



## 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 along with a number of other schools 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 2018** – We warmly invite you **to attend one of our visit and information meetings on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October or Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. The meetings will begin at **9.30 a.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).



**Safe Travel to School Week 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Please see the message below from Cheryl Sandford from the BwD Connect Safety Team.

St. Gabriel's School is taking part in the BwD Healthy Travel to School Promotion. We hope that as many families as possible will travel to school in a healthy and sustainable way. The modes of transport we would like to encourage are walking, cycling, car-sharing or travelling on public transport. If it is essential to travel by car, to support the promotion, please consider parking the car a short distance from school on the Knowles Arms car park and walking the rest of the way. In order to participate in this promotion you must not park or drop off in Wilworth Crescent. We have gained permission to use the car park at the Knowles Arms as a park and stride facility. If you live in the vicinity, please leave the car at home and walk. The children are encouraged to walk a short distance to be healthier and to highlight positive road safety practices. Children who do not participate in the promotion will not receive their certificates or be able to take part in the prize draw. There should be no cars at all near the school during this promotional week.

Children will be given a passport and it will be stamped every time they walk or cycle into school, even part of the way, as they go through passport control at school. There will be a presentation assembly when certificates will be given to all children who have participated correctly in the promotion and there will be a prize draw with all the completed passports.

**The Nasal Flu Vaccination** is being offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 this term. Forms with information about the procedure have been sent out to these classes. **Please can all forms be returned to school as soon as possible.**



**The Children are training hard for a place in the Cross Country Team.** The Cross Country Race takes place after school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Fun Day** – Huge thanks to the Friends and all of you who supported this superb event. **So far we have raised an amazing £2,303.26!** Raffle prizes still to be claimed are: pink tickets 132, 561 and green tickets 229, 179 and 484.

**Parents' Evenings** are taking place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Letters will be sent home this week. 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 12<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. and on Monday 16<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 will be sent home this week.





**Harvest Appeal** – Our worship ‘Beacons’ will be announcing this appeal in school next week. We will, once again, be supporting Blackburn **Foodbank** and **ask each class to bring something different (details next week) into school on Friday 27<sup>th</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.**

**School Health Needs Assessment** – This year the school will be taking part again in the School Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) in partnership with the school nurse teams from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust. This helps us to better understand and respond to the health and well-being needs of children in the school and also for extra support to be given if needed. If your child is in Reception or Year 6 you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Children in Year 6 will also complete one in class. The majority of schools in Lancashire are involved in this and last year over 30,000 children and parents took part! If you would like to know more about this the school nurse will be happy to tell you more.

**Reminder:** School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November for staff training.

**Regular Activities After School**

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| Monday    | Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing<br>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<br>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**

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| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>                        | Football Match after school at St. Bede’s   |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Y6 at Robinwood – <b>No Maths Club after school</b>   |
| Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>                       | Book Fair in school – 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>                         | Cross County after school at QEGS<br>Book Fair in school – 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.   |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | Reading Meeting after school - 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.   |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Full Governing Body Meeting – 5 p.m.  |
| Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | Open Morning for Primary Admissions September 2018 – 9.30 a.m.<br>Parents’ Evening – <b>No Gym Club after school</b>                  |
| Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>                       | Parents’ Evening – <b>No Choir after school</b>   |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | Harvest Service – Collection for Foodbank – details to follow<br><b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. for half term</b>                      |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov                      | School closed for Staff Training  |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | <b>School reopens</b><br>Friends’ AGM followed by Pocket Money Stall Meeting – 7.00 p.m.<br>Children in Need – more details to follow |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>                         | Open Morning for Primary Admissions September 2018 – 9.30 a.m.  |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | Friends’ Quiz Night – more details to follow  |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Lunchtime Carols in the Cathedral – Choir to sing – details to follow   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec                      | Lancashire Fire & Rescue Christmas Carol Service – details to follow  |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Life Education Bus in School  |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> | Infant Nativity – details to follow   |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | Infant Nativity – details to follow   |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | Infant Nativity – details to follow   |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>                         | Christmas Service in Church – 7 p.m.  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Pocket Money Stall  |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | Christmas Lunch   |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Talent Show   |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>                         | <b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Christmas Holidays</b>  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan                      | <b>School reopens</b>   |



Yours sincerely,  
**B. Haigh**  
Headteacher