

18th September 2020

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND AMBASSADORS

It was International Democracy Day on Tuesday - elections have been held and school councillors and ambassadors have received their badges. ©

Below are the elected representatives:

School Councillors	School Ambassadors
NOA FORGA ALLDAY	EVIE ADDIS
ZACH YATES	ALFIE CLIFTON
WILLIAM SPICER	SEB BEARD
LILY RILEY	CONNIE MCQUILTON-HULL
JACK MORTON	NOAH DYER
TILLY LEATHERBARROW	annabel Walton
SETH BEARD	ALFIE KIPPAX
ESMAE WILLIAMS	JESSICA LOWE
EDITH KAY	LOGAN ROBINSON
FREDDIE OLIVER	

#### INTERNET SAFETY

The children are due to bring home their class eSafety rules along with an acceptable use policy agreement to sign and return.

#### FLU VACCINATION - WHOLE SCHOOL

The vaccination team are due to be in school on Friday 27th November. A permission letter has been sent out with the children last week. Please return as soon as possible.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VACANCY

We have a vacancy for an after-school club assistant. Please see the job advert for more information:

https://www.garstangstthomas.com/after-school-vacancy/



Bringing Y6's class novel 'Outlaw' to life with an afternoon of archery.

Christian Value this half term: THANKFULNESS

### **DIARY DATES**

W/c 21st Sep: Work starts on the multi-use

games area

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Y6 non-uniform – come dressed for outdoor activities (Outlaw

Mon 28th Sep: Reception class photo (for

the LEP)

Wed 30th Sep: Little Zoo visit (Y1) **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School photographs:

Individual

Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct: Half Term Week Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: INSET day (teacher training day)

Fri 27th Nov: Nasal flu vaccination Fri 18th Dec: Last day of school before

Christmas

Monday 4th Jan: First day of the spring

Full term dates available on our website www.garstangstthomas.com

# STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

WINSTON WALLING **CORDELIA HILL** JERRI BARTON **REEGAN BROWN EVIE OWENS SOPHIE CHERRETT JACKSON TAYLOR DENIS MARTIN ANNABEL WALTON** SCARLETT OWEN-CARTMEL MARWEN MONTORIO-GREENHALGH **HOLLY CHERRETT LOLA KEMP** 



#### THIS WEEK' S COVID-19 UPDATE - 19/09/20

Thank you once again to families who have isolated due to a child/adult having symptoms and arranged a test. It's clear that cases of COVID-19 are rising locally and we need to be even more vigilant. If your child has symptoms, please book a test ASAP and e-mail the results to: <a href="mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk">head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk</a> as soon as possible.

#### CLASSES SENT HOME TO ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS - WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE IS A COVID-19 CASE IN SCHOOL?

If a child/ member of staff receives a positive test result for COVID-19, children and staff in the same class will be asked to isolate for 14 days. Following the government guidance, this will only apply to the children in the same class (if you have two children at school, one may have to isolate whilst the other continues to come to school).

If we are informed about a COVID-19 case, we plan to send a text message to parents and a detailed email. Please collect your child (from their class) as soon as you can following the one-way system. Teaching and learning will continue at home – teachers are planning to carry on from where they were in class on Google Classroom. Staff will be live on video stream at 9am to start the day or there will be a video.

Please note that there are quite a number of schools in Lancashire that have already sent a class to isolate so I am expecting to have to do this at some point. Please do not be alarmed if this happens – it is a precaution and part of the bubble system which is in place to help stop the spread of the virus.

Please view the COVID information page on our website: <u>www.garstangstthomas.com</u> for further information.

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## COVID-19 FAQS

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

If your child has a new **continuous cough** or a **high temperature**, or has a **loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell** (anosmia), please follow the <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and <u>arrange to have a test</u> as soon as you can to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know the result by e-mailing: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

## WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD HAS CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If your child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate. Please follow the <u>Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person.</u>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Blakely. <a href="mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk">head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk</a> or ring 01995 603454.

