



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## #GST3PEAKS

THANK YOU to everyone who completed the challenge and sent in sponsorship money. A total of £2753 has been raised so far. The winning class was YEAR 4 with £717! YEAR 2 were close runners up. Well done! Awards for all participants will be presented early next week. Thanks to the PTFA for organising this event and raising the money!

## WELCOME

Welcome to William Moxham who joined us this week in school – well done for settling in so well.

## DONATION

Thank you to Mrs Kippax for a kind donation towards sports equipment at school. The equipment is now in use. ☺

## PARENTS' EVENING

We are setting up a system that allows video call parents' evening. Booking information will be sent out shortly.



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...LIGHTS, CAMERA, STAGE, ACTION!

Christmas will be different this year but it is certainly not cancelled. Below are some of our plans for each class. We hope to film what the children do so that we can share the Christmas chaos fun, excitement and smiles with you all! ☺

### RECEPTION, Y1, Y2 & Y3: NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH

We are planning a special day for each class in which we will transform each classroom with a stage, lights and enjoy putting together the nativity story.

Children are asked to come dressed up as a character from the nativity story for the day - it doesn't matter how many of each character we have (although at least one of each is helpful!): Mary, Joseph, angel, star, shepherd, wise man, donkey etc.

### YEAR 4: TRAIN ON TRACK FOR CHRISTMAS

Children in Year 4 will be taking a slightly different take on the Christmas story and linking it with their topic...

Mr Wilkinson will be giving the children a choice of characters to dress up as – he will send out information early next week.

### YEAR 5 & 6: SCENES FROM OLIVER

As part of their topic, children in Year 5 & 6 will be acting out a number of scenes and singing songs from Oliver.

Children are asked to come dressed as a Victorian for the day (Year 6 could possibly reuse their outfits from last year).

Christian Value this half term: **FRIENDSHIP**

### DIARY DATES

- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Christmas card deadline
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Odd Socks Day – children are invited to wear colourful/ odd socks. We will be taking part in anti-bullying week and having special assemblies
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Nasal flu vaccination
- Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 4 Train on Track for Christmas
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 3 Nativity from Scratch
- Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Years 5 & 6 Oliver Twist day
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 1 Nativity from Scratch
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 2 Nativity from Scratch
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity from Scratch
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas lunch day (Christmas jumpers optional)
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last day of school before Christmas - Non-uniform day – Christmas fun afternoon. Please bring a donation for the local St Thomas' Church foodbank
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:** First day of the spring term

## STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

- Amy Shaw
- Phoebe Tennant
- Phoebe Melville
- Fox Lavery
- Edith Kay
- Jack Legge
- Jessica Lowe
- Alfie Kippax
- Lewis Hodgson
- Aaron Tissingh
- Logan Jepson
- Aaliyah Quirk
- Riley Blakely
- Jack Davies
- Levi McGrath
- William Yates

Well done Sophie Lamoury (Y1) for having lots of her hair cut off for Little Princess Trust. In total so far, Sophie has raised £992. Well done! 😊 If you would still like to donate, please click [here](#).



MUGA: We've just got fencing and finishing off to do before we can get this area open...

### COVID UPDATE

As we enter the second lockdown and COVID cases remain high in the Wyre, please support us by keeping a safe distance on the one-way system and ensuring children sanitise their hands before entering school.

Please keep us informed about testing and send results as soon as possible to: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

### HOME LEARNING UPDATE



#### INDIVIDUAL CHILD ISOLATING

All children who must isolate will now have access to Google Classroom learning activities. If your child needs to isolate, we will give you access to a new classroom designed to keep children engaged in learning for the period at home. A member of staff from school will give feedback and encourage the children on a daily basis.

#### WHOLE CLASS ISOLATING

We may need to send a class home to isolate if we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 and there has been close contact. If we do this, we will be using Google Classroom to continue learning at home. Please keep a copy of your child's log in details at home. Thank you.



HM Government

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NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR  
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