



# St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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

**October 2021**



## Parent/Governor Elections

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor which we would like to fill as soon as possible.

We know as parents you are interested in the education of your children. The role of Parent Governor offers the opportunity to be involved in the governance and management of school, to work together to support St Gabriel's in delivering a quality education to all our children. We need an enthusiastic and willing parent to step forward and fulfil this role.

The Governors work as a team, with the Headteacher, in the strategic planning and management of the school. Their responsibilities include considering and approving the aims and policies of the school, discussing targets for development, setting and monitoring the budget and monitoring the overall performance of the school. Governors are the link between the school and the community and represent all those with an interest in the well-being and overall success of the school. Parents are very important in keeping the Governing Body aware of the views of parents and the local community. They are a vital part of our team.

All Governors are required to attend a Full Governing Body meeting held once per term (3 meetings a year). In addition, Governors may also choose to attend sub committees, including Finance which meets 4 times a year and the Standards and Ethos Committee, which meets 3 times a year.

There is advice and support available to you and training for your new role at no cost to you.

Either myself, or the Chair of the Governing Body will be happy to talk to you if you are interested in being nominated and/or want further information. You may also wish to contact Blackburn with Darwen Governance and Liaison team on (01254) 666507 or visit the Council's website at: [www.blackburn.gov.uk](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk) - School Governors.

If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate, **please provide a brief letter to the school** detailing why you would be good as a Parent Governor and what skills you can bring to this role.

**The deadline is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October so please ensure you get your letters in before this date.**

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be required involving all parents. If it is necessary for there to be an election, we will contact you to explain these arrangements and seek your formal approval to proceed.

Thank you.

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**Primary School Applications– September 2021**– We warmly invite you to attend our information evening on **Monday 15th November**. The meeting will start at 4pm and include an introductory talk, followed by a tour of school. We have chosen to take a 'COVID cautious' approach and invite families not known to school, onto the premises after the school day. The deadline for applications is 15th January. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

**Secondary School Applications**—Please note the **deadline for application is 31st October**. Parents are required to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions) St. Wilfrid's, along with a number of other schools require a supplementary form to be completed by your faith leader. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school of the Local Authority Admissions Team on 01254 666605.



Don't forget parents' evening!

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on **Tuesday 2nd** and **Wednesday 3rd November**. Before the bookings can be made available online like previous years, we require you to complete a google form detailing your child's class and year group and informing us whether you would prefer a face-to-face meeting or a telephone appointment. A message will be sent when the Google form has gone live.

**Harvest**—This year, our Harvest Assembly will take place on **Monday 18th October**. We will once again be collecting tins for our local foodbank. Please see details below of the tins we are asking from each class. Please give as much as you feel you can for this worthy cause.

**Rec—Tins of Tuna**

**Y1—Tins of Custard**

**Y2—Tins of Rice Pudding**

**Y3—Tins of Sweetcorn**

**Y4—Tins of Peas**

**Y5—Tins of Carrots**

**Y6—Tins of Tuna**



**Year 6 had a fantastic time at Robin Wood.** They completed various activities over the course of 3 days including Zip Wire, Archery, Raft Building, Climbing, Canoeing, Piranha Pool and much more! Year 6 would like to thank Mr Cross, Mrs Brown and Miss Hudson for accompanying them on the school trip. You can see some of what they got up to on the schools twitter feed @stgabriellssch



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**Watch Us Grow**— The Friends of St Gabriel's School have organised a “Watch Us Grow” project in school where children will plant their own spring bulbs in the school grounds. The children will be able to watch their bulbs grow into wonderful flowers in the springtime! A poster has been sent out on Monday with all of the details. Please indicate on the slip how much you would like to donate and return the slip to school no later than **Friday 15th October**. Once all slips have been received, the donation amounts will be added to School Money. A text will be sent when all payments are available. **Please do not send money in with your child's slip.**



**Individual and Sibling Photographs**—Individual and sibling photographs are scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th November.

**Dinner Money** -We ask that you **pay for your child's lunches weekly every Friday** for accounting purposes. There will be opportunities for you to change your child's menu choices **termly**. Unfortunately, due to the SchoolMoney system we are unable to make changes to lunch options during the term. If you wish to move your child from packed lunches to school dinners or vice versa we require a weeks' notice.



**Medication**—We have recently been informed by our school nurse that all allergy medication kept in school **must be prescribed** stating your child's name and required dosage. We have also been informed that any child with an inhaler **must also have it prescribed in a box and have a spacer kept in school**. If either of these changes apply to your child, please ensure you bring medications/asthma spacers via the school office. A letter will be coming out with more information for those who have declared an allergy or asthma on their child's medication form.

**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. Any concerns with parking can be reported to [BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk). We ask that parents do so independently, not through school.



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## Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Y4 Ukulele in school—ongoing After school Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm Ukulele Y5/Y6 alternate Mondays 3.30—4.15pm
Wednesday—	Orchestra—3.30—4.30pm
Thursday—	Choir—3.30—4.30pm
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Afterschool Sports (Various) - <b>3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing</b>



## *Dates for Diaries...*

Friday 22nd—	School Closes @ 3.30pm for Half Term
Sunday 31st—	<b>Closing date for Secondary School Applications 2022.</b>
Monday 1st <b>Nov</b> —	Inset Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 2nd	School re-opens Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3rd	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 9th—	Friends' Meeting @ 6pm
Wednesday 10th—	Governors' Finance Committee @ <b>4.30pm.</b>
Thursday 11th	Individual and Sibling Photographs PM
Monday 15th	Y6 Height and Weight Measurements Open Evening for September 2022 Admissions
Thursday 18th	Full Governing Body Meeting @ 4pm
Friday 19th	Children In Need
Monday 13th <b>Dec</b>	Life Education
Tuesday 14th	Life Education
Wednesday 15th	Pocket Money Stall
Thursday 16th	Christmas Lunch & Talent Show
Friday 17th	<b>School closes @ 3.30pm for Christmas.</b>

