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Dear Parents,

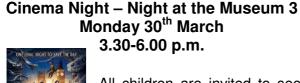




Easter Celebrations

<u>Eucharist Service</u> – a separate letter has been sent out regarding this event. Rev. Corbett will lead the service as part of our regular Thursday morning worship in school next week.

Friends' of St. Gabriel's Easter Events



All children are invited to see this animated film in school. Hot Dogs will be served at the interval (vegetarian option provided). Tickets £5.



Easter Competition Egg Rolling Thursday 2nd April

Bring in a hard-boiled egg, ideally painted with 'go-faster stripes' or other slick designs to make each entry unique! Each class will have an egg rolling competition with egg prizes (of the chocolate variety!).



Very well done to the Cross Country Team

On Monday 16th and 23rd March our runners took part in the final two races of the season. The team competed against other schools in Blackburn with Darwen. Over 300 boys and girls ran in these competitions, well done to our team. Jordon Eddleston and Cortlen Rowe were our highest placed boy and girl coming in 8th and 6th respectively. The team consisted of Boys Team – Jordon Eddleston, Muhammad Khan, Elliot Martin, Thomas Kilshaw, Ruben Smith and CJ Meadows. Girls Team –

Cortlen Rowe, Amelia Tyson, Danielle Probert, Katy Lord, Amber Robinson, Kelsea Tracey and Megan Tracey. A special mention must go to our two excellent Y5 runners – well done Amelia and Danielle! Mrs. Crossman and Mr. Cross were very pleased and proud.

Well done to our Orienteering Team

On Tuesday 24th March we were again in action but this time at Feniscowles Recreational Ground, taking part in our first ever Borough Orienteering Competition. Here speed, teamwork, brains and map reading skills were needed. St Gabriel's children certainly showed that they do not require 'Sat-Nav's'! Well done to the team – Jake Orme and Katy Lord; Elliot Martin and Cortlen Rowe; Zayd Esa and Autumn Souch; Thomas Kilshaw and Amber Robinson; Ruben Smith and Ella Stevenson.



<u>Reminder</u> – No Choir or Orchestra next week.

<u>Easter Special Lunch – Wednesday 1st April</u> – If your child normally brings their own packed lunch to school, and they wish to order this special lunch, please ask at the Office for a form. Cost \pounds 1.80.



<u>School closes for Easter</u> Thursday 2nd April at 3.30 p.m.

School re-opens Monday 20th April.



<u>**Birthday Treats**</u> – Many parents wish to celebrate their child's birthday by generously sending in birthday cakes or sweets to share around. Unfortunately, this kindly gesture causes complications in classes. Increasing numbers of children have allergies which exclude them from being able to accept cake and chocolates, other children are not permitted sweets with gelatine. There are also difficulties in cutting up and distributing 30 pieces of cake! As a compromise, we recommend that

parents wishing to celebrate birthdays do not supply cakes or sweets, but mini gifts such as pencils or rubbers. One parent recently supplied pots of blowing bubbles! Thank you for your generosity. Nothing is ever simple.

Dates for Diaries

Monday 30th March Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April Thursday 2nd April Big Screen Cinema event – 3.30-6.00 p.m. Y5 trip to Hothersall Lodge Easter Special Lunch Easter Competition – Egg Rolling

<u>Sainsburys Active Kids</u> – We are still accepting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please send your vouchers into school with your child, or drop them into the collection box sited outside the School Office.

Yours sincerely, **B. Haigh** Headteacher