



# SAINT GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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St. Gerard's Mission Statement:

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

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*'We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.'* Helen Keller

## Wear it Pink - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

As we have a member of our staff off at the moment fighting Breast Cancer, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** we will have a non-uniform day and are asking everyone to wear **PINK** even if it is just pink socks and we ask for a minimum donation of £1 to raise money to help make life saving breast cancer research happen.

## Secondary Transfer Forms Year 6

All Secondary Transfer Applications must be submitted between **2 September and 31 October 2019** for your child to transfer to secondary school in September 2020. If you live in Birmingham, apply online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Year 6 Commitment Mass

Year 6 have a Confirmation Commitment Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in Church.  
**All are welcome.**

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019** - appointment letters will be sent home next week with your child.

## Parking

We have again received several complaints from the residents in the flats and houses outside the school both on **Yatesbury Avenue and Renfrew Square**. Please use the Church car park and do not park on our neighbour's drives.



## ALDI'S Kit for School's

We are collecting Aldi's Kit for Schools Stickers, please get stuck in and help our school, we need 300 stickers to complete the poster. Please ask your friends and family for their stickers too.

## Thank You - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank You to everybody that supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning, we raised £226.60.

## Gospel Virtues this half term - Grateful & Generous

Pupils in St Gerard's School are growing to be: Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.



## Online Safety Tip for this half term

Please remind your children that not everyone is who they say they are.



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

## Home Work

Homework is **not optional** and is an important part of the school and home partnership. All children will be expected to carry out homework activities related to their learning and we ask that you support and encourage them by involving yourself in this work and ensuring that it is completed at the appropriate time. The table below outlines what is expected of your child each week. Homework is given out on Fridays and should be **returned on Wednesdays**.

	Practice/Online Games			Homework due in on <u>Wednesdays</u>	
	Reading Book	Spellings	Times Table Rock Stars	Reading Diary	Homework Books
Reception	Daily - 5 minutes	Daily		2 entries	
Year 1	Daily - 10 minutes	Daily		2 entries	Maths or English
Year 2	Daily - 10 minutes	Daily	Daily - 10 minutes	3 entries	Maths & English
Year 3	Daily - 15 minutes	Daily	Daily - 10 minutes	3 entries	Maths & English
Year 4	Daily - 15 minutes	Daily	Daily - 10 minutes	3 entries	Maths & English
Year 5	Daily - 20 minutes	Daily	Daily - 10 minutes	3 entries	Maths & English
Year 6	Daily - 20 minutes	Daily	Daily - 10 minutes	3 entries	Maths & English

**Please check that your child is completing their homework** and it is done to a high standard. If homework is not handed in then your child will be expected to complete their work during break times. **Thank you for your support in this matter** - homework reinforces learning that has been carried out in the classroom and it maintains an important link between the pupil, school and home.

## School Fund

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fund. It is greatly appreciated. School fund is £5 per family each half term. If you prefer you can pay £30 for the year.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Confirmation Commitment Mass</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Y3 Class Mass in School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October		Y3 Trip to Conkers
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October		Y6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Whole School Mass - Feast of St Gerard in Church
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October		Parents Evening - Appointment to follow
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.00	Mass Y3, Y5 and Y1
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Y6 Confirmation Mass</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Celebration Assembly
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	3.05pm	School Closes for Half Term.