

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2021

HOME LEARNING

Please let us know if you need any stationery or to change reading books. With a little notice, we can arrange to have items ready for collection, at a distance, outside school (could be collected as part of your daily exercise) or we can deliver if required. Please e-mail: admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk or give Miss Whittaker a call in the school office on 01995 603454.

If there are any problems with Google Classroom 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.

POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION

[Amanda Gorman's performance](#) at the inauguration this week has inspired us to run a competition open to all children in school. Details have been posted on Google Classroom. The judges will be Mr Blakely and Mrs Stewart.

FRIDAY SPECIALS: FRIDAY 1:30PM ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Thanks to Lynnette Williams for the fabulous baking sessions. Here is the plan for future Friday Specials:

Fri 29th Jan: DONNY DISCO @ THE KITCHEN DISCOTHEQUE

Fri 5th Feb: ART ATTACK WITH MRS SO

Fri 12th Feb: GARSTANG'S GOT TALENT

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

From 1st to the 7th February 2021, we're taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. More information to follow.

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

Tuesday: Wellbeing drop-in 12noon – 12:30pm with Mr Baker

Wednesday Worship: 10am

Friday Special: 1:30pm

Friday Celebration: 2:30pm

DIARY DATES

**The education secretary has said the government will give 2 weeks' notice for schools to reopen. **

TERM 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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

RECEPTION: Cordelia Graham, Alfie Mckeeman, Bethany Yates & Mollie Yates

YEAR 1: Millicent Williams, Harvey Redmayne, Grace Dawson & Jessica Thomas

YEAR 2: Alex Walton, Jacob Bennett & Freddie Oliver

YEAR 3: Haydee Wilkinson, Lauren Cowell, Archie Beesley & Lucas Hackett

YEAR 4: Tilly Leatherbarrow, Erin Gibson, Cruz Cubbins & Lilia Finch

YEAR 5: Travis Woodhead, Phoebe Graveson, Max Simpson & Gracie Winstanley

YEAR 6: Emma Buckley, Bronte Pinder, Lauren Armstrong & Rosie Worthington

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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)



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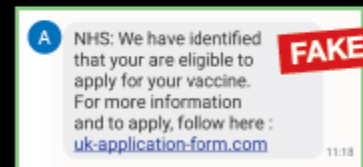
BE ALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS

The **NHS** will:

- ⊗ NEVER ask for payment - the vaccine is free
- ⊗ NEVER ask for your bank details
- ⊗ NEVER arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ⊗ NEVER ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport



FURTHER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT



National Cyber
Security Centre

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.



If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either online; actionfraud.police.uk or via phone 0300 123 2040.



If you have any information relating to vaccine fraud you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting Crimestoppers COVID Fraud Hotline online; covidfraudhotline.org or phone 0800 587 5030.



Sessions for Parents/Carers and Children

FREE COURSES

Looking for fun, engaging and educational activities to do with your children during lockdown?
Why not sign up to some of Lancashire Adult Learning's Family Learning events?
All sessions are FREE, and where resources are needed you will be sent these in the post prior to the activity.

COURSE	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION
Yoga for Families (Taster session)	Online Classroom	22nd January or 12th February	FRI	1pm - 2.30pm	1.5 hours
Yoga for Families	Online Classroom	30th January	SAT	10am - 11:30am	3 weeks
Big Family Bird Watch Extravaganza	Online Classroom	28th January or 29th January	THU/ FRI	1pm - 3pm	2 hours
STEM-tastic Family Challenge	Online Classroom	9th February	TUE	1pm - 3pm	2 hours
Let's Do LEGO Family Challenge	Online Classroom	4th February	THU	1pm - 3pm	2 hours

To enrol click on the course titles or dates



For more information: 0333 003 1717 www.lal.ac.uk





Homeschooling for Parents

FREE COURSES

Lockdown is back. Have you tried Google and YouTube but still don't know your phoneme from your grapheme? Still wondering why they don't teach maths the same way you were taught at school? This is your chance to talk to one of our families learning specialists. Join us for a 2-week course providing you with essential information and up to date teaching methods so you are better equipped to support your child's learning at home.

ACTIVITY	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION
Year 1 and 2: English	Online Classroom	1st February	MON	12:30pm - 3pm	2.5 hours
Year 1 and 2: English	Online Classroom	2nd February	TUE	9.30am - 12.30pm	3 hours
Year 3 and 4: English	Online Classroom	18th January	MON	12.30pm - 3pm	2.5 hours
Year 3 and 4: English	Online Classroom	2nd February	TUE	5.30pm - 8pm	2.5 hours
Year 5 and 6: English	Online Classroom	19th January	TUE	9.30am - 12pm	2.5 hours
Year 5 and 6: English	Online Classroom	19th January	TUE	5.30pm - 8pm	2.5 hours
Year 1 and 2: Maths	Online Classroom	4th February	THU	9.30am - 12pm	2.5 hours
Year 1 and 2: Maths	Online Classroom	22nd January	FRI	9.30am - 12pm	2.5 hours
Year 3 and 4: Maths	Online Classroom	21st January	THU	9.30am - 12pm	2.5 hours
Year 3 and 4: Maths	Online Classroom	3rd February	WED	5.30pm - 8pm	2.5 hours
Year 5 and 6: Maths	Online Classroom	20th January	WED	5.30pm - 8pm	2.5 hours
Year 5 and 6: Maths	Online Classroom	5th February	FRI	9.30am - 12pm	2.5 hours



Accredited Courses

FREE COURSES*

We have a range of accredited courses to help you gain knowledge of working in a school or childcare environment.

COURSE	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION
CACHE Level 1 Award: Preparing to Work in Schools	Online Classroom	23rd February	TUE	12:15pm-2:45pm	12 weeks
Fast-track CACHE Level 1 Award: Preparing to Work in Schools	Online Classroom	FLEXIBLE - available from 25th Jan	MON	Flexible Course	8 weeks
CACHE Level 2 Award: Support Work in Schools and Colleges	Online Classroom	28th January	THU	12.30pm - 3pm	19 weeks
CACHE Level 2 Award: Support Work in Schools and Colleges	Online Classroom	21st January	THU	9:30am - 12pm	20 weeks
CACHE Level 1 Award: Caring for Children	Online Classroom	28th January	THU	9:30am - 12pm	12 weeks
Fast-track CACHE Level 1 Award: Caring for Children	Online Classroom	FLEXIBLE - available from 25th January	MON	Flexible Course	8 weeks
Level 2 Introduction to Caring for Children & Young People	Online Classroom	26th January	TUE	9:30am - 12pm	21 weeks

To enrol click on the course titles



*The courses are FREE if you are unemployed, earn under £17,000 per year or are on qualifying benefits.

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Lancashire
Adult Learning

Family Wellbeing

FREE COURSES

Our Family Wellbeing Courses will give you plenty of 'hands on' ideas to keep your children's body and mind healthy and engaged during this lockdown period. These include fun fitness in the home, getting your children involved in healthy cooking, and we'll even have a go at therapeutic messy play! We'll also be providing the grown ups with some well-needed tips to improve their own wellbeing; such as building self-esteem and learning how to relax on demand.

COURSE	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION
Family Wellbeing	Online Classroom	21st January	THU	12.15pm - 2:45pm	2 hours 30mins
Family Feel Good	Online Classroom	28th January	THU	12.15pm - 2.45pm	3 weeks

To enrol click on the course titles

