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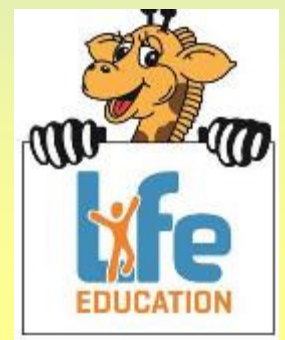
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Newsletter November 2018

Reception Class Applications– September 2019—Parents with siblings wishing to apply— please note that the deadline date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January**. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx.

Life Education Van will be visiting school on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December. All classes will have a session in the van learning about all aspects of healthy lifestyles. Life education is a charity providing unique health and drug education programmes which teach children about the wonder of their bodies and how to take care of themselves.



Friends' AGM— Tuesday 6th November— Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends' Meeting on Tuesday night. Please come along and support the Friends' Meetings and help out at the fund raising events. Any contributions to the meeting are all greatly appreciated. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12th March at 7:00 p.m.

The Nasal Flu Vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 this term. Forms with information about this procedure have been sent out to these classes. **Please can all forms be returned to school as soon as possible if you require your child to have the vaccination.** The date set for the vaccination to take place is **Friday 23rd November**.



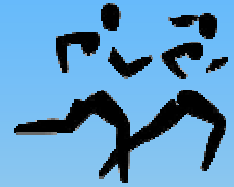
Netball Tournament— On Thursday 4th October, Olivia, Jaya, Chloe, Lucy, Alisha, Zaahiyah and Seher all went to the Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers indoor centre. The first game was against QEGS and the score was 11-2 to us. We then played Salesbury and unfortunately got beat 4-2. It was a really hard, challenging and well fought match! These games were only friendlies, but next month we will start the league. Written by members of our Year 6 Netball team.



Children in Need on Friday 16th November—Non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1.00. All donations of money will go to Children in Need.



Cross Country— On Monday 8th October, Jaya, Olivia, Chloe, Katie, Anam, Lily, Hamzah, Jack, Abdurehman, Rocco, Ethan and Henry all took part in a Cross Country race. The girls raced first and they did really well. Then the boys race followed and Jack finished in the top 20 out of 120 people! We all had a great time! A big thank you to Mr. Cross and Mrs. Crossman for taking us.



Written by a member of the Cross Country team.



Holiday List October 2018– July 2020—Please note that a holiday list showing holidays to July 2020 is attached to this Newsletter. This list is also available from the school office and on the school website. Please do not refer to any other holiday list other than the one published by the school.

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)



Delaying opening until given time e.g. 10:30 a.m. (in the case of light snow, but but severe traffic issues.



If there is no text assume school is open

This message will also be given on the schools **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.

Robin Wood Report– On Wednesday 10th October, Year 6 went to Robinwood activity centre for two nights. We were split into three groups with our leader Jonny, Emma and Christina. When we arrived, we had lunch and chose our meals for the next two days. Then we packed our kit bags and went to our first activity. The activities we did included: Knights Quest (an escape room), giant swing, piranha pool, trapeze, archery, crate challenge, zipwire and many more.



The activities were amazing and the food was even better! The desserts were great and the full English breakfast prepared you for the full day (unless your first activity was the giant swing)! Some activities challenged us more than others (we had to move slightly out of our comfort zone for some of them, especially the caving and climbing activities). We all had different fears, but we were all proud of ourselves and our fellow team mates.

In the evenings, after an exhausting long day, we enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit before we fell into bed. We had a wonderful time and would definitely recommend it for Year 5 children. Thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us on this trip and obviously our parents who allowed us to experience it. This report was written by Seher, Isaac, Zaahiyah, Olivia, Rebecca and Imaad.



Christmas Celebrations



Posada Nativity Figures will be sent out the week beginning 26th November. This is a lovely Mexican tradition whereby your child will receive a figure from the Nativity tableau to take home for the evening along with a special book to write your special thoughts and prayers. Please take care of the figures you receive as you welcome the true meaning of Christmas into your home.



Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing 'A King is Born' on: 13th and 14th December at 2:15 p.m. Mince Pies and coffee will be served by the Friends. **A separate infant letter will be sent out with more details.**



All Junior Children, Choir and Orchestra will be leading our Candlelit Carol Service which will be held in the CHURCH HALL on Tuesday 18th December at 7:00 p.m. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are not requested to attend. This is an extra special occasion, and the first time we have held this event in the Church Hall.. We warmly invite all parents, friends and families to join us. The service will last under an hour. It is an important service, and it is anticipated **that all Junior children will attend.** It is extremely disappointing when children do not attend key school events.



Pocket Money Stall, Wednesday 19th December– afternoon. This is a magical event. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able to! Please contact the school office if you are available to help. Additional details to follow.

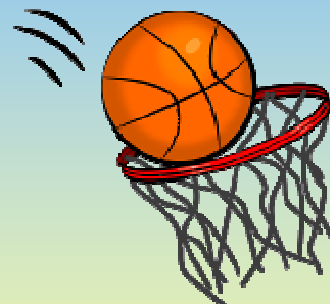
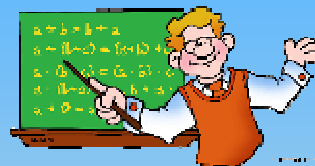


Party Day—Thursday 20th will combine our special Christmas lunch with the Junior talent show (always a favourite with the staff) and a special visitor for the infants! **This is a non– uniform day– party clothes instead.**



Regular Activities Before/After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3:30-4:15 p.m. ongoing Netball Practice– Y6/Y5 girls-3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club-3:30-4:30 p.m.-ongoing
Wednesday	Y6 Maths Club - 8:00– 8:55 a.m. 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 Y2 Maths Club– 3:30– 4:30 p.m.—ongoing
Friday	Ribble Valley Sport Coaching (Various) - 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing



Dates for Diaries

Fri 9th <u>November</u>	Afterschool Dodgeball begins
Wed 14th	Fire Brigade talks for Y2 and Y6
Thurs 15th	Netball League BRIC at 4 p.m.
Fri 16th	Children in Need– Non-uniform day
Tues 20th	Open Morning for Primary Admissions September 2019– 9:30 a.m. Y6 Girls Football Tournament 4-6 p.m. at St Bede's
Fri 23rd	Flu Nasal Immunisation for YR,Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4 and Y5 in the afternoon
Thurs 29th	Y5/Y6 Dodgeball Festival 4-6 p.m. at St Bede's
Fri 30th	Violin Lesson today instead of Wed 5th December
Wed 5th <u>December</u>	Gymnastics perform to parents No Violin (rescheduled for Fri 30th Nov) Lancashire Fire and Rescue Carol Service 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral
Thurs 6th	Choir Trip to Blackburn Cathedral– Choir sings at 1 p.m. No Y2 after school Maths Club Netball League BRIC at 4 p.m.
Thurs 13th	No after school Maths Club for Y2 Infant Nativity– 2:15 p.m.
Fri 14th	Infant Nativity-2:15 p.m.
Tues 18th– Thurs 20th	Life Education Van is in School
Tues 18th	Junior Carol Service at the Church Hall at 7p.m.
Wed 19th	No morning Maths group for Y6 Pocket Money Stall at 1 p.m.
Thurs 20th	School Christmas Lunch Talent Show No Choir or after school Maths club for Y2 or Y5
Fri 21st	Closure at 3:30 p.m. for Christmas Holidays

