



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

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## Newsletter No 6

11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Christmas Celebrations



**Posada Nativity figures** – 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.



**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.**

**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.

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### 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.



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**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.

## Dates for Diaries:

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
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 3.30 p.m.
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens for the spring term.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orchestra begins tonight
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Choir begins tonight

## Christmas

### at St. Gabriel's Church, Brownhill

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December:**

9.00 a.m. – Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. – Christmas Carol Service

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve:**

4.00 p.m. – Christingle Service by Candlelight  
11.15 p.m. – Holy Communion

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day:**

10.00 a.m. – Family Service

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1:**

9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – Communion and Worship



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**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.



**The staff and Governors wish you all a very Happy Christmas  
and a Peaceful New Year.**

Yours sincerely,  
**B. Haigh**  
Headteacher