



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

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

**November 2022**

**Harvest**—Thank you to all those who contributed to this years' Harvest. Blackburn Foodbank were overwhelmed with how generous everyone was, particularly in these difficult times. Thanks to Y1 for leading our Harvest Worship too!



**Remembrance Day**—Well done to our Y6 class for leading our Remembrance Service in school on Friday 11th November. Also, a big thank you to our trumpeter in Y6 for playing The Last Post!

**Anti-Bullying Week/Children In Need**— This week is anti-bullying week in school. We are asking children on **Friday 18th November** to wear odd socks and come to school in non-uniform to mark our theme of anti-bullying, whilst also combining it with Children in Need. We have set up a Just-Giving page for all those who would like to make a donation to Children In Need. **We are accepting no cash donations in school.** <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-gabriel-s-primary-school>



**Reception Class Applications– September 2023**—Parents with siblings wishing to apply– please note that the deadline date for applications is **Sunday 15th January**. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

**Snow Queen Production**—On **Friday 2nd December** a theatre production team will be visiting school to deliver a performance of 'The Snow Queen' to all children in school. This will be an exciting event that will mark the beginning of the festive period. Thanks to the Friends for funding this special treat.




**Life Education**—This year, the Life Education Team will be making a visit to school to deliver sessions to all classes. Like last year, they will be delivering these sessions in school rather than the Life Education Van. These sessions are scheduled to take place on **Monday 12th December** and **Tuesday 13th December**.


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## Christmas Celebrations


 **Posada Nativity Figures** will be sent out the week beginning 28th November. This is a lovely Mexican tradition whereby your child will **receive a figure from the Nativity tableau** to take home for the evening along with a **special book to write your special thoughts and prayers**. Please take care of the figures you receive as you welcome the true meaning of Christmas into your home.

 **Lunchtime Carols**—The choir will be performing in Blackburn Cathedral on **Tuesday 6th December**. More details will follow.

 **Infant Nativity**—This year Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be working hard to deliver you an extra special production of 'It's a Party'. The Infant Nativity is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 15th December** in the **afternoon** and **Friday 16th December** in the **afternoon**. More details regarding clothing and tickets will follow.

 **Junior Christmas Service**—Our Junior Christmas Service will take place **in school** on **Friday 9th December in the afternoon**. We are unable to invite all parents to this event because of limitations of space in the school hall, but we will be inviting parents of all children who are performing in the Choir and Orchestra, and the parents of those children who have speaking parts. More details will follow.

 **Pocket Money Stall**—We are pleased to inform you that once again children will be invited to take part in our annual Pocket Money Stall. This will be happening in school the afternoon of **Wednesday 14th December** for all children. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able to. More details about this event will follow.

 **Christmas Lunch**—Our Christmas lunch will be on **Monday 19th December** serving the usual main course from our weekly menu but with the added extras of crackers, party hats and Christmas desserts! **This is a non-uniform day- party clothes instead.**



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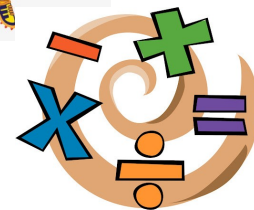
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## Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Y4 Ukulele—whole class lesson Ukulele Y5/Y6 Alternate Mondays 3.30—4.15pm
Tuesday—	After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30 pm
Wednesday—	AM Maths Club Orchestra 3.30—4.30 pm
Thursday—	AM Maths Club Choir 3.30—4.30 pm
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Afterschool Sports Y1-Y6 (Various) - <b>3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing</b>



## *Dates for Diaries...*

Mon 14th <b>Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week in School
Tues 15th	Open Evening @ 4pm Friends' Meeting @ 6pm
Fri 18th	Children In Need—Odd Socks & Non-Uniform
Thurs 24th	FGB @ 4pm
Fri 2nd <b>Dec</b>	Snow Queen Production in School
Tues 6th	Lunchtime Carols Concert—details to follow.
Wed 7th	Orchestra— <b>last one</b>
Thurs 8th	Choir— <b>last one</b>
Fri 9th	Junior Carol Service PM —details to follow
Mon 12th	Life Education Team in School
Tues 13th	Life Education Van in School Gymnastics Performance for parents—details to follow
Wed 14th	Pocket Money Stall—details to follow <b>No Orchestra</b>
Thurs 15th	Infant Nativity (PM) - details to follow <b>No Choir</b>
Fri 16th	Infant Nativity (PM) - details to follow
Mon 19th	Christmas Lunch—details to follow
Tues 20th	Talent Show <b>No Gymnastics</b> <b>School Closure @ 3.30 pm for Christmas Holiday.</b>



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