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Dear Parents,

Blue Tit Webcam – Blue Tits continue to visit our nest box looking for a home this spring!



Hatching for Schools – Year 5 – This year we are keeping a watchful eye on Quails eggs, which were delivered on Monday 5th March. They are with us for two weeks and will leave as youngsters!

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 13th March 3.40-7.00 p.m. and Thursday 15th March 3.40-7.00 p.m. – More information was sent last week. Please return your slips asap.



World Book Day – Thursday 1st March – What an amazing day the children (and staff) had in school celebrating the joy of reading. The infants dressed up as a character from a traditional fairy tale and the juniors as one of their favourite Roald Dahl characters. All children brought in a copy of their favourite book to share with their friends. The afternoon was spent with all members of staff taking time out to read to the children! It was a hugely enjoyable time for all those who took part. Children received a £1 book token to use towards a book of their choice.

Y1 visited Blackpool Sealife Centre – On Thursday 22nd February, Year 1 enjoyed their deep sea adventure at Blackpool Sealife Centre. We found out lots about life in rock pools through a hands-on session. Touching a star fish was a highlight! The children's favourite experience was walking through the tunnel as sharks swam over their heads!



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

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.

Regular Extra Curricular Activities in School

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| 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

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| Mon 5 th | Quail Eggs Delivered – Quails collected Friday 16 th March |
| | Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Witton Park – details sent out earlier |
| Tues 6 th | Y4 trip to Halle for Youth, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester |
| | Girls' Football Tournament at St. Bedes' |
| | Friends' Association Meeting – 7.00 p.m. |
| Thurs 8 th | Choir – Sing Together Concert, King George's Hall, Blackburn – No choir after school |
| Tues 13 th | Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 15 th | Netball Tournament at BRIC |
| | Parents' Evening |
| Fri 16 th | Music exam accompaniment run through |
| Tues 20 th | Music exams - am |
| 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 | Full Governing Body Meeting followed by Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m. |
| Thurs 29th | School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter holidays |
| Mon 16th April | School re-opens |
| | 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

Message from St. Gabriel's Church



The Alpha Course

I would like to tell you a little bit about this exciting course that we are running at the end of September at St. Gabriel's Church. It seems like a long time off but at the Church this year we are exploring ways of getting to know more people in and around our community, so our planning is starting early. The Alpha Course is run over a period of 10 weeks of about 1 to 2 hours a session each week. It explores the basics of the Christian faith. Each session, watched on screen, deals with questions like:

- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- How can I be sure of my faith?
- Why and how do I Pray

It is run in a relaxed and comfortable manner, with nobody pressured in any way. It is open to all - those who are questioning their faith, those who want to refresh, or those that know nothing about the Christian Faith. Both men and woman are invited to this free event. I will be writing to you again in your Newsletter about Alpha, to keep you updated.

In the meantime, if you want more information please do not hesitate to ring the Church on 01254 676709 leaving a message and a contact number and I will get back to you. Also, please ring this number to register your interest in joining the course.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours,
Liz Wilson
Alpha Co-ordinator at St. Gabriel's Church