the 30 funded hours. If you think you or someone you know could be eligible please call into the School Office for the information. We are also providing wrap-around care (if you are not eligible for the 30 free hours) for children at a cost of £45 for the whole week. Please speak to our School Office for further information.

**Hope University** - Year 5 had an excellent time visiting Hope University again. This time we went to discover our inner artists, and were led by a group of superb trainee Teachers. We arrived armed with old t-shirts and lots of enthusiasm; the only thing left to do was paint! We looked at the work of female impressionist artist who is still alive today. We used all sorts of materials, such as glue spreaders and cardboard, to create our own masterpieces of her landscape work.



**Delamere** - Class 2 have had an amazing time on their residential visit to Fox Howl. We enjoyed plenty of exciting activities, including a habitat walk and survival skills in the very snowy forest, team building and orienteering in the grounds of Fox Howl and a brilliant den building session. The weather was freezing and snowy but the sun also shone for us and we had a really brilliant time. We really enjoyed working with John, who taught us lots of interesting things about habitats, survival skills and den building skills. We also REALLY enjoyed our food - the lovely cook Johan kept us very well fed. Enjoy looking through our photos - we have made some brilliant memories with our Y2 family.



**Parking around school** - Please note the following regarding parking issues around school:

- It is illegal to park on a corner or on zig zag lines they are for emergency purposes.
- Residents in the area are concerned that parents are parking in front of their drives. Please be mindful of this when dropping/collecting children from school.
- We have had a few complaints regarding the parking on Lugsdale Road (opposite the old church). We have contacted the local police who will be monitoring the situation regularly.

**Procedures** - Can I just remind you about our procedures at the end of the school day: we would appreciate it if you could stand away from the ramp where the children come out to allow staff some space to see the adults who are picking the children up. Once the Teacher has handed over your child it is **your** responsibility to ensure their safety. We would appreciate it if the children do not go on the equipment around school once school has finished. We will not be liable for any accidents should they occur at this time. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## *For the Care of Children*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.



**Uniform** - Please can you ensure that children wear the correct uniform in school. We have noticed lately that some children are coming to school wearing trainers which are not part of School uniform. Black trainers are NOT part of School Uniform. Earrings are also NOT allowed in school. These must be taken out when children come to school or covered up as part of Health and Safety. If you are struggling with the purchase of uniform please see me.

**After School Provision** - Any questions or queries about the After School Provision please ring:

**07756808219.**

**Please note you must book your child/ren into After School Club 24 hours in advance NOT on the day.**

Please note the increase in price for After school Club: it is now £2.00 per child' per night.

If you wish your child to attend **Breakfast Club** they must arrive before 8.30 a.m. Breakfast Club will be starting from 7.40am.

**School Website/Class Pages** - We pride ourselves on our communication with parents and the various methods that we have. In addition to Twitter/Facebook and Class Dojo please do not forget our School Website. We have electronic copies of policies, newsletters and class information. Please visit your child's class page to find out what they will be learning in the Spring Term.

