

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

11th June 2021

#### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We're pleased to say the children have settled back really well after the half term break. Welcome to Finlay Hurst and Toby Sandham who have joined us in Year 3 this week. 😊

#### COVID-19

Please continue to err on the side of caution - if your child has COVID symptoms or is unwell, please do not send them to school. Please see guidance on page 2 of the newsletter. Thank you.

#### TOUR DE GST LAUNCH RIDE (ON THE ROAD!)

The PTFA 50-mile Tour de Garstang is taking place on Sunday. If you have not already signed up, please contact Oliver Burton on 07846 762001 as soon as possible to confirm a place. See further information below on the newsletter.

#### TOUR DE GARSTANG FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

The Tour de GST for children in school will be taking place next week. If you need a new sponsorship form, please contact the school office. Please send in the sponsorship form and money on the day children are taking part:

Mon 14/06/21 – Year 6

Tue 15/06/21 – Years 5, 4 and 3

Wed 16/06/21 – Year 2

Thu 17/06/21 – Rec and Year 1

Children can take part in two ways:

**CYCLING:** Children who can ride a bike independently are invited to bring their bike and helmet to school on the day they are taking part. There will be a designated area near classrooms to leave their bikes on the day. Please note that the track is not flat or smooth - please only send your child with their bike if they will be able to manage this by themselves. If your child is using stabilisers, isn't quite there yet or hasn't got a suitable bike at this time, they will be able to run their miles instead. There will be other opportunities to bring bikes to school including Bikeability (which we run before the children leave school in Year 6).

**RUNNING:** There will be quite a number of children in each class running instead of cycling. They will be working together to run the 50 miles for each class.

Christian Focus this half term: **TRUST**

#### FOCUS: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

##### DIARY DATES

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June:** PTFA 50 mile ride

**W/c Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June:** PTFA class 50 mile challenge (in school time)

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup> June:** NHS Vision screening (Rec)

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 3 Brockhole trip

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 Tower Wood and sleepover at school.

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 4 Paddleboarding

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 2 history workshop

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 camp day

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Year 3 Paddleboarding

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Reception induction/ move up morning/ Bikeability (Y6)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Reception induction/ move up morning/ Bikeability (Y6)

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Last day of term

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**PHOEBE TENNANT**

**BETH PROCTER**

**JERRI BARTON WILKINS**

**ELIJAH WILKINSON**

**ELLIS JEPSON**

**THOMAS BAKER**

**ESMAE WILLIAMS**

**FINLAY HURST**

**TOBY SANDHAM**

**ERIN GIBSON**

**ARTHUR SPICER**

**JOSHUA BILLINGTON**

**ASHLYN WEBB**

**FFION BAILEY**

**JASMINE LANGHORNE**

**RILEY BLAKELY**

**ABIGAIL EGLIN**

**JAMIE LLOYD**

**EMMA BUCKLEY**

## SPORTS DAY

We are planning to have sports day on Friday 9th July. Please note that we are still under many COVID restrictions and a tight COVID risk assessment. We are planning on inviting spectators – a maximum of 2 per child - to watch the children participate in sports. There will be several restrictions and visitors MUST keep socially distanced from each other on our school site. Below are the planned time slots:

- 9:15am Reception
- 9:45am Year 1
- 10:15am Year 2
- 10:45am Year 3
- 11:15am Year 4
- 1:15pm Year 5
- 1: 45pm Year 6

## YEAR 6 EVENTS

### ROBIN HOOD – PROMENADE THEATRE TUESDAY 13th JULY

Year 6 are planning to perform Robin Hood outside on **Tuesday 13th July @ 6:15pm**. Again, under the same restrictions as sports day. We plan to invite an audience – a maximum of 2 per child. Please note, if the weather is poor on the 13th, the reserve day is Thursday 15th July.

## LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Subject to COVID restrictions, we also plan to invite parents (of children in Y6) to a leavers assembly (outdoors) on **Friday 16th July at 2pm** – a maximum of 2 adults per child.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – SESSION INFORMATION

The after-school learning clubs for KS2 will continue to run for three weeks after half term (two more weeks left). Third Space Learning will continue until the end of the year. Football for Years 3 & 4 will continue until the penultimate week of term.

## SWIMMING – WEDNESDAYS

**Year 6** will continue to swim for one more week (last swim 16<sup>th</sup> June). **Year 5** will have the opportunity for the remainder of the year starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. A goggle has been sent out.

## REMINDER: ROAD SAFETY

ROSPA have produced a parent guide on road safety. Please click [here](#) to view the guide. The guide contains helpful guidance for parents with children of all ages.

## TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to order the class photograph, please return forms by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you.

## SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy for a teaching assistant (KS2) and an apprentice teaching assistant (KS2). The vacancies are listed on the [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) website.

## COVID



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](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

Please note: lateral flow tests are in use for asymptomatic testing. For children/ adults with symptoms, you are asked to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### 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](#)



**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://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

# TOUR DE GST

W/C 13TH JUNE 2021

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50 MILES PER CLASS, 350 TOTAL MILES  
£3,500 SPONSORSHIP GOAL

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## SCHEDULE

13/06/21 – PTFA 50 MILE RIDE

14/06/21 - YEAR 6

15/06/21 - YEARS 5, 4 & 3

16/06/21 – YEAR 2

17/06/21 – YEAR 1 & RECEPTION

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- RECEPTION & YEAR 1 COMBINED
- BRING YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL
- NO HELMET, NO RIDE
- FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING SPORT AND FITNESS IN SCHOOL - HELPING TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.



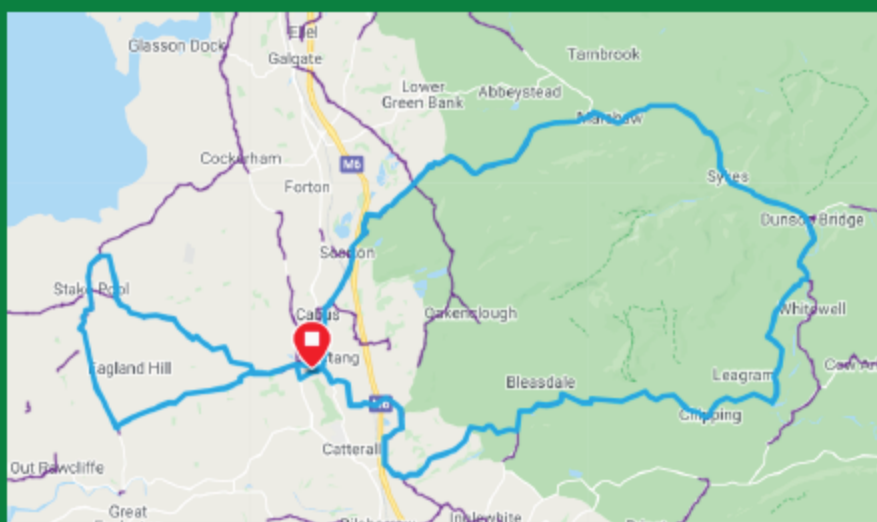
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# TOUR DE GST

SUN 13TH JUNE 2021

## PTFA RIDE

- 50 MILES - RIDE ALL, PART 1 (35m) OR PART 2 (15m)
- RIDERS MUST BE OVER THE AGE OF 18 OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
- SUPPORT CAR - REGULAR MEETING POINTS EN ROUTE
- MIXED ABILITY - NOBODY LEFT BEHIND
- NO HELMET, NO RIDE
- ROUTE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



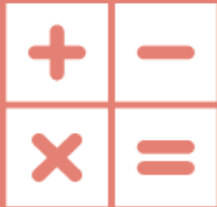
### SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES ARE EST.)

7.30 - MEET AT GST  
8.00 - SET OFF (PART 1)  
12.30 - MEET AT GST FOR PART 2  
13.00 - SET OFF (PART 2)  
15:00 - ARRIVE BACK AT GST

CONTACT  
OLIVER BURTON  
TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE ON  
07846 762001

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# FREE, Online Family Learning Courses

## Ready, Steady School

It's been an unsettling year for lots of families, and starting at 'big' school can be exciting and daunting for parents and children alike! This 2 hour course is full of top tips to get children and their parents/ carers 'school ready!'.

During this short course parents/ carers will have the opportunity to explore how to best prepare their child for school including developing an awareness of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Various times and dates available. Click here or contact [laura.myers@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:laura.myers@nelsongroup.ac.uk)

## Moving On: Year 7 Maths

This course is for parents/ carers of children heading to high school in September. This 2 hour session will allow parents to grasp the key areas in secondary Maths like, Algebra, Trigonometry, Pythagoras theorem, Ratio and proportion. This course will guide parents/ carers step by step in how to tackle questions in these topics and how they can support their child at home.

Various times and dates available. Click here or contact [laura.myers@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:laura.myers@nelsongroup.ac.uk)

For information on how to enrol, further details or publicity to share with parents please contact:

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 **Family Learning**

**We look forward to meeting you!**

**For more information, please contact us**

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