

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th June 2021



YEAR 1 CAMP DAY

We have a special day planned on Tuesday for Year 1. Please see the letter from Mrs Almond. Mr Blakely and Mr Baker are getting very excited about being part of this.

MISS CHATBURN

This week we have said farewell to Miss Chatburn who has finished her placement in Year 4. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you all the best starting your career in teaching. Thank you also for Harry Potter Day! 😊

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.

REMINDER: 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). **Next week, 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.

PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Sarah Eaves, proprietor of Oaktree Nursery School, has been chosen as our preferred childcare provider for the annex at Garstang St Thomas School from 1st August 2021 (subject to OFSTED registration and lease contract). Sarah has extensive experience as a local authority adviser as well as running pre-school/ nursery settings in Lancashire. The planned setting will be known as 'Kepple Lane Pre-School and Nursery' and will be operating as soon as possible after the 31st July subject to OFSTED registration.

Sarah has kindly agreed to continue with the same offer for parents – the same charges, sessions times etc. during the first academic year to ensure a smooth transition. Sarah is planning to work closely with the current setting to ensure a smooth transition and is looking forward to working with the staff team.

Information about bookings and further information will be sent out shortly.

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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 5 Food hygiene course
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

CORDELIA GRAHAM

MARCIE RICE

GRACE DAWSON

WILLIAM HINE

EMELIA DICK

BRANNA HAGGAN

ALL OF YEAR 3

NOAH DYER

HARRY PARKINSON

ANNABEL WALTON

JOHN MILLS

TRAVIS WOODHEAD

LUCAS FOSTER

WILLIAM OLIVER

LEVI MCGRATH

SCHOOL BOOKS AT HOME

We are still missing a considerable number of books from our school library following lockdowns. Please have a look for any school books (that are not currently being read) and return to school. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – SESSION INFORMATION

The after-school learning clubs for KS2 have now ended. Third Space Learning will continue until the end of the year. Football for Years 3 & 4 will continue until the penultimate week of term.

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

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.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAYS

Year 5 are now going swimming on Wednesdays.

OLD UNIFORM COLLECTION

The PTFA will gratefully receive any school uniform that is no longer needed. Please send to school.

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](#)



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