



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

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

December 2021



We are still looking forward to:



## Pocket Money Stall

Wednesday 15th December 2021

## Christmas Lunch & Party Day

Thursday 16th December 2021

Children are invited to come in non-uniform/party clothes.

## Choir Carol Singing in the Gazebo

Collecting donations in aid of Alzheimer's

Thursday 16th December 2021—3.15 -3.45 pm

**For the enjoyment of all parents and families!**

**Please come for 3.15 pm to enjoy this!**

**Mr Holmes** — The time has come to say goodbye to Mr. Holmes. We want to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication for the past 34 years. We wish you all the very best in your retirement!

After Christmas we will be welcoming Mrs E Wilson who will be teaching Year 5 throughout the Spring and Summer term. We look forward to her joining our school family for this temporary appointment.

**GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK!**

self-belief

courage

resilience

ambition

Harmony

**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**



**Life Education**—The Life Education team are in school Monday and Tuesday this week to deliver sessions to all classes. Children are taught a diverse range of interesting topics some of which include: the brain, day-to-day decisions, thoughts and feelings, their bodies and their friends. These lessons form part of school's Personal, Social and Health Education programme.

**Children in Need**— Thank you to all those who have donated to our “Just Giving” page for Children In Need. We managed to raise an incredible **£372.00**. If you have still not donated but would like to please go to our page via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stgabrielsprimaryschool>.



### **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 a 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** (@stgabrielssch) - which can be viewed on the **home page of the school website**: [www.stgabrielssch.co.uk](http://www.stgabrielssch.co.uk).

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

School Closes for half term on **Friday 17th December** at the usual time. It will then re-open again on **Thursday 6th January**.

From all the staff at St. Gabriel's, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.