



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

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## Newsletter No. 3

Dear Parents,



**Sporting Events – Well done to the Football Team** on reaching the finals of the Jubilee Shield. The match took place on Tuesday with team members: Zach Ashton, Frankie Fardella, Calum Martin, Louis Martin, James Toase, Dillon Topping, Zayd Vaid, Adam Veevers, Owen Walton. Two matches were won and two lost, although unfortunately we didn't qualify for the final four, we had a great night.

**On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October the Cross Country Teams** ran and were well placed. All the children ran extremely well showing both speed and stamina. Boys' Team: Calum Martin, Louis Martin, James Toase, Frankie Fardella, Dillon Topping, Aariz Jeffrey. Girls' Team: Aasiyah Hasan, Tayah Hudson, Maseeha Gadatya, Libby Frazer, Aliyah Hasan, Lacey Nelson.



**A huge well done to Year 1** who led our Harvest worship on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This was a very moving occasion with readings and drama from the children. Well done to all! Huge thanks to all Y1 parents and families, who attended and to families across school who sent in cans for Foodbank – we have been overwhelmed – raising a staggering 309.20 kg!!



**Keeping Safe Week** – During our annual 'safety week' before half term the children took part in various aspects of first aid which was delivered by St. John's Ambulance and school staff. All classes discussed the 'Pocket Book Guide to School with the junior children taking home a copy. This is also available on our website under School Life – Guide to School. Many thanks to the Friends for funding this first aid programme.

**Primary School Applications – September 2017** –The deadline date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions).

**The Annual Book Fair which was held in school recently** raised a total of £756.82. School is able to claim back 50% in books for school. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in school.



**Lancashire Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme – “DROP IN SESSION”** – IntraHealth are pleased to offer a “Drop in”



Session at their Bamber Bridge Office, Suite 3a-3c Ribble House, Meanygate, Bamber Bridge, PRESTON, PR5 6UP (tel. 07414 919528) on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 between 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Parents/guardians of **Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils** are able to bring along their child/children if they missed the School's vaccination date due to illness or absence or if they have now decided that they would like their child/children to be vaccinated.

**Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – The Big Spotacular!** – Non-uniform day with spots and stripes as the theme. All donations of money will go to Children in Need.



### Regular Activities After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Y2 Handwriting Group – 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. 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 Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

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## Christmas Celebrations



**Posada Nativity figures** will be sent out week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November. 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 'Away in a Manger' on:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. Mince pies and coffee will be served by the Friends. **A separate infant class letter will be sent home with more details.**



**The Junior Children, Choir and Orchestra will be leading our Candlelit Carol Service on Tuesday 20<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.**



**'TROLLS'** Big screen show Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, £3 contribution includes a choc ice for the interval!



**Pocket Money Stall, Tuesday 20<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** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</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.**

### Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Full Governors' Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day – Spots and Stripes Theme
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School closed for Staff Training</b>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' A.G.M. – 7.00 p.m. in School – everyone welcome
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Choir to sing in Blackburn Cathedral – Lunchtime Carols – all choir members
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to sing at The Fire and Rescue Christmas Carol Service at 7.30 p.m. – all choir members
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to sing at Christmas Spectacular – Y5 and Y6 members only
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van in School
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – 2.15 p.m.
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – 2.15 p.m.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity – 2.15 p.m.
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cinema in School – 'Trolls' – afternoon
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pocket Money Stall
	Service in Church – 7.00 p.m.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Special Christmas lunch in school
	Party Day – Non Uniform
	Junior Talent Show
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School re-opens

Yours sincerely,  
**B. Haigh**  
**Headteacher**

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## **Junior Carol Service**

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

My child is unable to attend the Carol Service on Tuesday 20<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.