



GARSTANG ST THOMAS
 CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
 NEWSLETTER
 20th November 2020

PARENTS' EVENING

We are holding parents' evening by video call on the 25th/26th November. Bookings can be made up until the day before by clicking [here](#). Bookings and the parents' evening video call can be made using a smart phone/ computer without any additional software.

SCIENCE AWARDS

Lola Kemp and Rosie Worthington have been awarded **DISTINCTION** and have been shortlisted in the Leaders Award 2020. Well done girls!

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL

Christmas lunch will be on the 16th December. As usual we will book everyone a Christmas lunch on this special day. If you do not want your child to have one, please e-mail: office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk ASAP.

PTFA: LOCKDOWN FAMILY QUIZ – NEXT FRIDAY

Exciting news - Our PTFA are kindly running a Zoom family quiz night next Friday. See information below. Please send money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class by Wednesday 25th November to take part. It is suitable for all ages. ☺

Christian Value this half term: **FRIENDSHIP**

DIARY DATES

- Wed 25th Nov:** No Pens Wednesday
- Wed 25th / Thu 26th Nov:** Parents' Evening
- Fri 27th Nov:** Nasal flu vaccination
- Tue 8th Dec:** Year 4 On Track for Christmas
- Wed 9th Dec:** Year 3 Nativity from Scratch
- Thu 10th Dec:** Years 5 & 6 Oliver Twist day
- Fri 11th Dec:** Year 1 Nativity from Scratch
- Fri 11th Dec:** GST Santa Dash – all classes (nothing required to bring in)
- Mon 15th Dec:** Year 2 Nativity from Scratch
- Tue 15th Dec:** Reception Nativity from Scratch
- Wed 16th Dec:** Christmas lunch-please pay on Parent Pay(Christmas jumpers optional)
- Thu 17 Dec:** Virtual Panto by 4Front Theatre (kindly paid for by GFM church)
- Fri 18th 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 4th Jan:** First day of the spring term

**LOCKDOWN 2.0
 FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT**



FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
6.15-7.15pm
£5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD
 (SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES)
WINNERS TROPHY!!
 (ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR)

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

- Quinn Ainsworth
- Ophelia France
- William Hine
- Millicent Williams
- Logan Robinson
- Lily Fairclough
- Sienna Mitchell
- Alexander Holme
- Mia Bell
- Joshua Billington
- George Jurin
- John Mills
- Bella Johnson
- Olive Wrathall
- William Oliver
- Emma Buckley



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...

Children are asked to dress up as a character (information sent out separately).

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).

COVID UPDATE

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.

HOME LEARNING



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.

