



St. Gabriel's C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Primary School Applications – September 2017 – The deadline date for applications is 15th January. Parents are requested to apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions.

Christmas Raffle – Thank you to everyone who supported the School Council who organised this event. **We raised an amazing £540** with this Christmas Raffle.

Well done to all the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children for a fabulous 'Away in a Manger' nativity. Thanks to the Friends for serving coffee and mince pies too!



Another well done to our Choir and Orchestra who have performed so impressively over this festive season. Huge thanks to Mrs. Holmes for her continued dedication and enthusiasm in leading our Choir, together with Mr. Scott-Thomas.

A big thank you to all those parents, families and friends who joined us for our Junior Carol Service. This was a wonderful event with a 'Carol Singer' theme!

Another huge thank you to the Friends for, once again, organizing the magical 'Pocket Money Stall' event. Thanks for all the storage and bargain hunting throughout the year to make this event possible and thanks to all those who came to wrap the gifts on the day! Another magical afternoon!

Well done to all the children (and staff!) who performed in our annual Talent Show – 'X' Factor, Strictly... no comparison!



Termly information Letters to Parents – Please refer to these documents for details of topic work to be covered, PE days, homework arrangements etc. for this term. These are also available on the school website.



Blue Tit Webcam – Once again Y5 are 'spying' on all the activity in our Blue Tit nesting box. We will keep you informed as events unfold.

Nest Boxes – Year 5 are once again going to be making and selling blue tit and robin nest boxes. The cost of each box is still only £8 with all the money raised going towards buying plants for our school garden. The last date for orders is Monday 23rd January. Unfortunately, this year we shall be making only 50 boxes so hurry, don't miss out!



Friends' Association Meeting Tuesday 17th January in the School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Quiz Night – Thursday 2nd February, 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. in St. Gabriel's School Hall for parents, children and all the family! Tickets £2.50 (children 11 years and under £1.50), supper included (meat and potato or cheese and onion pie). Maximum of 6 per team. Doors open at 5.40 p.m. Please see the Flyer sent home tonight.

Dance Club – The Dance Club starts on Monday 16th January, 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Orchestra resumes Wednesday 25th January 2017.

Choir resumes Thursday 26th January 2017.



Postage Stamps – Please could you send your used postage stamps into school? They are taken to East Lancashire Hospice where they are exchanged for cash to boost their much needed funds. Many thanks to everyone already supporting this worthy cause.

Regular Activities After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Dance Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Wednesday	Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing from Wednesday 25 th Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing from Thursday 26 th Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Thurs 19 th Jan	Netball Tournament at BRIC 4.00 p.m.
Wed 25 th	Y5/Y6 Indoor Athletics – more details to follow Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 26 th	Houses of Parliament School Trip – all day
Wed 1 st Feb	Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics 4 – 6 p.m. – more details to follow
Thurs 2 nd	Governors' Curriculum Meeting – 2.15 p.m. Governors' Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m. Friends' Quiz Night 6 – 7.30 p.m.
Tues 7 th	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics – more details to follow
Wed 8 th	Year 3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics at St. Bede's – more details to follow
Friday 10th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for half term
Mon 20th	School closed for staff training
Tues 21st	School re-opens
Wed 1 st March	Secondary School places offered Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 2 nd	Full Governors' Meeting followed by the Admissions Meeting – 5 p.m.
Mon 6 th	Cross Country at QEGS – more details to follow
Wed 8 th	Dance Festival at St. George's Hall – more details to follow
Wed 15 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 1 of 2
Thurs 16 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 2 of 2
Wed 22 nd	Year 5/6 Orienteering at Feniscowles – more details to follow
Thurs 23 rd	Sing Together Concert – more details to follow
Fri 24 th	Red Nose Day
Mon 27 th	Cross Country at QEGS – more details to follow
Tues 28 th	Parents' Evening – more details to follow Governors' Finance Meeting – 4 p.m.
Wed 29 th	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 30 th	Parents' Evening – more details to follow
Thurs 6 th April	Year 5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge – letter to follow
Fri 7th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter Holidays
Mon 24th	School reopens

Yours sincerely,

B. Haigh
Headteacher