

5th September 2014

Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to all our new children in the Reception class and families who are new to our school.

You may have seen the changes to the school office completed over the summer. You may also have met or spoken to our new Admin Assistant, Mrs. Mercer, who is currently working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please ensure that the following documents, issued this week, are completed by return ASAP:

- **Medical Conditions and Taking Medicines in School Forms - issued to all classes except Reception**
- **Home School Agreements – Y3 only**
- **Privacy Notice – Reception class only**
- **E-Safety Rules (Parental consent) – all classes**
- **Pupil Information and Parental Consent Forms – all classes**
- **End of School Day Arrangements for Collecting Infant Children – Y1 & Y2 – sent earlier in week**

Class Information for Parents – Please see the attached documents specific to your child's class detailing topics of work covered this term along with details of homework and PE days etc.

Essential Information for Parents – I would like to take this opportunity, at the start of the year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. Please see the '**Essential Information for Parents**' document accompanying this Newsletter via email.

Please note: Professional coaches will, once again, be delivering PE of the highest standard to all children in school. It is essential that PE kits are in school on the appropriate days. Children wearing earrings will NOT be permitted to participate. Please ensure studs from newly pierced ears are removed ASAP.



Calling all gardeners who are willing to give us a helping hand on Monday 8th September to tidy up the school garden in time for Fun Day next Saturday. Beginning straight after school, for approximately an hour. No need to bring tools – just gloves and enthusiasm! Many thanks.



Family Fun Day 12 noon - 3 p.m. Saturday 13th September

Please support us, rain or shine in this important fund raising event, and ensure you enter the competitions for baking, arts and crafts, jams, photography and horticulture!!

Non-uniform day on Friday 12th September – letter coming home on Monday.

Reminder: School will be closed on Friday 26th and Monday 29th September for staff training days.

Music Lessons begin week commencing Monday 15th September. Children new to brass, violin and woodwind should receive their instruments next week.

Dinner Money for one week is £9.00 (£1.80 per meal). For accounting purposes, please ensure that dinner monies are paid for by a **separate cheque**. Apologies for any convenience this may cause. Dinner money needs to be paid on Monday each week in advance. Please inform the school office of any changes to dinner options (packed lunches/school dinners).

School lunches – Please note that week commencing 8th September will be Week 2 on the lunch menu.

Choir and Orchestra will commence shortly – letters will be sent next week.

Year 6 Leavers – We always think, at this time, of our previous Year 6 children who have just started High School. This year 14 children have gone to St. Wilfrid's, 2 to Clitheroe Grammar, 3 to Pleckgate, 3 to Tauheedul, 2 to Ribblesdale, 3 to QEGS, 1 to Our Lady and St. John, 1 to Witton Park and 1 to Heathlands.

St. Gabriel's School Trophies – Each summer we present trophies to our Year 6 leavers for a range of achievements and attributes. For 2013-14 we congratulate the following children:

Harry Riding Cup (Service to School)	Jessica Toase
E. Wynne Reading Shield	Faatimah Hasan
Sportsman of the Year	George Morgan
Sportsgirl of the Year	Naomi Bryant
Team Player Sports Shield	Reece Cartwright
Edgar King Music Cup	Elizabeth Fielding
J. Pearson English Shield	Edison Chan
Dobson Family Trophy for Achievement in Maths	Sophie Threlfall
P. Salmon Cup of Achievement	Hamza Vaid
D. Martin Courtesy Shield	Yusuf Zakaria
Pemberton Cup for Trying	Akeel Khan
Duckworth Cup for Trying	Aaliyah Mohamed
J. Leaver Shield (Outstanding Effort)	Jasmine Spencer
Swarbrick Trophy (Outstanding Sporting Achievements)	Ali Musa/Neer Patel
Natalie Stevens Eco Award	Regan Wallbank

Parking on the Crescent – Please ensure you park and manoeuvre safely. Please do not block driveways or allow children to leave cars and cross the road unaccompanied. May I remind all parents that the police recommendation was to park on the Knowles Arms car park and walk the short distance to school.

Yours sincerely,

B. Haigh
Headteacher