



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

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**Primary School Applications—September 2019—**The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 15th 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).



**Well done to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children** for a fabulous 'A King is Born' 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 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 gifts that day! Another magical afternoon!

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



**Termly Information Letters and Topic Overviews—**Please refer to these documents for details of topic work to be covered, PE days and homework arrangements etc. for this term. We will text you a direct link to these documents on the school website. We will also send these to you in an email.

**Friends' Meeting—**The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 12th March** at 7:00 p.m.



**Quiz Night—Thursday 7th 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 which will be sent home on 14th January.

**Netball Report**—On Thursday 6th December, Olivia, Chloe, Jaya, Lucy, Zaahiyah and Abigail all played in a Netball Competition at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre. Our first game was against The Redeemer. It was an easy game and we won an incredible 12-0! After enjoying a break, we played against St. Paul's and after a tough match we were unfortunately beaten 3-2. Our last game was against Salisbury and we sadly got beaten again 5-3. They had some really good players. Thank you Mrs. Tomlinson for taking us.



**Football Report**— On Tuesday 11th December 2018, Chloe, Lucy, Jaya, Olivia, Rebecca, Sarah, Lily, Katie and Courtney all played in a Football competition at St. Bede's. Our first game was against St. Barnabas which we drew 1-1. After that, we played against St. Paul's which we lost 1-0. It was a very hard game. Our final game was against Meadow head which they won 4-0. They were really good with a lot of strong players. Thank you Miss. Hudson for taking us. We all had a really good time and felt proud representing the school.

**Postage Stamps**—Please could you send your used postage stamps into school? Hopefully you will have many at this time of year! 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.



**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.

**Orchestra** resumes Wednesday 9th January 2019



**Choir** resumes Thursday 10th January 2019.



**After School Sports** will begin Friday 18th January. This term will be focussed on dance and yoga. The cost of the five weeks will be £25. A letter has been sent home containing all the relevant details.



**Christmas Cards**— Please don't forget to send in any unused Christmas Cards that you have left over from Christmas. Hopefully you will have plenty this time of year! They will be used for the Pocket Money Stall next year. Thank you to all those who have already started bringing some in and we ask that many more will do so. The school and the children appreciate your help for this magical event at Christmas time.

### Snowy Weather:

I would like to clearly state that it is always our intention to keep school open as far as is reasonably possible. Unfortunately, achieving required staffing levels by 9:00 a.m. is always a concern and is a major reason for school closures throughout the country. As traffic delays are the obvious issues, we feel that a full closure could be avoided by arranging a delayed opening. In the event of snow and the likelihood of disruption, we will aim to **text all parents at approximately 8:15 a.m.** to advise that school is either:



**Closed** (in the case of severe snow)



**Delaying opening until given time e.g. 10:30 a.m.** (in the case of light snow, but severe traffic issues.)



**If there is no text assume school is open**

This message will also be given on the schools **Twitter Feed (@stgabrielssch)**- which can be viewed on the **home page of the school website:** [www.stgabrielssch.co.uk](http://www.stgabrielssch.co.uk).

Note: We will **NOT be using the local radio services** to advise of a closure or delayed opening.

### Regular Activities Before/After School

<b>Monday</b>	Ukulele Group 3:30-4:15 p.m. ongoing Netball Practice– Y6/Y5 girls-3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gym Club-3:30-4:30 p.m.-ongoing
<b>Wednesday</b>	Orchestra Practice– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Practice for Juniors– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing
<b>Friday</b>	Ribble Valley Sport Coaching (Various) - 3:30-4:30 p.m.– ongoing



# Dates for Diaries



Fri 11th <b><u>Jan</u></b>	Marbles in the school hall 6 p.m.– 7p.m.
Mon 14th	After school Netball starts
Tues 15th	Closing date for primary applications for Sept 2019
Wed 16th	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 1/6
Wed 23rd	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 2/6
Tues 29th	Reception Dental Survey
Wed 30th	Y6 Hothersall Lodge 3/6
Wed 6th <b><u>Feb</u></b>	Year 3/4 Gymnastics at St. Bede's Y6 Hothersall Lodge 4/6
Tues 12th	Elite Gymnastics start– New Y3 Group
Wed 13th	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 5/6
Fri 15th	<b>Break up for Half Term at 3:30 p.m.</b>
Mon 25th	<b>School Re-opens</b>
Wed 27th	Y6 Hothersall Lodge Course 6/6
Thurs 28th	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 1st <b><u>March</u></b>	Secondary School results/ offers of places Book Bus in school
Mon 4th	Cross Country at Witton Park
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Fri 8th	Library Services Visit—full day
Tues 12th	Friends meeting 7 p.m.
Thurs 14th	Sing together performance/show
Mon 25th	Cross Country at Witton Park
Tues 26th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 28th	Parents' Evening