



## St. Gabriel's C. E. Primary School

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### Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to all our new children in the Reception class and families who are new to our school.


**Please ensure that the following documents, issued this week, are completed by return ASAP:**

- **Medical Conditions and Taking Medicines in School Forms - issued to all children on medication last year, Y1 – Y6**
- **Privacy Notice – Reception class only**
- **E-Safety Rules (Parental consent) – all classes**
- **Pupil Information and Parental Consent Forms – all classes**
- **End of School Day Arrangements for Collecting Infant Children – Y1 & Y2**

**Class Information for Parents** – Please see the attached documents specific to your child's class detailing topics of work covered this term along with details of homework and PE days etc. These are also on our website (class pages).

**Essential Information for Parents** – I would like to take this opportunity, at the start of the year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. Please see the '**Essential Information for Parents**' document that has been sent via email. It is also available on the school website under 'Parents'.

**Please note:** Professional coaches will, once again, be delivering PE of the highest standard to all children in school. It is essential that PE kits are in school on the appropriate days. Children wearing earrings will **NOT** be permitted to participate. Please ensure studs from newly pierced ears are removed ASAP.



**Family Fun Day 3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**The Fun Day will run straight after school. Please see flyer sent home.**

**Reminder:** School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November for staff training.

**Dinner Money** for one week is £10.00 (£2 per meal). For accounting purposes, please ensure that dinner monies are paid for by a **separate cheque**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. **Dinner money needs to be paid on Monday each week in advance.** Please inform the school office of any changes to dinner options (packed lunches/school dinners).



**New School Menu** – Please see our new school menu which is available from the school office and is on the website. The menu started with week one on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. **Please contact the school office regarding any changes to your child's requirements.**

**Music Lessons** begin week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – letter sent home this week

**Maholo Ukulele (Y4)** begins Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

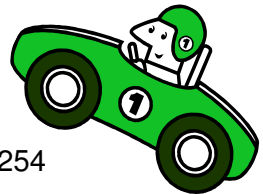
**Aloha Ukulele (Y5)** begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

**Orchestra** begins Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

**Choir** begins Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

### **Parking around School**

We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zags or block residents' driveways. Photographs of illegal and inconsiderate parking can be sent directly to the Community Police at [BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk). We encourage parents to do so independently, not through school. The Community Police can be contacted on 01254 274815.



### **Regular Activities After School**

Monday	Ukulele Groups 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – from 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing
Wednesday	Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept then ongoing Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing

### **Dates for Diaries/Activities in School**

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CRGS Open Evening 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pleckgate High School Open Day 5 – 8 p.m. Darwen Aldridge Community Academy Open Day 5.00 – 8.0 p.m.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Darwen Vale High School Open Evening 5 – 8 p.m. Tauheedul Boys' High School Open Day 10.15 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Secondary Transfer and Robinwood Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Blackburn Central High School Open Evening 4.00 – 7.30 p.m. Tauheedul Boys' High School Open Day 10.15 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. Our Lady & St. John's Catholic College Open Day 4.30 – 6.30 p.m.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FUN DAY 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bede's R.C. High School Open Evening 5 – 8 p.m.
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Witton Park Academy Open Evening 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ribblesdale High School Open Evening 4.30 – 7.30 p.m. St. Wilfrid's C.E. Academy Open Evening 4 – 8 p.m.
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tauheedul Girls' High School Open Evening 4.30 – 7 p.m.
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	QEGS Open Day 9.30 – 1.30 p.m.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair starts in school – more information to follow
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 at Robinwood
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Meeting in school – more details to follow
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting – 5 p.m.
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Primary Admissions September 2018 Parents' Evening – more details to follow – No Gym Club after school
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – more details to follow – No Choir after school
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service – Collection for Foodbank – details to follow School closes at 3.30 p.m. for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School closed for Staff Training
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Morning for Primary Admissions September 2018
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lancashire Fire & Rescue Christmas Carol Service – details to follow
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus in School
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Service in Church – 7 p.m.

Yours sincerely,  
**B. Haigh**  
Headteacher