

11th September 2015

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.

CCTV cameras have now been installed to monitor the school's external premises. Please note, these cameras are a security measure and deterrent, set to monitor and record unwanted 'intruders'. They will only record images prior to and after the school working day.

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**

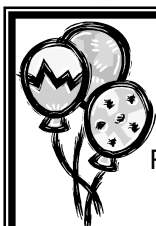
Class Information for Parents – Please see the attached documents specific to your child's class detailing topics of work covered this term along with details of homework and PE days etc.

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 that was sent earlier via email. It is also available on the school website under 'Parents'.

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 Wednesday 16th 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 19th September

Please support us, rain or shine in this important fund raising event. Come and see the Lancashire Hawk and Owl display. Not to be missed!

Non-uniform day on Thursday 17th September – letter sent home earlier this week.

Reminder: School will be closed on Monday 28th September for staff training.

Music Lessons begin week commencing Monday 14th September. Children new to brass will receive their instruments next week. Violin and woodwind instruments were handed out this 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 inconvenience 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 14th September will be Week 2 on the lunch menu.

Ukulele begins Monday 14th 3.30 – 4.15 p.m., **Orchestra** begins Wednesday 16th 3.30 – 4.30 p.m., **Choir** begins Thursday 17th 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. **Please note: Choir will now finish at 4.30 p.m.**

Year 6 Leavers – We always think, at this time, of our previous Year 6 children who have just started High School. This year 16 children have gone to St. Wilfrid's, 2 to Clitheroe Grammar, 2 to Pleckgate, 1 to Tauheedul Girls' School, 2 to Tauheedul Boys' School, 3 to Ribblesdale, 2 to QEGS, 1 to Norden.

St. Gabriel's School Trophies – Each summer we present trophies to our Year 6 leavers for a range of achievements and attributes. For 2014-15 we congratulate the following children:

Harry Riding Cup (Service to School)	Autumn Souch
E. Wynne Reading Shield	Spencer Hodgson
Sportsman of the Year	Muhammad Khan
Sportsgirl of the Year	Megan/Kelsea Tracey
Team Player Sports Shield	Elliot Martin
Edgar King Music Cup	Ella Stevenson
J. Pearson English Shield	Lauren Mellor
Dobson Family Trophy for Achievement in Maths	Ruben Smith
P. Salmon Cup of Achievement	Nadia Starkie
D. Martin Courtesy Shield	Jordan Eddleston
Pemberton Cup for Trying	Abuzar Zafar
Duckworth Cup for Trying	Amber Robinson
J. Leaver Shield (Outstanding Effort)	Rebecca Cannings
Swarbrick Trophy (Outstanding Sporting Achievements)	Thomas Kilsahw
Natalie Stevens Eco Award	Ethan Doherty

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