

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th December 2020

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GST

CHRISTMAS PLANS

We have lots of Christmas events planned over the next two weeks – please see the diary dates and information on the back of this newsletter. If you have any problems with costumes, please let us know as soon as you can. Teachers can be contacted through the school website.

All being well, we will film and share with you by the end of term. 😊

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL

Christmas lunch will be on the 16th December. Parents/carers of children in KS2, please pay for the Christmas dinner on Parent Pay.

LOLA KEMP- LEADERS AWARD ENGINEERING

Well done to Lola who is the winner in her category for the Leaders Award in Lancashire. Prizes are on the way! 😊

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SPRING TERM

We ask once again that a registration form is completed for the spring term. The registration form is available by clicking [here](#).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We're planning after school sports clubs for each class during the spring term. These sessions will be coach-led with a member of staff from GST. Further information to follow by the end of term.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The primary school admissions deadline is 15th January.

Please visit our website for further information:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/admissions/>

TRAFFIC ON KEPPLER LANE

If you have been dropping off at normal school time, you will have noticed the traffic situation on Kepple Lane due to the development. We have contacted the developer and the council requesting that deliveries take place outside of school drop off time. Please remind your child about road safety, for those children who are accompanied and those walking by themselves. The teachers will be reminding the children in class. Thank you. Reminder: Our parents/carers are welcome to use the Scout Hut / Church car parks.

APPRENTICE TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

We have a vacancy for an apprentice teaching assistant. For further information, please click visit:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/vacancy/>

Christian Value this half term: **FRIENDSHIP**



DIARY DATES

Tue 8th Dec: Year 4 On Track for Christmas

Wed 9th Dec: ♥ Year 6 back to school ♥

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Tillie-Mae Thornton

Daniel Shannon

Harriet Bell

Pol Forga Allday

Alice Bateman

Raffy Burton

Oliver Hilton

Zilan Idem

All of Year 4

Phoebe Graveson

Jasmine Langhorne

Roxanne Simpson

Zachary Yates

PTFA

Thank you so much to our PFTA for running a fun family quiz on Friday night! Well done to the Beards who were the winning family. Thank you to our fabulous quiz master - Mr Burton and Mr Spicer for this amazing trophy. Thank you to all families for taking part.



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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

As we head into the last two weeks before Christmas, please note that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms OR is being tested then everyone should remain at home.

Please let us know if children have got symptoms/ are being tested as soon as possible.

Please keep us informed about testing and send results as soon as possible to:

head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk



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HIGH TEMPERATURE OR
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

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