



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

January 2020



Welcome back to all of the children and staff at St Gabriel's School. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful break over the festive season, ready to continue the fabulous work in 2020.

Primary School Applications—September 2020—The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 15th January**. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx.



Well done to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children for a fabulous 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' nativity. Thanks to the friends for serving coffee and mince pies too!

Another well done to our Choir and Orchestra who performed extremely well over the festive season. A huge thanks to Mrs. Holmes for her continued dedication and enthusiasm in leading our Choir, together with Mr . Scott-Thomas.



A huge thank you to the Friends for, once again, organizing the magical 'Pocket Money Stall' event. Thanks for all the storage and bargain hunting throughout the year to make this event possible and thanks to all those who came to wrap gifts that day! Another magical afternoon!

Well done to all children (and Staff!) who performed in our annual Talent Show—'X' Factor, Strictly...no comparison!



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Termly Information Letters and Topic Overviews—Please refer to these documents for details of topic work to be covered, PE days and homework arrangements etc. for this term. The documents are available to view on the school website under your child's class.

Quiz Night—Thursday 6th February, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in St. Gabriel's School Hall for parents, children and all the family! Tickets £2.50 (children 11 years and under £1.50), supper included (meat and potato or cheese and onion pie). Maximum of 6 per team. Doors open at 5:40 p.m. A letter has been sent home for ticket requests.



Indoor Athletics will be taking place on **Tuesday 14th January** at St. Wilfrid's School. The event will start at 4.00 p.m. The children who have been selected to take part will require trainers and white socks, as they will be provided with a kit. Please ensure you arrange transport for your child to and from the Athletics event. Parents are more than welcome to stay and spectate, however if you choose not to please ensure you arrive promptly to collect your child at 5.30 p.m. Good luck to all the children taking part!

Netball League—The Netball team will be invited to take part in the Netball League at BRIC on **Thursday 16th January**. The tournament will start at 4.00 p.m. More details will follow.



Postage Stamps—Please could you 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.

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.



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Choir resumes Thursday 16th January 2020.

Christmas Cards– Please don't forget to send in any used Christmas Cards for labels for the Pocket Money Stall next year. Thank you to all those who have already started bringing some in and we ask that many more will do so. The school and the children appreciate your help for this magical event at Christmas time.



Snowy Weather* :

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, a delayed opening is sometimes arranged to avoid full school closure. In the event of snow and the likelihood of disruption, **we aim to text all parents at approximately 8.15 a.m.** and advise them 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 that school is open.

The 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 closure or delayed opening.**



Regular Activities—

Monday—	Ohana (Y5)- alternate Mondays- 3.30- 4.15 p.m.—ongoing Maholo (Y6)—alternate Mondays Netball 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing
Tuesday—	Gymnastics 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing
Wednesday—	Orchestra 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing
Thursday—	Afterschool Maths Club- 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing Choir 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing
Friday—	Afterschool Sports (Various) - 3.30-4.30 p.m.—ongoing



Dates for Diaries...

Tues 14th Jan	Hand Hygiene Session in school Indoor Athletics at St. Wilfrid's @ 4.00 p.m.
Wed 15th	Y6 out at Hothersall Lodge (2/6)
Thurs 16th	Choir starts again Census Day Netball League at BRIC @ 4.00 p.m.
Fri 17th	Y6 Violin Lessons
Wed 22nd	Y6 out at Hothersall Lodge (3/6)
Fri 24th	Y6 Violin Lessons
Wed 29th	Y6 out at Hothersall Lodge (4/6)
Thurs 30th	Governors' Finance Meeting @ 4.30 p.m.
Fri 31st	Y6 Violin Lessons
Wed 5th Feb	Y6 out at Hothersall Lodge (5/6) Y3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics @ St. Bede's (letter to follow)
Thurs 6th	Friends Quiz Night 6.00-7.30 p.m.
Mon 10th	Y6 Violin Lessons
Tues 11th	Safer Internet Day
Wed 12th	Y6 out at Hothersall Lodge (6/6)
Fri 14th	Y6 Violin Lessons School closes 3.30 p.m. for Half Term
Mon 24th	School Re-opens