



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## COVID-19

Our Year 6 children are isolating and working at home on Google Classroom. Thank you to all our parents in year 6 for collecting the children so quickly and their support over the last few days. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. ☺

## MULTI USE GAMES AREA

The school came together for a special outside assembly on Tuesday. We had singing and ribbon cutting as we opened the new area. It is to be called 'The Pitch' with the slogan: OPEN AIR – BE FAIR – SHOW YOU CARE (chosen by the school council). Thank you to St Thomas' Church and our PTFA for their financial support. Thank you Richard Wood (LCC), Distinctive Landscapes and Mrs Williams for overseeing the development.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL

Christmas lunch will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk) ASAP. Parents/carers of children in KS2, please pay for the Christmas dinner on Parent Pay.

## PARKING

The residents of Kepple Lane are facing an extended time of disruption due to the buildings works nearby. Please be extra considerate where you park. One of our neighbours reported a vehicle (dropping off) parked over their driveway dropped kerb this week. Reminder: Our parents/carers are welcome to use the Scout Hut / Church car parks.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The primary school admissions deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please visit our website for further information: <https://www.garstangstthomas.com/admissions/>

## GOVERNOR VACANCY NOTICE

We will have a parent governor vacancy from the beginning of 2021 – information will be sent out to parents in early January. Further information on governors is available from: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/become-a-school-governor/>

## ONLINE SHOPPING

If you are able, please support the school when online shopping by using this [Easy Fundraising link](#). Thank you.

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Christian Value this half term: **FRIENDSHIP**

### DIARY DATES

- Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 4 On Track for Christmas
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** ♥ Year 6 back to school ♥
- 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
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** GST Santa Dash – all classes (nothing required to bring in)
- 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-please pay on Parent Pay(Christmas jumpers optional)
- Thu 17 Dec:** Virtual Panto by 4Front Theatre (kindly paid for by GFM church)
- 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

- Laila Flynn
- Charlie Davis
- Harvey Redmayne
- Franky Foster
- Branna Haggan
- Joseph Oliver
- Seth Beard
- Faith Barton-Wilkins
- Zeren Idem
- Noah Dyer
- Finley Tolmie
- Seb Beard
- Ava Balshaw
- Travis Woodhead
- All of Year 6



## 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](mailto: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.

