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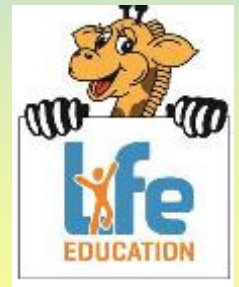
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December 2018


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. You are very welcome to visit the parent session on the 18th December at 8:55 a.m. until 9:10 a.m. 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.





Christmas Celebrations

 **Posada Nativity Figures** are being brought home by one child each night. This is a lovely Mexican tradition whereby your child receives 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 continue to 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-**No tickets available.**

 **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.**

Friends' Meeting—The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 12th March** at 7:00 p.m.

Girls' Football Tournament—On Tuesday 20th November Lucy, Rebecca, Olivia, Courtney, Chloe, Katie, Sarah, Lily and Jaya all attended a football tournament at St Bede' Roman Catholic High School. Our first game was against St. Mary's and St Joseph's. It was quite a tough match but we won 2-1. Our next match was against St. Paul's. The score was 1-0 to us. It was a hard game because they had some really talented players. Our final game was against Lower Darwen. This was a very hard game which resulted in a 0-0 draw. A big thank you to Mrs Hudson for taking us.



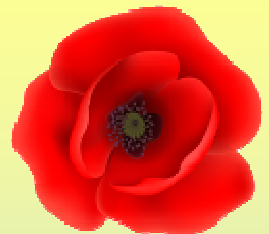
Netball Tournament—On Thursday 15th November 2018 Chloe, Jaya, Olivia, Alisha, Zaahiyah, Lucy and Abigail all went to Blackburn Rovers indoor centre to play in the Netball League. Our first match was against St. Barnabas and unfortunately they won 4-2. Our second match was against Qegs which we won 7-1. Our third and final match was against Westholme and we won this match with an incredible score of 12-1! Overall, we had a fantastic time and we really appreciate Mrs Tomlinson taking us. Thank you.

Blackburn Fire Station gave talks to Year 2 and Year 6 on Wednesday 14th November about fire safety.



Children in Need on Friday 16th November— We were able to send £219 to Children in Need.

Thank you to Year 6 who led our Remembrance Service in school on Friday 9th November. Thanks also to Sarah for playing 'The Last Post'.



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.

Postage Stamps—Please could you send your used postage stamps into school? Hopefully you will have many at this time of year! 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.



Snowy Weather:

I would like to clearly state that it is always our 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 severe traffic issues.



If there is no text assume school is open

This message will also be given on the schools **Twitter Feed (@stgabrielsch)**- which can be viewed on the **home page of the school website: www.stgabrielsch.co.uk**.

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

A message from St. Gabriel's Church:



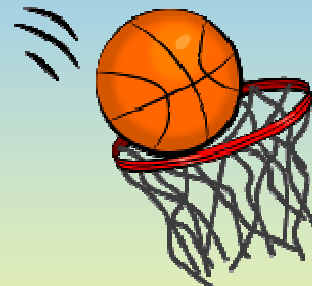
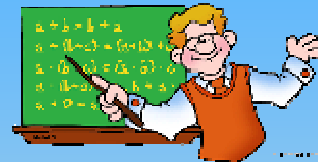
**Carol Christmas's
Christmas Trees**



(A time for all the family of any age)
In St. Gabriel's Church Hall
on Monday 24th December
Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm

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
Friday	Ribble Valley Sport Coaching (Various) - 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing



Dates for Diaries

Thurs 6th <u>December</u>	Choir Trip to Blackburn Cathedral– Choir sings at 1 p.m. No Y2 after school Maths Club Netball League BRIC at 4 p.m.
Tues 11th	Girls' Football Final Tournament at St Bede's
Thurs 13th	No after school Maths Club for Y2 Infant Nativity– 2:15 p.m.
Fri 14th	Infant Nativity-2:15 p.m.
Mon 17th	Open Event at 2:30p.m. for September 2019 admissions
Tues 18th– Wed 19th	Life Education Van is in School (Parents session Tues 18th– 8:55 a.m.)
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
Mon 7th <u>January</u>	School Reopens



Autumn Term 2018

<u>Closure</u>	Monday 3rd September (Staff Training Day)
Re-open	Tuesday 4th September
Half Term	Monday 22nd October – Tuesday 30th October
<u>Closure</u>	Wednesday 31st October (Staff Training Day)
Re-open	Thursday 1st November
Christmas	Closure after school on Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Re-open	Monday 7th January 2019
Half Term	Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February
Re-open	Monday 25th February
Easter	Closure after school on Wednesday 10th April
<u>Closure</u>	Thursday 11th April (Staff Training Day)

Summer Term 2019 (Y6 SATs week: Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May)

Re-open	Monday 29th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 6th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Re-open	Monday 3rd June
Summer	Closure after school on Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn Term 2019

<u>Closure</u>	Monday 2nd September (Staff Training Day)
Re-open	Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October
<u>Closure</u>	Monday 28th October (Staff Training Day)
Re-open	Tuesday 29th October
Christmas	Closure after school on Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Re-open	Monday 6th January 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Re-open	Monday 24th February
Easter	Closure after school on Friday 3rd April
<u>Closure</u>	Monday 20th April (Staff Training Day)

Summer Term 2020 (Y6 SATs week: Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May)

Re-open	Tuesday 21st April
May Day Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
<u>Closure</u>	Monday 1st June (Staff Training Day)
Re-open	Tuesday 2nd June
Summer	Closure after school on Friday 17th July
<u>Closure</u>	Monday 20th July (Staff Training Day)