

Dear Parents/Carers

19<sup>th</sup> September 2018



It has been a great start to the new school year. Our children have returned to school ready to learn and have settled so well in to their classes.

For those who could come to the open evening to meet the teacher we hope you found this helpful. Good home/school communication is vital in helping your child succeed with their learning so please contact school if you do have any concerns.

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting the school policy on uniform, everyone looks very smart and this gives us a sense of belonging and of being proud of our school.

For our Reception children who started school this year, we hope they will be very happy at our school and enjoy their learning. Also a warm welcome to all our new families and to our new members of staff Mr Whalley (Class 7) and Miss Bibby (Nursery Teacher Assistant).

## Improve Your Memory



Each term our children will be having a workshop on healthy minds and growth mindset to help them gain a better understanding of how best to learn and what we need to do to keep healthy and happy in our lives. We will be sending information home on the great ways to help your child. The first leaflet is on how to help boost our brain muscles for memory that we hope you will share with your families. It is good for all of us to exercise these muscles for lifelong learning!

children will have the opportunity to handle both real and replica fossils and also to learn about how dinosaurs lived. A voluntary contribution of £3.50 will enable the visit to go ahead.

Please send the money in to school in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. Many thanks as always, for your support, the Year 1 & 2 staff team.

**'Dinosaur Mike'** will be visiting Year 1 and 2 children on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as part of our on-going topic 'Dinosaurs'. This is a very popular workshop and by coming to school it means no transport costs. The



## School Clubs – I am very grateful to all our staff who run these over the school

year. There will be occasions when clubs will need to be cancelled due to staff sickness or training purposes however we will try to get a message to you in good time or let you know dates in advance. Mrs Lafferty in the school office co-ordinates the registers so if you have any questions or concerns please give her a ring.



### Water Bottles

spillages and no flavoured waters.

Please, please remember to send a water bottle for your child each week. Research tells us that it really does make a difference to their learning. Just make sure there is a pull up/down stopper to avoid

### Planners for 2018

The idea of the planner is to help with communication between home and school.

- Please would you make sure you complete the forms at the beginning of your child's planner.
- The planners will be checked every morning and all messages initialled. Please write on the right-hand page, which is dedicated to home.
- If your child is absent due to illness please ensure you phone the school and leave a message before 9:00 a.m. It is important that you write a message in your child's planner about the absence for our records. Many thanks

**PLEASE SIGN UP for PARENT HUB – This is an App on your phone it means our school office can send you a quick messages and updates.**



Sacramental Programme 2018 – 2019

### Enrolment Meeting

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in main school hall. There will be a crèche in the Nursery if needed. Baptised children are able to make their FHC from Year 3 onwards.

### School Building Update 2018

Once again a huge thank you to all our cleaning staff and Mr. Forrester who work so hard over the summer break giving the school a deep clean in readiness for the new school year.

Each year we try to make improvements to our school environment so some children returned to newly painted classrooms.

#### Smoke Alarms

One of our families had a house fire before the summer break and have asked us to remind everyone of the importance of checking your house smoke alarms. If you need any advice please contact the Fire Service who are willing to visit your home in order to keep you safe.

### School Mass



Many thanks to Fr Francis who came to celebrate the beginning of our new year with a whole school Mass.

Our first Mass celebrated the contribution of our Foundation Governor Mrs McGrail who has been our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors for many years.

She has decided to retire from her position and we are very grateful for her wisdom and guidance as governor.

The children presented her with a beautiful statue of St Joseph as a reminder of her role as governor and past teacher of our school.

### E Safety Alert

We have been notified by Bury Safeguarding and GM Police that an Instagram 'i\_know\_radcliffe' has encouraged children to share personal details with strangers. It is for this reason that the social media sites have an age restriction of 13 as we believe primary aged children do not have the skills nor the maturity to understand how they can place themselves and others at risk. Please check on the website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for more information on how to protect your child. School will continue to give guidance and advice to our pupils through PSHE lessons and our pastoral team is available if you need further help.



### Open Evening at St Gabriel's High School

All welcome to visit the school especially Year 5 families to see the school in action.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Application to High School for Year 6 pupils - [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. If you need any advice please ring school.

