



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

September 2022

Welcome to all of our children starting the new school year and a special welcome to all our new children in the Reception class and the families new to St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School.

Essential Information for Parents— I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. **Please see the 'Essential Information for Parents' document that has been sent via email.** It is also available on the school website under 'Parents'.



Homework Policy: a copy of our revised homework policy has been sent via email. It explains our approaches to homework plus how and why we would like parents to support us in this. It also sets out our expectations and what happens if homework can't be completed or isn't returned on time. All Junior children have discussed this in class with their teacher. Homework requires a partnership with parents - your support is valued and appreciated accordingly. Details of homework content and routines was sent out last week in the individual class newsletters.

Information Packs—Packs have been sent home for Y1-Y6 containing blank forms. We ask that you complete and return them to school as soon as possible so we can ensure that all of our information is up to date.



Class Information for Parents—Class Information for all parents is available to view on the website for each class under 'Class Pages'. It contains information specific to each class detailing topics of work covered this term, along with details of homework and P.E. days.

Milk Money Rec, Y1 & Y2—Please can you ensure milk money is paid for your child as soon as possible via the SchoolMoney app. If your child doesn't want to have milk then please inform the office as soon as possible.



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Dinner Money for one week is £11 (£2.20 per meal). You have already selected your child's meal options and these have now been set up on SchoolMoney. Payment for school lunches will continue via the SchoolMoney app.



There is a lot of administration time that goes into setting up the new school menu with the choices you have selected for your child. We ask that you try and stick to these choices to help with administration within school. If you wish to move your child from packed lunches to school dinners or vice versa we require a weeks' notice.



Medication—If you have stated on your child's medication form that your child requires medication in school, please ensure that this is brought into the office. It is extremely important that we have your child's medication in school, no matter how mild the condition is. Please ensure all medication is named.

Asthma—For those children who have a diagnosis of asthma, we will need an **inhaler** to come in a named prescription box along with a **spacer**.

Allergies—For those children who have an allergy and require allergy relief in school, please ensure that this comes in a named prescription box.

Please note—Professional coaches will, once again, be delivering P.E. of the highest standard to all children in school. It is essential that children come to school in their P.E. kits ready for their P.E. lesson on that day. A reminder of your child's P.E. days are listed below:

- Reception—Monday and Wednesday
- Year 1—Wednesday
- Year 2—Wednesday
- Year 3—Monday
- Year 4—Wednesday
- Year 5—Friday
- Year 6—Friday



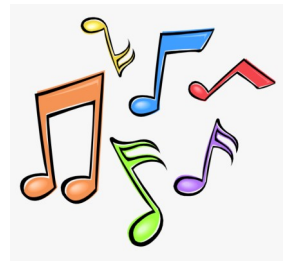
Parking around School—Wilworth crescent has an unofficial one-way system during school hours. We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents' driveways. Any concerns can be reported directly to BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.

Regular Activities during and after school

- Monday— Y4 Ukulele—whole class lesson
- Tuesday— After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30 pm—**letter has been sent.**
- Wednesday— Orchestra—(starts again on Wed 28th September)—**details to follow**
- Thursday— Choir (starts Thursday 29th September) - **letter has been sent.**
- Friday— Y6 Lunchtime Football
- Afterschool Sports Y1-Y6 (Various) - **3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing**

Music Lessons

Music Lessons have now started back up in school. Details of payment can be found on SchoolMoney and a letter has been sent out to all children doing music lessons. A reminder of your child's music lessons are below:



Woodwind—Tuesday and Wednesday

Violin—Wednesday

Brass—Friday

Choir—Choir will start back up on Thursday 29th September—a letter has been sent out already.

Orchestra—Orchestra will start again on Wednesday 28th September—more details to follow.

Ukulele Y5 & Y6—more details to follow.



School Closure

Please note: School will be closed in accordance with the Bank Holiday for HM Queen's funeral. School will re-open as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Dates for Diaries...

Mon 19th Sept	School Closed—Public Bank Holiday
Tues 20th	After School Gym Club Starts Friends' Meeting @ 6pm
Wed 21st	Reception Parents' Meeting @ 3.30pm
Wed 28th	Orchestra Starts— details to follow. No Woodwind Lessons (changed to Friday 30th)
Thurs 29th	Choir Starts— letter has been sent.
Wed 5th—Fri 7th Oct	Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip
Mon 10th	Nasal Flu Vaccines— details to follow.
Tues 18th	Parents' Evening— details to follow.
Thurs 20th	Parents' Evening— details to follow.
Fri 21st	School closes @ 3.30 pm for Half Term
Tues 1st Nov	School Closed—Inset Day
Wed 2nd	School re-opens as normal



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