



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

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## Newsletter No 5

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### Christmas Celebrations



**Posada Nativity figures** will be sent out from next week. 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 or prayers. Please take special care of the figures you receive as you welcome the true meaning of Christmas into your home.



**Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. Mince pies and coffee will be served by the Friends. **Please contact the school office if you still require tickets.**



**The Junior Children, Choir and Orchestra will be leading our Candlelit Carol Service on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are not required to attend. Those wishing to bring Infant children may do so, but must sit together in the main congregation. This is an extra special occasion, full of Christmas cheer and excitement. We warmly invite all parents, friends and families to join us. The service will last under an hour. It is an important service, and it is anticipated **that all Junior children will attend.** It is hugely disappointing, to all those involved, when children do not attend key school events. **Please ensure you return the slip below in the unfortunate event that your child is unable to attend.**



**'PAN'** Big screen show Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, £3 contribution includes a choc ice for the interval!



**Pocket Money Stall, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – afternoon. This is a magical event. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able! Please contact the office if you are able to help.



**Party Day** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> will combine our special Christmas lunch with the Junior talent show (always a favourite with staff) and a special visitor for the infants! **This is a non-uniform day – party clothes instead.**



**Snowy Weather:** Please note, in the event that school would need to close due to bad weather, parents would be informed by text and a message would be put on the website at [www.stgabrielssch.co.uk](http://www.stgabrielssch.co.uk). **We will NOT be using the school radio services as these are often 'hit and miss'.** Thank you.

## Junior Carol Service

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is unable to attend the Carol Service on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher or direct to the school office.

**Keeping Safe Week** – Our annual ‘safety week’ ended with ‘Be Bright, Be Seen’ today – school has been illuminated with neon and fluorescent colours (plus Mr. Holmes’ fairy lights!)

I’m saddened to say, however, that we have had yet another incident of inconsiderate parking, accompanied by abusive responses, plus a situation leading to a near miss accident. Please use the Knowles Arms car park and walk your children into the Crescent whenever possible. Congestion and the inevitable parking issues are an increasing area of concern for both schools and the local residents. Should you experience or witness other similar situations, we advise that you report the registration number of offending vehicles directly to the police on (01254) 274815 or BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.

**Increase to Dinner Money** – From January the cost of a school lunch will increase from £1.80 to £2.00. Costs have remained at £1.80 for the last four years, having been at £1.75 since 2009. The Governors have resisted the need to raise costs for many years. However, this price increase brings us into line with the majority of schools across the borough.

**Dates for Diaries:**

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral – 7.30 p.m.
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van in School
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime Carols in Blackburn Cathedral – 1.00 p.m.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	‘PAN’ Big Screen Cinema in School – afternoon 7 p.m. Junior Carol Service in Church
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pocket Money Stall – afternoon No Orchestra
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch in School No Choir

**Book Fair** – Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who supported the Book Fair held in school recently. A total of £916.41 was raised, giving us £549.85 to spend on books in school!

**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