

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th February 2021

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THANK YOU to all our parents/carers for your support over this half term. What a half term it has been! 😊

For those who have supported learning at home, you had done an incredible job and I know many in very challenging circumstances whilst working full time from home and with more than one child. Thank you.

If you have been using the critical worker provision, thank you for your support through the half term and for following guidance especially all those who have had to self-isolate/ get tested/ wait for results and follow all the government guidance to protect the wider school family.

A special thank you to all our parents who are NHS staff. I know many of you have had a really difficult time recently. We REALLY APPRECIATE what you are doing. ♥

AFTER HALF TERM INFORMATION

School restarts on Monday 22nd February. School will continue to be closed to all but children of critical workers/ vulnerable children for the first two weeks after half term. The government is expected to make an announcement in a week or so regarding an 8th March return.

PTFA BINGO NIGHT

We had a great PTFA bingo evening last night. Thank you to Ollie Burton. It was great to have a fun family night and also raise hundreds of pounds for the school (£345!). Thank you.

FRIDAY SPECIAL

The Friday Special this week is Garstang's Got Talent. It starts at 1:30pm. This is followed by Friday Celebration at 2:30pm.

Christian Value this half term: **COURAGE**
Wednesday Worship: **INTERNET SAFETY**



Google Meet

BACK FROM MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

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

TERM DATES

Mon 15th Feb: Half term

Mon 22nd Feb: School recommences

Fri 26th Mar: Last day of term

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

Mon 12th Apr: Return to school

Reception: **Stanley Elliot, Scarlett Wright, Beth Procter & Cordelia Hill**

Year 1: **Isla Blakely, Molly Southwell, Jack Hilton & Teddy Mitchell**

Year 2: **Alice Bateman, Raffy Burton, Ellis Jepson & Freddie Yates**

Year 3: **Angel Hoyle, Oliver Hilton, Alex Holme & Alfie Blackett**

Year 4: **Benji Bateman, Lily Morton, Noah Dyer & Jimmy Orr**

Year 5: **Millie Bray, Riley Blakely, Scarlett Owen-Cartmell & Aaliyah Quirk**

Year 6: **Zachary Yates, Jessica Wareing, Levi McGrath & Jago Gradwell**

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.



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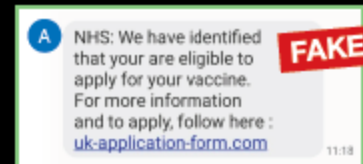
BE ALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

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.

CrimeStoppers.

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.