

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

18th June 2021



150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Our school is 150 years old at the end of this academic year. To mark the occasion, we are planning a whole-school picnic lunch on 15th July. Any children who are due to have a school dinner on that day will be provided with a school packed lunch.

MRS BILLINGTON

We are sending Mrs Billington off on maternity leave today. We have missed her in school over recent weeks and we are going to miss her virtually too but we are sending our very best wishes with her over the next few weeks. 😊

SCHOOL TRIPS/ ACTIVITIES

We have managed to arrange several school trips and activities for classes this term. However, not everywhere is fully open and there is lack of availability from providers. We are planning for very early in the autumn term for those classes that have not managed to get away this term. A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who have supported us with trips this term.

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 still planning to invite 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

TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

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

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Lily Fairclough and her family on the arrival of Baby Mason on Thursday morning. 😊

Christian Focus this half term: **TRUST**

FOCUS: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

DIARY DATES

Mon 28th June: Year 4 Paddleboarding
Mon 28th June: Year 2 history workshop
Tue 29th June: Year 1 camp day
Tue 29th June: NISCU session Year 6
Fri 2nd July: Year 3 Paddleboarding
Mon 5th July: Money skills workshop (Y5/6)
Wed 7th July: Reception induction/ move up morning/ Bikeability (Y6)
Fri 9th July: Sports day
Tue 13th July: Reception class trip
Tue 13th July: Year 6 Robin Hood
Wed 14th July: Reception induction/ move up morning/ Bikeability (Y6)
Thu 15th July: Whole school picnic
Fri 16th July: Leavers' assembly 2pm
Fri 16th July: Last day of term

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

CHARLIE DAVIS
DEMI SIMPSON
SOPHIE LAMOURY

HARRY FLINT
REEGAN BROWN
MADDIE MCQUILTON-HULL

ALICE BATEMAN
ALIFE KIPPAX
REUBEN BRAY

LILY MORTON
LILIA FINCH

AARON TISSINGH
PHOEBE GRAVESON
ISABELLA MITCHELL

RYAN SHAW
ETHAN THOMAS
ROXANNE SIMPSON

DANIEL COOKSON
JOSH HELME

PTFA TOUR DE GST

All of our classes completed the PTFA Tour de GST 50-mile challenge this week with children cycling or running. The total miles completed was 710. Well done to all the children! 😊

A big well done to the parents who completed the adult 50-mile challenge on Sunday – a terrific effort! Thanks to our PTFA for organising the event and the challenge.

Last call for sponsorship forms: Please send sponsorship forms/ money into school by Monday.

Sponsorship can be made online if you prefer: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tour-de-gst>



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. 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

We also plan to invite parents (of children in Y6) to a leavers assembly (outdoors) on Friday 16th June at 2pm – a maximum of 2 adults per child.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – SESSION INFORMATION

The after-school learning clubs for KS2 will continue for one more week. 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 5 will be going swimming on Wednesdays starting next week.

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.

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

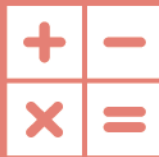
BOOK A [COVID TEST](#) / GUIDANCE ON [ISOLATION](#)



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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



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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

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

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!

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