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Dear Parents,

St. Gabriel's Champions! – A huge well done to the football team for winning the celebrated 'Jubilee Shield'. Schools across the borough have been contesting the Jubilee Shield since 1934 in a competition first introduced to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary.

Our boys gave a fantastic performance of not only footballing skills but of sporting attitude. We are all very proud. Huge thanks to Mr. Cross for his coaching and to parents for supporting. St. Gabriel's will now represent Blackburn in the Lancashire Schools' F.A. Finals in the new year.

Our team: Thomas Hodgkinson, Dominic Wilding, Josh King, Frankie Fardella, Josh Asal, Connor March, Zayd Thava and Louis Martin. Well done boys!

Congratulations to Thomas Hodgkinson, Connor March and Zayd Thava for being accepted into the Blackburn Football Town Team.

Y6 Remembrance Service – Well done to Year 6 for leading a very moving and poignant Remembrance Service in school on Wednesday. Special thanks to Madison Ashton for playing the Last Post. All children in school coloured their own poppy to contribute to our front entrance display.

Y6 Robinwood Trip – Many of you will have followed events on Twitter. This aspect of our website is great for keeping you informed of events.

Temporary Pathway Closure from 19th November – This is the footpath along the bottom of Woolridge Playing Fields – see the school website/Twitter feed for more information. www.stgabrielssch.co.uk - @stgabriels.

Reinstatement of Pleckgate (Woolridge) Playing Fields – Local residents will have received leaflets explaining this announcement. The fields are to be refurbished, levelled and drained to accommodate football pitches. Three local football leagues have amalgamated to call themselves E.L.F.D.A. (East Lancashire Facilities Development Association) to access funding to improve grass roots football across the borough. These facilities will be used for football matches, school events and general public use as an open space.

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St. Gabriel's school is a Church of England Primary School in the Diocese of Blackburn and the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen



Holiday List December 2015 – July 2017 – Please note that a holiday list showing holidays to July 2017 has been sent home as an email with this Newsletter. This list is available from the school office.

Beavers and Cubs at St. Gabriel's Church Hall – These groups have been established for many years. If your children would like to join, or you are willing to help support these fabulous organisations, please contact Rachel White on 077344 62744 or rblanco@Hotmail.co.uk.

**Beavers are aged 6 to 8.5
Cubs are aged 8 to 10
Both groups are for boys and girls.**

**Beavers & Cubs meet at St Gabriel's Church Hall
Beavers Tuesday 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Cubs Monday 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

Both £3 weekly, term time. First 2 weeks free to try.

Dates for Diaries:

Fri 14 th	Absolute Dodgeball – Y2-Y6 – starts today for 5 weeks
Tues 17 th	Friends' Association AGM – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 19 th	Admissions 2016 Open Day – 9.30 a.m. or 1.30 p.m. Governors Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Fri 20 th	Science Show in School for Infants and Juniors
Wed 2 nd December	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral – 7.30 p.m.
Mon 7 th – Tues 8 th	Life Education Van in School
Thurs 10 th	Lunchtime Carols in Blackburn Cathedral – 1.00 p.m.
Tues 15 th	Big Screen Cinema in School – afternoon 7 p.m. Junior Carol Service in Church
Wed 16 th	Pocket Money Stall – afternoon
Thurs 17 th	Christmas Lunch in School

Note: Infant's Christmas Nativity – This year our Reception, Y1 and Y2 will join together for an Infant Nativity production 'It's a Miracle!' on the afternoons of December 9th, 10th and 11th.

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. The Hospice is very grateful for your help as they have already received in excess of £15,000 from something which would otherwise be thrown away. Many thanks to everyone already supporting this worthy cause.



Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher