



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

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### Newsletter No. 7

Dear Parents,

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – The Beacons are promoting Fairtrade as our Lenten appeal this year to develop an awareness amongst the children of the global issue of giving farmers a fair deal. We are having a tuck shop in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Children can bring in no more than £1 to spend on items from the tuck shop. A leaflet was sent home earlier this week.



**Parents' Evening – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3.40-7.00 p.m. and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.40-7.00 p.m.** – More information will follow next week.



**World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – What an amazing day the children (and staff) had in school, dressing up as their favourite book character and celebrating reading. Parents and grandparents of Reception class children came into school between 9.15 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. to read with their child. The afternoon was spent with all members of staff taking time out to read to the children! It was a hugely enjoyable time for all those who took part. Children received a £1 book token to use towards a book of their choice.

**Share your Heart on Valentine's Day with the Hope for Life Association** – On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, children and staff enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit which was served by the Beacons. A total of £206.80 was raised for Hope for Life.



**Elite Gym Squad** took part in a Gymnastics Competition on 8<sup>th</sup> February. They performed really well against very strong competition from the other schools and were placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Team members included Jaya Asal, Zaahiyah Utarkar, Jack Probert, Jude King, Chloe Reeve and Abigail Thompson.



**Y1 visited Blackpool Sealife Centre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – great fun was had by all!

**Blackburn Rovers and Blackburn with Darwen Football League** – The football team took part in a local league on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. They had a lot of fun but are hoping to do better next time! Team members included: Zayd Vaid, Louis Martin, Zach Ashton, Cameron Hennigan, Rohail (Hands) Rabbani, Adam Veevers, Calum Martin, Francesco Fardella and James Toase.



**Blue Tit Webcam** – There have been a pair of blue tits regularly visiting the nest boxes this week. We hope that they will make it their home!



**Nest Boxes** – Year 5 have finished making the nest boxes! They are being sent home tonight. Thank you to everyone who placed an order.

**Sainsburys Active Kids** was launched on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please continue to send your vouchers into school as you receive them so that we can keep a running total.

**Safer Internet Day** is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children and young people. Safer Internet Day 2017 was on **Tuesday 7th February**. Children marked this day by completing the Safer Internet Day quiz online. This highlights how children should use the internet safely, including the sharing of images online. Advice and guidance is available on our website to help you support your child's/children's safe use of online technology and mobile phones. The UK Safer Internet Centre is online at [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk).

### **Regular Activities After School**

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Dance Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Wednesday	Y6 Maths Club – 8.00 – 8.55 a.m. - ongoing Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

### **Dates for Diaries/Activities in School**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at QEGS – <b>cancelled by QEGS</b>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Festival at King George's Hall
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fairtrade Tuck Shop in School
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 1 of 2
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 2 of 2
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5/6 Orienteering at Feniscowles – more details to follow
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sing Together Concert – details sent home earlier
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs delivered to school Y2 and Y6 Talk by Blackburn Fire Station Cross Country at QEGS – more details to follow
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – more details to follow <b>No Gym Club</b> Governors' Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – more details to follow Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre <b>No Choir</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cinema - Sing – 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter Holidays</b> Living Eggs collected
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School reopens</b>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Blackburn with Darwen Netball Tournament
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Tournament at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Association Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. for Spring Bank Holiday</b>

Yours sincerely,

**B. Haigh**  
Headteacher