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Books, books, books...

Friday 1st March—The Book Bus from the Book People

All aboard the Book Bus for this year's book fair! During the day the children will have the opportunity to look at the fantastic books on board the Book Bus- conveniently parked on our school yard.

Due to the limited space on board the bus Junior children are encouraged to browse and choose from a wide selection of books during the school day. If you would like your child to buy from the Book Bus they should bring their money in a named, sealed envelope which will be kept with the class teacher until it is their turn on board the bus. Parents are able to view an example of books in a handy magazine which will be sent home with your child, beforehand. Please note that the magazine only offers examples of books. The books for sale on the day will vary.

Infant children are encouraged to visit the bus before or after school with their parents. More details will follow.

Friday 8th March—Word Book Day Celebrations

The school's library team will be leading exciting workshops, story telling and activities throughout the day, on the theme of 'Dip into Dahl'. These Roald Dahl treats are sure to be a hit with the whole school.

To get into the swing of things **we are asking all children and staff to dress up on the day as their favourite character from one of Roald Dahl's fabulous stories.**



Parent Governor Elections—We are pleased to inform you of the result of our election for Parent Governors. Congratulations to Ms. Sobia Hamid and Mrs. Sandra Hilliard for winning the election. We would like to thank those who put their names forward and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for all those interested this time.

Red nose day– Friday 15th March— We invite all children to join in with a non-uniform day to raise money for charity. For this event we ask children to wear something red (or a red nose) and make a voluntary contribution of £1. This fantastic event helps raise money for Comic Relief!

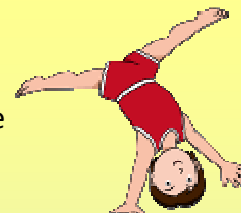


Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics—On Wednesday 23rd January 2019, 18 children went after school to St. Wilfrid's High School to take part in the Blackburn indoor athletics tournament. There were many events including: sprint, distance, obstacle, hurdle, long jump, triple jump, high jump, chest push, speed bounce and javelin. The scoring of this tournament is quite complicated and you never really know where or what position you are in. At the end the winners are announced—St. Gabriel's came in bronze medal position. We all had a great time and would recommend the experience to others. Thank you to Miss. Hudson and Mrs. Brown for accompanying us.

Olivia, Jaya, Zaahiyah, Abigail, Chloe, Alisha, Lily, Sarah, Katie, Jude, Umar, Jack, Umair, Hamzah, Henry, Jack, Rocco and Alex.



Elite Gym Club will take part in a competition held at St. Bede's on the 13th February 2019 where they will compete against different schools within Blackburn with Darwen. They have all worked hard in preparation for this final competition and we wish you all the very best of luck! Team members include: Lucie, Joseph, Lybah, Chloe, Harris, Aurissa, Maya, Saamia, Aminah S and Anniyah.



Quiz Night—Thank you to all the families and friends who attended quiz night on Thursday 7th February. They all had a fun time testing their knowledge whilst eating delicious pies cooked by the Friend's. Thank you to all those who have taken time to organise this event and to all those who have taken part. A big congratulations to Seed/Murphy Team for winning this year's Quiz Night!

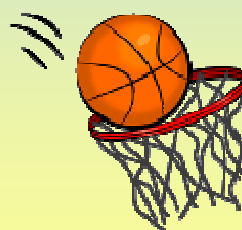
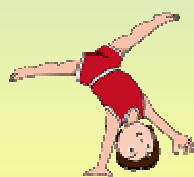
Friends' Meeting—The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 12th March** at 7:00 p.m in school.

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.



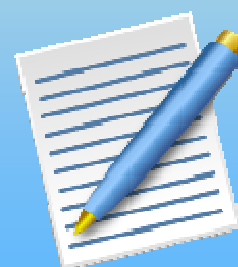
Regular Activities Before/After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3:30-4:15 p.m. ongoing Netball Practice– Y6/Y5 girls-3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing
Tuesday	Y6 Before School Maths Club Gym Club-3:30-4:30 p.m.-ongoing
Wednesday	Orchestra Practice– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing Y6 Before School Maths Club
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing Y5 Afterschool Maths Club
Friday	Ribble Valley Sport Coaching (Various) - 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing



Dates for Diaries

<u>Tues 5th Feb</u>	Y6 Before School Tuesday Maths Club starts	<u>Fri 1st March</u>	Secondary School offers Book Bus in School
<u>Wed 6th</u>	Y6 Hothersall Lodge 4/6 Y6 Before School Maths Club starts	<u>Mon 4th</u>	Cross Country at Witton Park
<u>Thurs 7th</u>	Quiz Night– 6 – 7:30 p.m.	<u>Thurs 7th</u>	World Book Day
<u>Wed 13th</u>	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 5/6 Gymnastics Competition at St. Bede's	<u>Fri 8th</u>	Library Services Visit
<u>Thurs 14th</u>	Valentines Day Special Lunch	<u>Tues 12th</u>	Friends meeting 7 p.m.
<u>Fri 15th</u>	Break up for Half Term at 3:30p.m.	<u>Thurs 14th</u>	Sing together performance
<u>Mon 25th</u>	School Re-opens	<u>Fri 15th</u>	Red Nose Day
<u>Tues 26th</u>	Elite Gymnastics start– New Y3 group	<u>Mon 25th</u>	Cross Country at Witton Park
<u>Wed 27th</u>	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 6/6	<u>Tues 26th</u>	Parents' Evening
<u>Thurs 28th</u>	Full Governing Body Meeting	<u>Wed 27th</u>	Parents' Evening



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 (@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