

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th January 2021



THANK YOU

Just to say thanks once again for your support. It's been a bumpy two weeks with all the changes but all we've had is a positive stream of messages and smiles from parents. Thanks to the anonymous parents for the treat on Tuesday.

HOME LEARNING

Thank you once again for your support at home. We recognise that many of you are continuing to work at home, with your child(ren) learning at home too - you are doing an amazing job. If there are any problems with access or we are missing any work submitted, please get in touch: lbaker@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk. If you need devices or have any issues with internet, we will be able to help so please do get in touch.

GOVERNOR VACANCY NOTICE

The parent governor election has been postponed until after the lock down. We plan to send out information as soon as the school is fully reopened.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM/ DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

With a high number of COVID cases locally and news about variants, we need to do everything we can to reduce any close contact.

One the one-way system, please make sure you:

- do not socialise or walk alongside any other families
- keep 2m from others
- ensure children sanitise or wash their hands

If you need to need to have a quick word with a member of staff at any drop off /collection, please wear a mask and maintain social distance. Thank you.

Christian Value this half term: **COURAGE**

Wednesday Worship focus: **CHANGES**



Google Meet

REGULAR LIVE GOOGLE MEETS

The start of the day Google Meet is a key slot to find out what's happening in the day from each class teacher:

Infants: 9am/ Juniors 9:30am

WHOLE SCHOOL GOOGLE MEETS:

Monday PE: Infants 1:15pm Juniors 2pm

Wednesday Worship: 10am

Friday Special (currently baking!) 1:30pm

Friday Celebration: 2:30pm

DIARY DATES

Mon 15th Feb: Half term

Mon 22nd Feb: Return to school

Fri 26th Mar: Last day of term

Mon 29th Mar – Fri 9th Apr: Easter break

Mon 12th Apr: Return to school

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – **DEADLINE TODAY**

The primary school admissions deadline is 15th January. Please visit our website for further information:

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

RECEPTION: Mia Swarbrick-Rushin, Marcie Rice, Joshua & Sophie Gardner

YEAR 1: Harriet Bell, Harrison Stephens, James Baker & Amelia Martin

YEAR 2: Branna Haggan, Edith Kay, Raffy Burton & Delilah Woodhead

YEAR 3: Luke Thomas, Esmae Williams, Marnie Parsons & Ronnie Ellerton

YEAR 4: Finley Tolmie, William Moxham, Aaron Tissingh & Mia Bell

YEAR 5: Ffion Bailey, Ethan Thomas, Ashlyn Webb & John Mills

YEAR 6: Ruby Baker, Lacie Dixon, Oscar Brakewell & Jamie Lloyd

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ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

**THE NEW VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST.
WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.**

▶ LEAVING HOME

You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.

▶ MEETING OTHERS

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ EXERCISE

You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.

▶ RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.

▶ WORK AND BUSINESS

Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.

▶ EDUCATION

Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.

▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ ACCOMMODATION

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ PERSONAL CARE

Closed.

▶ ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.

▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.

▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.

▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.

▶ TRAVELLING

You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.

▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.

▶ CARE HOME VISITS

Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)