



9th October 2020

Christian Value this half term: **THANKFULNESS**
OCTOBER 2020:

THE GREAT GARSTANG THREE PEAK CHALLENGE 2020

PTFA INSTAGRAM: garstangstthom

Nicky Nook • Beacon Fell • Greenhalgh Castle

COVID-19

Please see the update on page two of this newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school.

YEAR 3 ARTWORK/Writing IN TOWN

Cllr Dyer (Garstang Town Council) invited us to brighten up an area of Garstang. Our amazing Year 3 children and Mrs So have certainly done that. Check out their art and writing next time you are in town near the High Street Carpark.

PARENT PAY

We use Parent Pay to send text messages and e-mails to parents/carers. Please log in to your account to keep your contact details up to date.

AMBASSADORS AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mr Baker is setting up a Google Classroom area for each group of children. This should be up and running by Monday for children to share their ideas.

REMINDER: THREE PEAK CHALLENGE

Our PTFA have launched an October challenge which the whole school family can take part in safely – The Great Garstang Three Peak Challenge 2020.

Please see information on page three of this newsletter. We would like to create a running track around our top school field that could be used throughout the year. The money raised from the Three Peaks Challenge will go directly to the running track so please do take part if you are able.

REMINDER: LAST DAY OF THE HALF TERM – PARTY AFTERNOON

In the current lock down situation we know that children are not able to meet their friends outside school or have parties. On the last Friday of the half-term, we are planning a party afternoon in each class and it will be a non-uniform day. We'll organise snacks and games but we ask that, if you're able, please send your child in with a donation for the local foodbank.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION

Applications for Reception class next year need to be in to Lancashire County Council before the deadline of 15th January. Please see the admissions page on our website for more information: www.garstangstthomas.com.

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DIARY DATES

Wed 21st Oct: ♥ Year 5 back to school ♥

Fri 23rd Oct: Non-uniform and party afternoon – please send in donations for the local food bank

Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct: Half Term Week

Mon 2nd Nov: INSET day (teacher training day)

Fri 27th Nov: Nasal flu vaccination

Fri 18th Dec: Last day of school before Christmas

Mon 4th Jan: First day of the spring term

Full term dates available from our website:

www.garstangstthomas.com

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Seth Dixon

Beth Procter

Joel Dyer

Molly Southwell

Mia Hodgson

Freddie Oliver

Marnie Parsons

Haydee Wilkinson

Eva Clarke

Freya Burton

Izzy Orr

Kukena Sindowe

Oscar Brakewell

Ruby Baker

Bronte Pinder



COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had our first confirmed case in school this week in our **Year 5 class** and the children and staff are now having to isolate and continue learning on Google Classroom for 14 days. Thank you to all the parents/carers and children in Year 5 for your support in responding to this and moving to home learning. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 21st October.

The virus is in our local area – at least two schools and a nursery are fully closed for a duration. If you or anyone in your family has symptoms, please isolate as a household and book a test. If you are waiting for a test, no one in your family should be coming to school.

Please keep us updated and send results as soon as you can to: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Jim Blakely, Headteacher



HOME LEARNING



If a whole class is isolating, we will be using Google Classroom to continue learning at home. If you have any problems with access, please e-mail: lbaker@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk or ring school on 01995 603454.

If an individual child is isolating, There is an autumn learning pack available for each year group. We will deliver this pack to you at home. If you need any support during isolation, please contact Mr Baker on 01995 603454 or e-mail: lbaker@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Please view the COVID-19 information page on our website: www.garstangstthomas.com for detailed information and a parent/carer quick reference guide.

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 [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and [arrange to have a test](#) 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 [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Blakely. head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk or ring 01995 603454.



HANDS

Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.



FACE

Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult.



SPACE

Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.



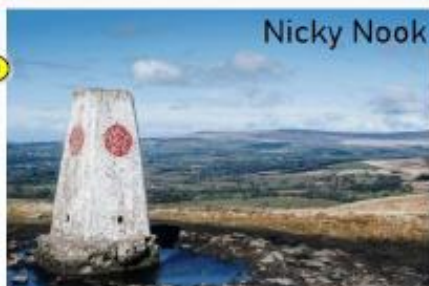
Please view the Lancashire restrictions here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/coronavirus-restrictions-in-lancashire/>

THE PTFA

GARSTANG 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

Are you tough enough to climb the rugged terrain
of the Garstang 3 peaks
in just 4 WEEKS?

Take a photo at
each summit and
win a prize
post your pics
and progress to
#GST3Peaks



CLICK [HERE](#) TO DOWNLOAD
YOUR SPONSOR FORM



Class with the most sponsor money raised
wins the coveted 3 peaks trophy

COMING SOON!!

Watch out for
these amazing
PTFA events



**CHRISTMAS
CHOCOLATE BINGO**



PENNY WARS



Le
de **TOUR**
~~France~~
GARSTANG

THE VIRTUAL FAMILY





Garstang St Thomas Church of England Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter October 2020



Triller

What is Triller?

Triller is a social video platform available for iOS and Android users. It has been widely compared to TikTok as it involves users dancing or lip-synching to their favourite songs. A number of celebrities are using Triller such as Justin Bieber and Rita Ora. Users can create videos, which are then auto-edited along with the ability to add filters and personalise with text and emojis.

Triller is rated as 12+ by the App store, which means it may not be suitable for children under the age of 12.

What should I be aware of?

In app purchases:

'Gold' can be bought as an in-app purchase. Ensure your card details are not saved on your child's device and that your child understands to always ask permission before purchasing.

Direct messages/commenting

There is the ability to privately message other users as well as receive comments on your videos. This can pose a risk of receiving negative messages.

Inappropriate content:

Whilst Triller state in their Community guidelines that harmful content is not allowed and will be removed, potentially inappropriate content could be viewed.

Reporting/Blocking:

If your child does come across any inappropriate content or behavior then they can report it within the app by tapping on the three dots within the user's profile. They can also choose to block that user. Alternatively, you can email support@triller.co.

Saving:

Users are able to share other people's videos (via other social media platforms/ email/ messages/by downloading) which means somebody could share your child's video without their consent. It is important your child is aware of this.

Public profiles:

You need an account to upload content. When you create an account, it is automatically set to public. Accounts can be changed to private in profile settings, which means only the people your child approves, can view what they upload.

Further information

As always, have regular chats with your child about what they are doing online. It's really important to make sure that your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. You can find out more about Triller here:

- **Community Guidelines:** <https://www.triller.co/resources/index.html>
- **Triller FAQ:** <https://www.triller.co/faq/index.html>
- **What is Triller article?** <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-triller>

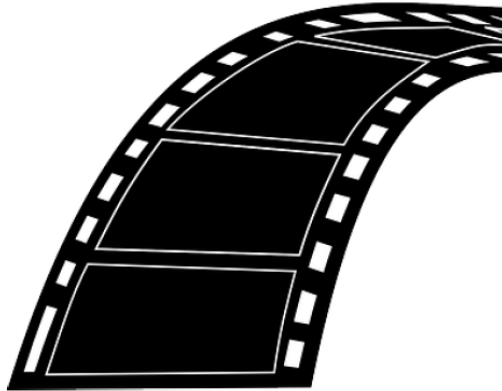
Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.10.20.

Instagram

Reels

What is Instagram Reels?

This is Instagram's latest feature and is being portrayed as Instagram's version to TikTok. Users will now be able to create 15-second videos using filters and music. Reels follows your privacy settings on Instagram so if your child has a public account then anybody will be able to view their reels. Users can share their reel to the 'Explore' tab where it can be seen by the wider Instagram community or it can be shared with their followers by on their Feed.



Further information

You can find out more about Instagram Reels here:

- <https://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/introducing-instagram-reels-announcement>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/what-is-instagram-reels/>

Online Hate Crimes

What are Online Hate Crimes?

A Hate crime describes an incident or crime that takes place against someone based on a part of their identity e.g. their race or ethnicity or their religion. Online Hate Speech is viewed very seriously by the Police and those who post hate crime can be charged, which may lead to a criminal record and potentially a prison sentence.

What can I do?

If you see anything online that can offend or hurt somebody or you are a victim of an online hate crime then you can report it via that platform's reporting process. If you wish to take the issue further and believe the content is illegal and originates in the UK then you can report it to the Police here: https://www.report-it.org.uk/reporting_illegal_online_hate_material_to_the_p.

Further information

You can find out more here:

- **Hate Content:** <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/hate-content/>
- **Young People's Online Hate Resource Hub:** <https://www.stophateuk.org/onlinehate/>
- **Victim Support:** <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/hate-crime>

Supporting your child with gaming

This is a fantastic resource to help you support your child whilst gaming. It includes tips on how to help your child stay safe and how to set boundaries as well as signposting to further organisations if you require further support.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-gaming/>

Do you own a Smart Speaker?

Have you set up appropriate safety settings for your Smart speaker? Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/smart-speakers-set-up-safe-guide/>

TikTok in the news

You may have saw recently in the news, a story circulating about some distressing content that was being circulated on TikTok.

Thinkuknow have produced the following article which outlines what to do if your child has seen something inappropriate online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>