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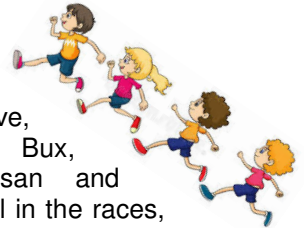
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Dear Parents,



Blue Tit Webcam – We have had two pairs of Blue Tits visiting the nest box. They are in competition with each other to make it their home!

Year 5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics – on Tuesday 16th January 2018, Kiery Quinn, Tayah-Jo Hudson, Hannah Patel, Libby Frazer, Ameerah Mohamed, Chloe Reeve, Jaya Asal, Olivia Banks, Zaahiyah Utarkar, Dillon Topping, Aariz Jeffrey, Rayhan Bux, Owen Walton, Abdur-Rahman Chati, Jude King, Umar Thava, Hamzah Hasan and Jack Probert went to an athletics competition at St. Wilfrid's High School. We did very well in the races, mostly getting second, but the field events let us down a bit. Overall St. Gabriel's came third as there was a joint second. Thank you Miss Hudson and Mr. Cross for taking us and giving up your time.
By Tayah-Jo and Kiery.



Elite Gym Club took part in a competition held at St. Bede's on Wednesday 7th February. They have all worked hard in preparation and the final team performed well, finishing 2nd out of 14 schools. Very well done! Team members included: Lily Croasdale, Talia Marsden-Law, Reyhan Faisal, Alex Bury, Sarah Brown, Rocco Fardella, Ruby Spencer and Tyler Roberts.



Netball Team – Congratulations to the girls who took part in the Netball Tournament on Thursday 8th February, gaining 3 more wins - 13:1, 7:3, 7:0! All the team played amazingly well. Unfortunately they were one player down so found it more demanding because they didn't get the same rests. Their play flowed, with great performances from everyone. The award for the player who has shown great improvement in her match and a truly excellent performance was Alisha Bhad. Other team members include: Laiba Khan, Azra Shaik, Olivia Banks, Jaya Asal and Chloe Reeve.

Quiz Night – Thursday 1st February, 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz night on Thursday, it was a great success! Thank you to the Friends for organising this event and to all those families and friends who attended on the night. Well done all!

Friends' Meeting – The date of the next meeting is 6th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March – This year we would like to invite all the **infants to come to school dressed as a fairy tale character and the juniors as one of their favourite Roald Dahl characters.** We would also like them to bring in a copy of their favourite book so that they can share their special book with their friends. In school we will be doing exciting activities to celebrate the joy of reading.

Dinner Money is payable weekly and is collected in class, on a Monday morning. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (to St Gabriel's School). Please put money in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class.



Postage Stamps – Please don't forget to send your used postage stamps into school. They are taken to East Lancashire Hospice where they are exchanged for cash to boost their much needed funds. Many thanks to everyone already supporting this worthy cause which runs all year.

Snowy Weather:



I would like to clearly state that it is always my intention to keep school open as far as is reasonably possible. Unfortunately, achieving required staffing levels by 9.00 a.m. is always a concern and is a major reason for school closures throughout the country. As traffic delays are the obvious issues, we feel that a full closure could be avoided by arranging a delayed opening. In the event of snow and the likelihood of disruption, we will aim to **text all parents at approximately 8.15 a.m.** to advise that school is either:

Closed (in the case of severe snow) **or**

Delaying opening until a given time e.g. 10.30 a.m. (in the case of light snow, but severe traffic issues)

If no text assume school is open

This message will also be given on the school's **Twitter feed** (@stgabrielssch) – which can be viewed on the **home page of the school website:** www.stgabrielssch.co.uk

Note: we will **NOT be using the local radio services** to advise of a closure or delayed opening.

Regular Extra Curricular Activities in School

Monday	Lunchtime Football – Y5 and Y6 Boys and Girls Ukulele Groups 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – Aloha and Mahola alternate weeks – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Tuesday	Y6 Maths Club – 8.00 – 8.55 a.m. – ongoing 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

Wed 7 th February	Elite Gym Club Competition at St. Bede's Y6 visit St. Wilfrid's Gym and Dance Demonstration
Thurs 8 th	Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre (BRIC)
Fri 9 th	Valentine Special Lunch School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Half Term Holiday
Tues 20 th	School opens
Thurs 22 nd	Y1 trip to Blackpool Sealife Centre
Thurs 1 March	World Book Day Secondary Places offered Full Governing Body Committee Meeting followed by Admissions – 5.00 p.m.
Fri 2 nd	Absolute Handball begins – 1 of 4 sessions
Mon 5 th	Quail Eggs Delivered – Quails collected Friday 16 th March Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Witton Park – more details to follow
Tues 6 th	Y4 trip to Halle for Youth, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Friends' Association Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 8 th	Choir – Sing Together Concert, King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tues 13 th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 15 th	Netball Tournament at BRIC Parents' Evening
Wed 21 st	Bikeability for Y5 – day 1 of 2
Thurs 22 nd	Bikeability for Y5 – day 2 of 2
Mon 26 th	Y5 trip to Hothersall Lodge
Tues 27 th	Governors' Finance Committee Meeting – 4.30 p.m.
Thurs 29 th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter holidays
Mon 16 th April	Primary Places offered
Mon 23 rd	Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Witton Park – more details to follow
Thurs 3 rd May	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th	SATS Tests for Y6
Thurs 17 th	Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher