

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

26th February 2021

RETURN TO SCHOOL – 8th MARCH

We are really looking forward to welcoming our whole school family back on Monday 8th March. One week to go home learners! Well done for doing an excellent job during all this time and thank you so much for all the support from parents/ grandparents at home.

We all have a part to play in keeping our school family safe. Let's all do our very best to ensure all children are able to return and school can stay fully open for the rest of this year by following the government guidance.

MISS BONNEY

Miss Bonney is leaving us this week after successfully completing her apprenticeship. We thank her for all her work and wish her all the very best as she begins further education at university.

HANDWRITING FORTNIGHT

Did you know that it's Handwriting Fortnight? It's the final week next week and there are rewards for those children putting lots of effort into their handwriting.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It's World Book Day next week on Thursday 4th March. We'll be celebrating with a focus on great books in each class and creative activities. Please find your World Book Day voucher on page 2 of the newsletter.

COMIC RELIEF

It's Comic Relief on Friday 19th March. Children are invited to wear non-uniform. The theme is superheroes if your child would like to go whole hog! Donations on Parent Pay please in aid of Comic Relief.

Wednesday Worship: Lent



Google Meet

JOIN US FOR THE LAST WEEK:

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 8th Mar: Return to school

Fri 19th Mar: Comic Relief non uniform

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: **Clara Walmsley, Mia Swarbrick-Rushin, Daniel Shannon & Laila Flynn**

Year 1: **Harry Flint, Fox Laverty, Harvey Redmayne & William Hine**

Year 2: **Pippa Rowlandson, Branna Haggan & Joey Wright**

Year 3: **Sienna Mitchell, Reuben Bray, Faith Barton-Wilkins & Seth Beard**

Year 4: **Charlie Martin, Harley Hodgson, Francesca Dodds & Zeren Idem**

Year 5: **Charlie Murphy, Jasmine Langhorne, Lily Walker & Lexi Walmsley**

Year 6: **Olive Wrathall, Hattie Askew, Lexi Ellerton & Daniel Cookson**

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
4 MARCH 2021

£1 Book Token

Primary Schools and Nurseries/Pre-Schools (UK)

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the chance to have a book of their own. World Book Day is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading. Visit worldbookday.com for brilliant ideas and resources for reading together at home. Your **£1 book token** is available below.

A large graphic for the £1 Book Token. It features a blue background with a white border decorated with colorful vertical lines. At the top left, it says 'WORLD BOOK DAY 4 MARCH 2021'. In the center, it reads 'This is your £1 Book Token'. Below this, it says 'Use your token to get ONE of the £1 range of books featured below for FREE or £1 OFF a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more, at your nearest participating bookseller.' A row of ten book covers is shown, including 'Wolf', 'The World Book Day Story Day', 'Giant', 'Protect the Planet', 'Omar', 'Football Stories', 'Badman', 'Katherine Rundell Skiffers', and 'River'. At the bottom, it says 'Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.' On the right, there is a 'NATIONAL BOOK tokens' logo, a barcode with the number 9 907761 321003, and text about terms and conditions. The name 'Rob Biddulph' is at the bottom right.

The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions. Check with your local bookseller what plans they have in place for World Book Day. Please note:

- The £1 book token can be exchanged for one of our **exclusive, new £1 books** (see the full line-up at worldbookday.com/books/) OR for getting £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops and supermarkets.
- The book token is valid from **Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021**. Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. Please contact your local bookseller to check if they are able to offer £1 off other titles.
- The book token can **ONLY** be used in participating bookshops (find your nearest at booksellers.org.uk/wbd)
- The book token can be printed out and taken to your local bookseller. Booksellers such as Sainsbury's and Asda are unable to accept the voucher on a phone or tablet screen. For all other booksellers, please check before you visit.
- The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.
- The digital £1 book token is intended for **SINGLE-USE ONLY**.

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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.



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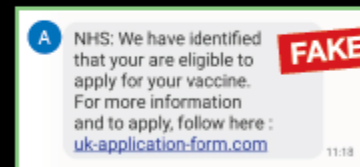
BE ALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

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.