



GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

REV MICHAEL HUTCHINSON

We're pleased to announce that Rev Michael will be the new vicar at St Thomas' Church. A start date has yet to be announced but we are looking forward to welcoming him and his family to school. Our Year 4 class have already met Rev Michael as they were involved in the recruitment process.

TOWER WOOD PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Thank you for attending the Year 5/6 Tower Wood parent/carer meeting. Click [here for a link](#) to the Powerpoint presentation.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Year 5 will be going swimming on Wednesdays after half term.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING ASSESSMENT

Year 4 will be going for a swimming assessment on Wednesday 10th November. Please note this is one-off swimming session this term before the weekly sessions start in January. A goggle letter will be sent home.

POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies in school from Tuesday 2nd November (after the half term).

CHRISTMAS EVENTS – ALL YEAR GROUPS

After everything that's happened over the last two years, we would love to welcome you all to see your child take part in a Christmas event this year (all being well). For Reception class and all classes up to Year 4, we've booked the church. With one class at a time, we'll have plenty of room for an audience to spread out. For Years 5 & 6, we are planning to put on a production in the school hall over two nights (see newsletter dates).

FLU VACCINE

The deadline for signing up for the flu vaccine has passed. If you have missed the deadline and are keen for your child to have the vaccine, please ring 01524 406672 as soon as possible.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

The deadline for applying is 31st October. Apply online on the [Lancashire County Council website](#).

Friday 22nd October 2021

DIARY DATES

Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct: Half term Week
Mon 1st Nov: INSET day
Tue 2nd Nov: Whole school flu vaccine
Wed 10th –12th Nov: Y5/6 Tower Wood trip
Tue 16th Nov: Y5 visit to Dewlay
Mon 13th Dec: Reception nativity 5:30pm
Mon 13th Dec: Y3 nativity 6:30pm
Tue 14th Dec: 4Front theatre – whole school trip to GFM church
Tue 14th Dec: Y1 nativity 5:30pm
Tue 14th Dec: Y2 nativity 6:30pm
Wed 15th Dec: Y5/6 production 6:30pm
Thu 16th Dec: Y4 nativity 5:30pm
Thu 16th Dec: Y5/6 nativity 6:30pm
Fri 17th Dec: Christmas jumper day, Santa dash, Christmas dinner day and Aladdin Pantomime in school.

AWARDS

 **ARIANA MITCHELL** 
 **FRANK SOUTHWELL** 
EMILIE WILSON
 **CORDELIA GRAHAM** 
DANIEL SHANNON
HARRIET BELL
JERRI BARTON WILKINS
ALL OF YEAR 3
 **TOBY SANDHAM** 
LAUREN COWELL 
 **FLOSSIE BERESFORD** 
HARVEY MCQUILTON-HULL
TRAVIS WOODHEAD
 **KUKENA SINDOWE** 
ASHLYN WEBB
BREAKFAST CLUB- HARRISON STEPHENS
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB-
JACOB SHANNON & MAGGIE HAYHURST

CLARION THE POLAR BEAR

Clarion arrived at school on Sunday evening for a sleepover and was outside ready to greet the children on Monday morning. The polar bear is being taken to COP26 by his creator, Bamber, in order to raise awareness about climate change. Bamber spoke to the children in Years 4,5 & 6 before continuing the journey to Glasgow. We have been discussing what we can do about climate change in school.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION

Children are invited to bring in awards from out of school activities to be presented in our Friday Celebration.

FOOTPATH/ ROADWORKS

McCarthy and Stone are due to create a new footpath on Kepple Lane which may cause some disruption. They have kindly planned this for half term week but the work may take longer than one week to complete. Just a reminder that our parents/carers are welcome to use the Scout Hut car park and the Church car park (remember to get a free ticket).

[photo credit: Michael Coleran]



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

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