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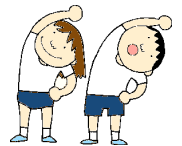
Dear Parents,

Spirituality Week – This was a tremendously rewarding week for both children and staff. Operating as a family, groups of mixed ages (Reception to Y6) shared activities together, taught by every teacher in school. All classes undertook 'Godly Play' to deepen learning about Easter and all the children's achievements were celebrated on Friday in whole school worship. A truly memorable and rewarding event!

Y5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge – Once again Y5 had a fantastic outdoor pursuits day – building and 'sailing' rafts (Swallows and Amazons style!), shelter building and orienteering. Look at the photos on the website 'Gallery'.

Sports Days

Whole school Sports Day – This is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th May in the afternoon. The event will take place on the school playgrounds. We intend to start at 1.10 p.m.



Please ensure your child/ren have PE kits and school jumpers, bringing sun caps and water bottles, but NO sweets/snacks.

Children with asthma **must** have their inhalers in school in order to participate.

We encourage you to come and support these events! Please bring your picnic rug/folding chair (and umbrella)!

We will text all parents on the morning of the 26th May to confirm whether sports day will take place. Should the event be cancelled we will re-arrange it for another day.

PE Kits need to be available in school all week. There are an increasing number of children who are loaning a school kit and not returning them.

Whole School Eucharist on Thursday 27th April – The holiday pattern this year meant a change to our Easter celebrations in school. The Whole School Eucharist on Thursday brought the school family together to share in this important service.

Parking – The Police are continuing to monitor parking round school, e.g. parking on the yellow zigzags, parking on the curb. If you have any concerns regarding parking please forward them to: BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk including photographic evidence where possible. **Please do not use the school car park to collect children from after school activities.**

Summer Term Class Information Sheets are available on the school website under the blue 'children' tab. I hope you find this information helpful in supporting your child/ren in school.

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.

Netball – The Netball Team played four games in the Blackburn and Darwen Schools' Tournament at St. Bede's School on Thursday 25th April. The competition was played outdoors, which was a first for the girls, and the conditions were rather cold and blustery!



Two of the matches were very close with both teams scoring several goals but St. Gabriel's unfortunately lost by only 1 goal in each game. The girls then had an excellent result with a 5-0 win! The last games was again a hard fought match with our girls leading at half-time but in the last few minutes energy levels ran out and the other team managed to pull in front. It was a great afternoon with excellent performances from all the team and plenty of goals in every game. Well done girls!!

The team included: Zara Craghill, Libby Forrest-Yates, Heather Phelan, Amy Procter, Isobel Ramsden, Laiba Khan. Unfortunately, Azra was unwell when she arrived at St. Bede's and was unable to play. She was very much missed by her teammates.

School Health Needs Assessment – This year the school will be taking part again in the School Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) in partnership with the school nurse teams from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust. This helps us to better understand and respond to the health and well-being needs of children in the school and also for extra support to be given if needed. If your child is in Reception or Year 6 you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Children in Year 6 will also complete one in class. The majority of schools in Lancashire are involved in this and last year over 30,000 children and parents took part! If you would like to know more about this the school nurse will be happy to tell you more.

Blue Tit Webcam – The blue tits have made their home in our bird box at last and laid 9 eggs. Here you see them having breakfast. Look at



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Sainsburys Active Kids – Please send your vouchers into school as soon as possible so that we can send off our order.

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 Y5/Y6 Rounders Club
Wednesday	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

Wed 10 th	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 11 th	Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre
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 Animals-In-Tuition visit to the Reception Class

Tues 23 rd	Bikeability for Y5 – day 2 of 2
Thurs 25 th	Governors' Curriculum Committee Meeting – 2.30 p.m.
Fri 26 th	Whole School Sports Day
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	General Election - School will be open as usual
Fri 9 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 sent home earlier
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
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	Year 4 Trip to Brockholes – details to follow
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Fri 23rd	School closed – INSET day
Mon 26 th	Governors' Ethos Committee Meeting – 2.30 p.m.
Tues 27 th	Reception Class Trip to Farmer Ted's – details to follow
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 in Church
Fri 21st	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Summer Holidays

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher