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Dear Parents,

'**Porridge**' - Y6 Show will be performed at **7.00 p.m.** on Wednesday July 11th and Thursday 12th July in St. Gabriel's School Hall. Tickets are now available to parents from all year groups. Please return the request slip attached to this Newsletter or visit the school office. We do expect to sell out of tickets so I would advise you to purchase them as soon as possible.



End of Year Service – Unfortunately, due to building repair and health and safety restrictions, the Church is not currently available for use. As a consequence, there will not be an End of Year Service to which the whole school can be invited. Year 6 Parents will be invited, as previous years, to the special Awards Presentation and Leavers Assembly in the school hall on Thursday 19th July at 9.30 a.m.



Blue Tit Webcam – Unfortunately when we returned after the holiday the nest box was on the floor with no sign of anything left of the family living there before. We have returned the box to the wall and are waiting to see if there is any more interest from Blue Tits this year.

Netball – On Tuesday 22nd May St. Gabriel's Netball Team played in the finals of a High 5 Netball Tournament held at St. Bede's and WON! The girls who included: Olivia, Jaya, Chloe, Alisha, Azra, Safiyya, Aaliah and Laiba played six matches. All matches were 5 minutes each way, meaning that the girls played for 60 minutes (plus the extra times in the semi-finals and finals) in very hot conditions. Congratulations to the girls who gave 100% right to the end. They were a credit to school and should be very proud of themselves. In the semi-finals and the finals the matches were won with a 'Golden Goal'! Olivia scored the final goal in the finals. Thank you to all the parents who supported the girls at the tournament. They will now represent BwD Borough Council at a Tournament in Blackpool on 3rd July.



Animals in Tuition visited the Reception Class on Thursday 17th May. He brought a millipede, two cockroaches called Charlie and Lola and a snake! All the children got the opportunity to handle the animals if they wanted too.



Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Friday 25th May on the School Playground. Everyone had an amazing time despite the change in the weather!

Bolton Music Service continues to visit Year 3, enabling them to take part in class percussion lessons using Djembe drums and African rhythms and songs.



Tea Towels – There are a few tea towels still available from the school office at a cost of £3.50 each.



Dinner Money is payable weekly and is collected in class, on a Monday morning. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (to St Gabriel's School). Please put money in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class.

Please note: the school car park is for staff parking and deliveries only, at all times. Thank you.

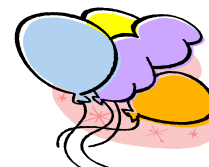


Please note: at home time, please ensure children do not play in the garden area on the infant and junior yard. This is a special area where damage to plants can easily occur.



Postage Stamps – Please don't forget to 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 which runs all year.

Friends' Family Fun Day! Make a date in your diary now for our annual major fundraising event: after school on Friday 21st September. More information will be sent out explaining how you can help and support us in this event.



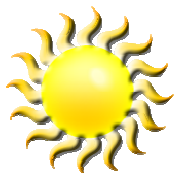
The Alpha Course

We will be starting an Alpha Course at the end of September at St. Gabriel's Church. It seems like a long time off but at the Church this year we are exploring ways of getting to know more people in and around our community, so our planning is starting early. The Alpha Course is run over a period of 10 weeks, each session lasting no more than 2 hours. It explores the basics of the Christian faith. A relaxed and comfortable environment helps to promote a secure and safe atmosphere. It is a free event for both men and women who wish to explore their faith, for those who are questioning their faith and for those who know nothing about the Christian faith but want to know what it is all about.

For more information: contact the Parish Office 01254 676709 leaving a message and a contact number and I will get back to you. Also, please ring this number to register your interest in joining the course. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

Liz Wilson
Alpha Co-ordinator at St. Gabriel's Church



Advice to parents regarding hot weather

- Children are encouraged to bring hats/caps
- Children are advised to bring water bottles with sports cap tops

Note: **Staff CANNOT apply lotions.** Parents should apply 'once' style sun cream before school starts which will last the duration of the school day.

Regular Extra Curricular Activities in School

Monday	Lunchtime Football – Y5 and Y6 Boys and Girls Ukulele Groups 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – Aloha and Mahola alternate weeks – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Rounders for Y5/Y6 – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

Wednesday Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
 Cricket Club – Y5/Y6 – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
 Thursday Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – **last one 14th June**
 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

Tues 12th June Y3 Class Trip to Blackpool Zoo
 New Reception Class Induction Day
 Wed 13th Boys' Cricket Tournament
 Thurs 14th Summer Music Evening 7.00 p.m. in School
 Mon 18th Y3 Dental Health Promotion Talk
 Y6 Parents' Induction Evening at St. Wilfrid's
 Tues 19th Y1 Class Trip to Townley Hall
 New Reception Class Induction Day
 Y6 Parents' Induction Evening at St. Wilfrid's
 Tues 26th Reception Class Trip to Farmer Ted's – more details to follow
 Wed 27th Y6 Sampler Day – p.m. – St. Wilfrid's
 Summer Fundraising Event – Sponsored Run – more details sent out
 Vision Screening – Reception Class
 Thurs 28th Y4 Class Trip to Brockholes – more details to follow
 Y6 Induction Day at Hutton Grammar School
 Tues 3rd July Netball Team Blackpool Tournament – more details to follow
 Wed 4th – Fri 6th Y6 Induction Days at St. Wilfrid's
 Mon 9th Governors' Standards, Ethos and Curriculum Committee Meeting 2.30 p.m.
 Wed 11th Y2 Class Trip to Cuerden Valley Park
 Y6 Play – 'Porridge' ticket details below
 Thurs 12th Y6 Play – 'Porridge' ticket details below
 Thurs 19th Awards Presentation and Leavers Assembly in School Hall – 9.30 a.m.

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher

Y6 Performance of 'Porridge'

Please supply _____ adult tickets @ £4.00 _____ children/senior citizen tickets @ £2.50

I enclose _____ (please make cheques payable to St. Gabriel's School)

for *Wednesday 11th July

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for *Thursday 12th July

Child's name _____ Class _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Parent's signature _____

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