

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

16th April 2021



WELCOME BACK

What a bright sunny start to the summer term! It's so good to have everyone back for what will be an action-packed term. Each teacher will be sending out class news by today. Please do get in contact if you have any questions.

COVID-19

Please read the COVID section on the back of this newsletter – we continue to be under many restrictions in school and there may be children who have to isolate/ bubbles closed with very little notice.

HEALTH, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

Early last year we ran consultation and developed our new policy for this area (ahead of government changes for September 2020). This term children in Years 4,5 & 6 will be covering topics in relation to puberty and sexual reproduction. As outlined in the policy, children will be encouraged to speak to their parents. Our policy is available [here](#). If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Blakely.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the shops are beginning to reopen, please can we ask that children are back to wearing full school uniform as soon as possible. Please find our information about [uniform, hair and jewellery here](#). Thank you.

SAD NEWS DOUG WILLOUGHBY

Doug Willoughby, our former Chair of Governors, passed away on Good Friday, 2nd April 2021. Doug was much loved by the Garstang St Thomas School family as Chair of Governors. He dedicated endless hours of service to the school - always supporting and encouraging the staff team. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan and family. In worship this week, we have been praying for the family.

CHARLIE ROBINSON

In our thoughts and prayers are the family of Charlie Robinson who sadly passed away last week. In worship this week we prayed for family and friends, particularly Charlie's cousins - Freya and Logan in our school.

Christian Focus this half term: **TRUST**

**SUMMER TERM FOCUS:
HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND**

REMINDERS DROP OFF & COLLECTION TIMES

School day:

8:40am-9am and 3pm-3:20pm

Breakfast club and after school club:

7:30am-8am and 4:30pm-5:45pm

DIARY DATES

Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 10th May: Tempest class photographs

Mon 31st May: – Mon 7th June: Half Term break

Tue 8th June: Return to school

Fri 18th June: Year 6 Towerwood and sleepover at school.

Fri 16th July: Last day of term

Full term dates are available from our website:

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Demi Simpson

Georgie Frodsham-Cross

Harry Billington

Pol Forga Allday

Delilah Woodhead

Jack Legge

Thomas Baker

Esmae Williams

Harley Hodgson

Francesca Dodds

Harry Kay

Bella Johnson

Riley Blakely

Oscar Brakewell

Zachary Yates

Levi McGrath

A GLIMPSE INSIDE...PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL



COVID

This week, once again, we have been waiting for COVID test results from children/ staff. If there is a positive result, children may have to isolate and bubbles may close with very little notice.

If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. **Please send test results as soon as possible to: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.**

REMINDER OF COVID SYMPTOMS

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**BOOK A [COVID TEST](#)
GUIDANCE ON [ISOLATION](#)**

HOWDENS – GARSTANG

Thank you to Howdens for the kind donation of units for our Year 5 classroom.



MESSAGE TO A TEACHER

If you would like to send a message to a teacher, please visit our school website:

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

If you need to pass an urgent message, please phone the school office on 01995 603454



**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)

**STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES**