

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

11th December 2020



CHRISTMAS VIDEOS

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas videos are now on Vimeo. The link and passwords have been sent out on ParentPay. Other classes will follow shortly after they are filmed. ☺

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. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and a Christmas jumper.

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. It would be great if all the children could take part.

Letters have gone out to years 3,4,5 & 6 for the first half term. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the opportunity after the February half term.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

APPRENTICE TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

We have a vacancy for an apprentice teaching assistant. For further information, please click visit: <https://www.garstangstthomas.com/vacancy/>

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.

Christian Value this half term: **FRIENDSHIP**



DIARY DATES

- Mon 14th 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 are optional and it will be a non-uniform day.
- Thu 17 Dec:** Virtual Panto by 4Front Theatre (kindly paid for by GFM church)
- Fri 18th Dec:** Last day of school Non-uniform day & Christmas fun afternoon. Please bring a donation for the local St Thomas' Church foodbank on Friday
- Mon 4th Jan:** First day of the spring term

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Georgie Frodsham-Cross

Demi Simpson

Harry Billington

Imogen Bell

Pippa Rowlandson

Freddie Oliver

Samuel Lockley

All of Year 3

Harry Kay

Lily Morton

Harry Parkinson

Hollie Parkinson

Isabella Mitchell

Lexi Ellerton

Noa Forga Allday

Daniel Cookson



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 3 VIDEO ON VIMEO/ RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2 TO FOLLOW.

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). VIDEO ON VIMEO.

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). VIDEO TO FOLLOW.

COVID UPDATE

REMINDER: 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

COVID-19 CASES OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

If this happens, please e-mail results to: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.



CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT TO
THE SYMPTOMS

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

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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