



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

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### Newsletter No. 9

Dear Parents,



**Blue Tit Webcam** – At last the Blue Tits started nesting in our bird box on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We will continue to monitor them and keep you informed of their progress.



**Cross Country – The girls' race!** On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 Chloe, Olivia, Tayah-Jo, Jaya and Libby ran in a Y5 and Y6 cross country race. We did very well and came in these places: Chloe came twelfth, Olivia 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tayah 25<sup>th</sup>, Libby 36<sup>th</sup> and Jaya came 34<sup>th</sup>. Overall, it was a great day and we would like to thank Mrs. Crossman and Mr. Cross and all the parents who supported us. We would also like to say well done to the Y4s who took part in preparation for next year. Thank you. Written by Tayah-Jo.

**Next was the boys' race!** Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to a cross country competition at Witton Park. In the team were Nathan, Dillon, Jude, Hamzah, Aariz and Umar. At the start there was a collision which involved some of our runners. They all managed to get up quickly and run a good race. We all come in the top half out of 120, with our mean score being 45.16. Well done to all of the team. Thank you to Miss Hudson and Mrs. Crossman for taking us. Thank you to Mrs. Crossman for giving up her Tuesday lunch times to train us. Written by Nathan.

**Netball** – On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May St. Gabriel's Netball Team played in a tournament at St. Bede's High School. Safiyya, Aaliah, Azra, Alisha, Chloe, Jaya and Olivia played as a team against St. James', QEGS and St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. In the first game against St. James', Azra started the match with some super shots, after some great passing and fabulous teamwork. We won the game at 8:1. The second match was against QEGS and was a much tougher game! After a hard start in the first half we managed to finish with a draw ending 3:3. Our last match was against St. Mary's and St. Joseph's with a score of 6:0. We found it more challenging to score in this game due to great defending from the other team but finished with a fantastic win! We are up into the next league! Well done St. Gabriel's. Written by Olivia.



**Royal Wedding Non-Uniform Day and Street Party Special Lunch on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.** Menu details have been sent home earlier. All children to wear red, white and/or blue clothes or 'princess' dresses!

**Sports Day will take place in the afternoon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May on the School Playground.** Everyone is welcome to attend.



Sports Day



**Mrs. Ayres from St. Wilfrid's continues to visit Year 2** giving the children the opportunity to explore music by using keyboards in class.

**Bolton Music Service continues to visit Year 3**, enabling them to take part in class percussion lessons using Djembe drums and African rhythms and songs.



**Tea Towels** – There are a few tea towels still available from the school office at a cost of £3.50 each.

**Friends' Meeting** – The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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.



**Please note:** the school car park is for staff parking and deliveries only, at all times. Thank you.



**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.



## The Alpha Course

We will be starting an Alpha Course 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, each session lasting no more than 2 hours. It explores the basics of the Christian faith. A relaxed and comfortable environment helps to promote a secure and safe atmosphere. It is a free event for both men and women who wish to explore their faith, for those who are questioning their faith and for those who know nothing about the Christian faith but want to know what it is all about.

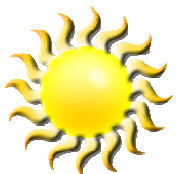
For more information: contact the Parish Office 01254 676709 leaving a message and a contact number and I will get back to you. Also, please ring this number to register your interest in joining the course. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

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

### **Message from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust**

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.



### **Advice to parents regarding hot weather**

- Children are encouraged to bring hats/caps
- Children are advised to bring water bottles with sports cap tops

Note: **Staff CANNOT apply lotions.** Parents should apply 'once' style sun cream before school starts which will last the duration of the school day.

### **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 Rounders for Y5/Y6 – 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 Cricket Club – Y5/Y6 – 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Polling Day – <b>School open as usual</b> Full Governing Body Committee Meeting – 5.00 p.m. Individual Photographs – Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photographs – Y4/Y5/Y6 and all family group photographs
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – School closed</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Tests for Y6
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Animals-In-Tuition visit the Reception Class Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Netball Tournament – Finals – more details to follow Friends' Meeting in School at 7.00 p.m.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – more details to follow <b>School Closes at 3.30 p.m.</b> for the half term holiday
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Closed</b> – Staff Training Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School re-opens</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Cricket Tournament – more details to follow
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Class Trip to Blackpool Zoo – more details to follow
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Cricket Tournament – more details to follow
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Music Evening 7.00 p.m. in School
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Dental Health Promotion Talk Y6 Parents' Induction Evening at St. Wilfrid's
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Class Trip to Townley Hall – more details to follow New Reception Class Induction Day Governors' Ethos Committee Meeting 2.30 p.m. Y6 Parents' Induction Evening at St. Wilfrid's
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Trip to Farmer Ted's – more details to follow Summer Fundraising Event – Sponsored Run – more details to follow
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Sampler Day – p.m. – St. Wilfrid's Vision Screening – Reception Class
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Class Trip to Brockholes – more details to follow Y6 Induction Day at Hutton Grammar School
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 6th July	Y6 Induction Days at St. Wilfrid's
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Class Trip to Cuerden Valley Park Y6 Play – more details to follow
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Play – more details to follow
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Service in School Hall – 9.15 a.m.

Yours sincerely,

**B. Haigh**  
**Headteacher**