



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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

November 2021

Mr Holmes to retire at Christmas—This will mark the closing of an era for our school! Mr Holmes has taught at St Gabriel's for 34 years and throughout that time he has dedicated himself to nurturing and developing the abilities, interests and humour of all the children in his care. Whilst we will be greatly saddened by his leaving, we know he will go on to further his own hobbies and plans and enjoy a rich and fulfilling retirement.

Throughout the Spring and Summer terms, Mrs E Wilson will be teaching Year 5. We look forward to welcoming her into our school family for this temporary appointment.

Harvest—A big thank you to all those who brought in tins for this years' Harvest. The foodbank were overwhelmed with your generosity and extremely grateful for the well needed donations at this time.



Remembrance Day—Well done to our Y6 children for leading our Remembrance Day service and a big thank you to a member of our Y5 class for playing the last post.

Anti-Bullying Week—Thank you for all the odd socks worn on Wednesday... the challenge will now be putting the matching pairs back together!



Children in Need— Thank you to all those who have donated to our "Just Giving" page for Children In Need. So far we have raised £220. If you have still not donated but would like to please go to our page via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stgabrielsprimaryschool>.

Reception Class Applications- September 2022—Parents with siblings wishing to apply- please note that the deadline date for applications is **Saturday 15th January**. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions



Watch Us Grow Fundraiser—Thank you to all those who donated to our Watch Us Grow project. We managed **to raise £575.50**. We look forward to seeing them bloom in the Spring!

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Life Education—This year, the Life Education Team will be making a visit to school to deliver sessions to all classes. Like last year, they will be delivering these sessions in school rather than the Life Education Van. These sessions are scheduled to take place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December.



Christmas Celebrations



Posada Nativity Figures will be sent out the week beginning 22nd 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.



Lunchtime Carols—The choir will be performing in Blackburn Cathedral on Wednesday 1st December. More details will follow.



Infant Nativity—This year Reception, Y1 and Y2 are working very hard to deliver you an extra special production of 'Angel Express'. The Infant Nativity is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 8th December** in the **morning** and **Friday 10th December** in the **afternoon**. More details regarding clothing and tickets will follow.



Junior Carol Service—This year our Junior Carol Service will take place in school on Wednesday **8th December in the afternoon**. **Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to this event like previous years** when it was in the Church Hall. Instead, we are inviting parents of those children who are performing in the Orchestra, so parents can see their child perform for the very first time this year!



Pocket Money Stall—We are pleased to inform you that once again children will be invited take part in our annual Pocket Money Stall. This will be happening in school on **Wednesday 15th December** for all children. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able to. More details about this event will follow.



Christmas Lunch—Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 16th December serving the usual main course but with the added extras of crackers, party hats and Christmas desserts! **This is a non-uniform day- party clothes instead.**



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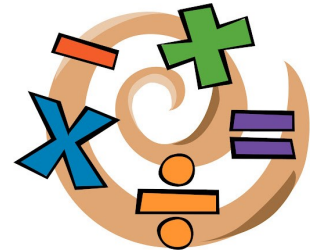
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Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Y4 Ukulele in school—ongoing After school Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm Ukulele Y5/Y6 alternate Mondays 3.30—4.15pm
Wednesday—	Before School Maths Club 8.00—9.00am Orchestra—3.30—4.30pm
Thursday—	Choir—3.30—4.30pm
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Afterschool Sports (Various) - 3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing



Dates for Diaries...

Monday 29th Nov	Y6 Questionnaires in school
Wednesday 1st Dec	Lunchtime Carols @ the Cathedral 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 8th	Infant Nativity AM—details to follow
Wednesday 8th	Junior Carol Service—pm
Thursday 9th	Choir to perform on yard 3.15-3.45pm
Friday 10th	Infant Nativity—PM—details to follow.
Monday 13th	Life Education
Tuesday 14th	Life Education
Wednesday 15th	Pocket Money Stall—details to follow. NO Orchestra
Thursday 16th	NO Choir
Thursday 16th	Christmas Lunch Talent Show
Friday 17th	Talent Show School closes @ 3.30pm for Christmas.