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Dear Parents,

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 – Monday 27th February – Sunday 12th March – Thank you to everyone who supported the Beacons who were promoting Fairtrade as our Lenten appeal this year. We raised £134 for Hope for Life.



Dance Festival at King George's Hall – Everyone had a fantastic time at the Dance Festival on Wednesday 8th March. Both pupils and teachers enjoyed singing and dancing along to all the other performances, although our school was the best! The children's behaviour was exceptional. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Sing Together Concert – Thursday 23rd March – Another fabulous event! Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March – Children were encouraged to bring a joke into school to share with their friends. We raised a total of £156.30.



Hatching for Schools – Year 5 are once again keeping a watchful eye on the eggs which were delivered on Monday 27th March. They are with us for two weeks and will leave as young chicks.

Fire Station Talks to Y2 and Y6 – Monday 27th March – Children received talks from Fire Fighters about Fire Safety.



Cross Country - On Monday 27th March Aasiyah Hasan, Libby Fraser, Tayah-Jo Hudson, Maseeha Gadatya, Aliyah Hasan, Lacey Nelson, Calum Martin, Frankie Fardella, Louis Martin, Dillon Topping, James Toase and Zayd Vaid, went to a Cross Country Competition at QEGS. The whole team did very well with their running and had great behaviour. The team really enjoyed themselves and would love to do it all over again.

Whole School Eucharist – Thursday 27th April – Please refer to the letter which was sent home last week, complete and return the permission slip only if applicable to your child/ren.

School Photographs were sent home last week. Please note that the **last date for orders is Thursday 6th April**. Orders will arrive in school after Easter.

Parking – There have been a number of issues recently regarding parking round school, e.g. parking on the yellow zigzags, parking on the curb with near miss accidents. If you have any concerns regarding parking please forward them to: BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk including photographic evidence where possible.

Lammack Methodist Church relaunches 'Kid's Zone' which is a club for children aged 7 – 11. It runs during term time on Tuesday's, from 6.00 - 7:30 p.m., and costs £1 (plus 50p for tuck shop). There are games, crafts and a chill out area. For more information contact – helenebottle@gmail.com.



Blackburn Rovers and Blackburn with Darwen Football League – On 29th March, 8 boys went to a football tournament at the BRIC, including: Adam Veevers (Captain), Rohail Rabbani, Calum Martin, Zach Ashton, Zayd Vaid, Frankie Fardella, Matthew Barlow and Louis Martin. We played 3 games winning one and narrowly losing 2 – unfortunately being beat by Holy Souls 3-2. When we played St. Alban's it was a tight match. St. Gabriel's were losing by one goal until Matthew, on his debut, rose and headed home a cracking goal. Then in the last minutes of the game, Matthew got the ball just into the St. Alban's half and he smashed it into the top corner, which meant St. Gabriel's won 6-5! Well done Matthew!! It was a great night and we can't wait for the next round. **Come on St. Gabriel's!!!**
By Adam Veevers, Goalkeeper and Captain.

Netball – The Netball Squad have now taken part in four league fixtures at the BRIC which has given them the opportunity to play against other schools from throughout Blackburn. Nine girls from Year 5 and Year 6 have so far played 8 games and several friendly matches. All the girls have improved greatly since their first outing in January. Mrs. Tomlinson.



On Thursday 30th March a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to a **Netball Tournament** at the BRIC, including: Libby Forrest-Yates, Isobel Ramsden, Heather Phelan, Amy Procter, Laiba Khan, Azra Shaik and Aaliah Musa. It was the best game we have ever played so far! We only played one game and kept up a good defense in the first half. Unluckily in the second half our luck faded and we lost 4-0. It was a great experience for the team and we can't wait to play our next match.

Crossing Patrol – Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th April.



Blue Tit Webcam – We hope that the pair of blue tits who have been visiting the bird box will soon be making it their home!

Sainsburys Active Kids was launched on 25th January. Please continue to send your vouchers into school as you receive them so that we can keep a running total.

Regular Activities After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Wednesday	Y6 Maths Club – 8.00 – 8.55 a.m. - ongoing Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Thurs 6 th April	Year 5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge
Fri 7th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter Holidays
	Living Eggs collected
Sun 16 th	Primary School Places for September 2017 offered
Mon 24th	School reopens
Tues 25 th	Blackburn with Darwen Netball Tournament
Thurs 27 th	Whole School Eucharist
Mon 1st May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thurs 4 th	Year 4 Start Swimming for 5 weeks
	Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre
	Full Governing Body Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Wed 10 th	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Tues 16 th	Friends' Association Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 18 th	Governors' Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Mon 22 nd	Bikeability for Y5 – day 1 of 2
Tues 23 rd	Bikeability for Y5 – day 2 of 2
Friday 26th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 5th June	School re-opens
Wed 7 th	BwD Year 6 Girl's Cricket at DCC
Thurs 8 th	School Class and Team Photographs
Tues 13 th	Year 3 Trip to Blackpool Zoo – details to follow
	Open Day for new children starting school in September
Wed 14 th	BwD Year 6 Cricket at Darwen Cricket Club
	BwD Sports Development Football League
Thurs 15 th	Year 3 Start Swimming for 5 weeks
	Music Concert – 7.00 p.m. – details to follow
Mon 19 th	BPSSA Athletics at Witton Park
	Y6 Parents' Induction Evening 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. St. Wilfrid's
Tues 20 th	Year 1 Trip to Townley Park – details to follow
	Open Day for new children starting school in September
	Y6 Parents' Induction Evening 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. St. Wilfrid's
Thurs 22 nd	Year 4 Trip to Brockholes – details to follow
Fri 23rd	School closed – INSET day
Tues 27 th	Reception Class Trip to Farmer Ted's
Wed 5 th July	KS1 Multi Sports Skills Festival at QEGS
	Y6 Induction Day at Blackburn High Schools
	Y6 Induction Day at St. Wilfrid's (plus Thurs 6 th and Fri 7 th July)
Mon 10 th	Y2 Trip to Cuerden Valley Park – details to follow
Wed 12 th	Y6 Play – details to follow
Thurs 13 th	Y6 Play – details to follow
Tues 18 th	End of Year Service
Fri 21st	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Summer Holidays

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher