



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

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## Newsletter No. 2

Dear Parents,

**Secondary School Applications** – Please note the deadline date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx). St. Wilfrid's require a supplementary form to be completed by your faith leader. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school or the Local Authority Admissions Team on 01254 666605.

**Primary School Applications – September 2017** – We warmly invite you to attend one of our visit and information meetings on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The meetings will begin at 9.30 a.m. and at 1.30 p.m. The deadline date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/pages/school-admissions.aspx).

**Fun Day** – Huge thanks to the Friends and all of you who supported this superb event. We raised a whopping £2,181.99 for school.

**Parents' Evenings** are taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Letters have been sent home tonight. Please return slips promptly. Appointments are allocated on a first come first served basis



**The Annual Book Fair will be held in school** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. and on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. Once again we will be having a raffle which allows one child from each class to win a £5 voucher to be used during the Book Fair. Leaflet sent home tonight.

**Sporting Events** – On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October our **Tag Rugby** Y5 and Y6 team members played an interschool tournament. The Team played very well, narrowly losing in the semi-finals. Very well done to you all. Team members: Frankie Fardella, Libby Forrest-Yates, Aasiyah Hasan, Aliyah Hasan, Aamina Khan, Calum Martin, Louise Martin, Isobel Ramsden, James Toase, Zayd Vaid and Owen Walton.



**Harvest Appeal** – Our worship 'Beacons' will be announcing this appeal in school next week. We will, once again, be supporting Blackburn **Foodbank** and ask that each child bring **just one can of vegetables and one can of fruit** into school on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** for our special Harvest Worship Assembly. This will be led by Year 1 and **Year 1 parents will also be invited to attend.**

**Simeon Wood** – On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the exceptional multi-instrumentalist, Simeon Wood is returning to St. Silas' Parish Church, Preston New Road. Your children will remember Simeon visiting school last Autumn when he enthralled every class with his brilliant musicianship and funny stories. Tickets for this event which starts at 7:30 p.m. can be obtained from Jonathan Scadding, our Site Supervisor (07811846176) and cost £10.00 each for adults. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles are included and accompanied children under 16 are free. This is an evening not to be missed with proceeds going towards the St. Silas' Organ Appeal.

**Brownies** – Please contact Mrs. Coote via the School Office if your daughter is 7 years old and would like to join St. Gabriel's Brownies.

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### Regular Activities After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Y2 Handwriting Group – 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. from 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept then ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Wednesday	Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – from 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

### Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>October</b>	Cross Country at QEGS after school
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	7-a-side at St. Bede's after school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 at Robinwood
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Orchestra after school</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – <b>No Choir</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class 2017 Admission Meeting – 9.30 a.m. or 1.30 p.m.
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – more details sent home tonight – <b>No Gym Club after school</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's Ambulance First Aid Training across the school
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – more details sent home tonight – <b>No Choir</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for half term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>November</b>	School re-opens
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governors' Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more details to follow
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	School closed for Staff Training
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' A.G.M.
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>December</b>	Choir to sing in Blackburn Cathedral – Lunchtime Carols – details to follow
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to sing at The Fire and Rescue Christmas Carol Service, 7.30 p.m. – details to follow
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van in School
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – details to follow
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – details to follow
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – details to follow
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cinema in School – details to follow
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pocket Money Stall – proposed date
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Service in Church – evening
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Special Christmas lunch in school
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>January 2017</b>	School re-opens

Yours sincerely,

**B. Haigh**  
**Headteacher**