



St. Gabriel's C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of our children starting the new school year and a special welcome to all of our new children in the Reception class and families new to St Gabriel's CE Primary School.

Miss Wilkinson has joined our office team and will be working alongside Mrs Hollings and Mrs Howarth.

Change to Junior playtimes– Please note, after much consideration, we have decided to remove the timetabled afternoon playtime for Junior children. This is for several reasons, but it allows us to maintain the flow of lessons and create extra opportunities for reading-children reading for themselves, being heard read and listening to stories at the end of the day. These changes will not affect toilet breaks– children are always permitted 'to go' as required. There is no change to the infant afternoon playtime.



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 available to view on our website (class pages).

Essential Information for Parents— I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of a new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. Please see the '**Essential Information for Parents**' documents 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.

Family Fun Day starting at 3pm on Friday 21st September
The fun day will run straight after school. Please see flyer sent home.

Dinner Money for one week is £10.00 (£2.00 per meal). For accounting purposes, please ensure that dinner monies are paid for by a **separate cheque**. Apologies for any inconvenience that 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).



Music Lessons begin week commencing Monday 10th September— letter sent home this week

Maholo Ukulele (Y5) begins Monday 24th 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Aloha Ukulele (Y6) begins Monday 17th 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Orchestra begins Wednesday 19th 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Choir begins Thursday 4th October 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Parking around School

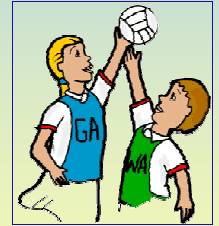
We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents' driveways. Photographs of illegal and inconsiderable parking can be sent directly to the Community Police at BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. We encourage parents to do so independently, 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. (Maholo and Aloha: see above)
Netball Practice– Y5/Y6 girls– 3:30-4:30 p.m. (date to be confirmed)
- Tuesday** Gym club– 3:30-4:30 p.m. (from 11th Sept then ongoing)
- Wednesday** Orchestra Practice 3:30-4:30 p.m. (from 19th Sept then ongoing)
- Thursday** Choir Practice for Juniors– 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (from 4th Oct then ongoing)
Y5 Maths Club– 3:30– 4:30 p.m. (from 13th Sept then ongoing)
- Friday** After School Sports (Various)-3:30-4:30 p.m. (from 14th Sept then ongoing)
Yr5/6 boys and girls lunchtime football club

Dates for Diaries

- Full Governor Body meeting –Thursday
4th October 5pm
- Robinwood– Wednesday 10th—Friday
12th October 2018
- Parents Evening– Tues 16th and Thurs 18th October



High School Open Day Information for Y6 (This information may be of interest to Y5 parents for next year)

- Thursday 13th Sept** Pleckgate High School Open Day 5:00– 8:00 p.m.
Darwen Vale High School Open Day 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Saturday 15th Sept** Pleckgate High School Open Day 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19th Sept** Our Lady & St John Catholic College Open Day 9:00 a.m.-
10:30 a.m./ 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday 20th Sept** Darwen Aldridge Community Academy Open Day 5:00-8:00
p.m.
- Thursday 20th Sept** Blackburn Central High School with Crosshill Open Day 4:30-
7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 22nd Sept** Blackburn Central High School with Crosshill Open Day
10:00-11:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 25th Sept** ST Bede's RC High School Open Day 5:00-8:00 p.m.
QEGS Open Day 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 26th Sept** Witton Park Academy Open Day 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Thursday 27th Sept** St Wilfrid's CE Academy Open Day 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 2nd Oct** Tauheedul Islam Boy's High School Open Day 10:00-11:45
a.m./ 1:15– 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd Oct Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School Open Day 10:00-
11:45 a.m./1:15– 2:45 p.m.

Saturday 6th Oct Westholme School Open Day 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
QEGS Open Day 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Thursday 15th Nov Darwen Aldridge Enterprise Studio Open Day