

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! It's great to have all classes back and settled into school again this half term. We look forward to a busy and exciting half term as we head towards Christmas.

A huge GST welcome to Imogen Ibell and Emma Hutchinson who have joined us this week.

TOWER WOOD TRIP – YEARS 5 & 6

The Tower Wood trip is next Wednesday to Friday. Click [here for a link](#) to the parent/carer Powerpoint presentation.

YEAR 1 PARENTS' EVENING

Year 1 parents' evening will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. To book, please click [here](#).

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 before the weekly sessions start in January. A goggle letter will be sent home.

POPPY APPEAL

We will be continuing to sell poppies until Remembrance Sunday.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS:

We have many more visits planned for this half term – please see the diary dates.

The Reception walk through Garstang (next week) and the 4Front Theatre visit (in December) are classed as local visits under local visit consent. Further information about the other trips is sent out by letter.

RECEPTION CLASS PHOTOS

The Reception photo was published in the LEP this week (Thursday's edition).

PTFA CHRISTMAS CARD DEADLINE

The deadline for ordering the cards is: 12th November.

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 taking 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).

Friday 5th
November 2021



LEST WE FORGET

DIARY DATES

Wed 10th –12th Nov: Y5/6 Tower Wood trip
Mon 15th Nov: Reception class walk
Fri 19th Nov: Full uniform but wear odd or colourful socks for It's Cool to Be Kind Week
Tue 16th Nov: Y5 visit to Dewlay
Thu 18th Nov: Y1 visit to Brockholes
Tue 23rd Nov: Y3 visit to Wild Discovery
Thu 2nd Dec: Y4 visit to MOSI
Mon 13th Dec: Reception nativity 5:30pm
Mon 13th Dec: Y3 nativity 6:30pm
Tue 14th Dec: 4Front theatre – whole school
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.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

KATIE HUDSON
LOUIE GOULD
EMMA HUTCHINSON
OPHELIA FRANCE
MATTHEW THOMPSON
HARRY LEECH
JOEL DYER
ELLIS JEPSON
MADDIE MCQUILTON-HULL
IMOGEN IBELL
ALFIE KIPPAX
HAYDEE WILKINSON
ERIN GIBSON
AARON TISSINGH
ETHAN THOMAS
AVA BALSHAW
LOGAN JEPSON



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
BOBBY KAY, ELEANOR BOARDMAN & TEAGAN GRAHAM

ONE KIND WORD

IT'S COOL TO BE KIND WEEK MON 15th – Fri 19th NOVEMBER

Our ambassadors are going to take a leading role during 'It's Cool to Be Kind Week' in November. We'll be thinking about kindness in our classes, in worship time and also at playtimes and lunch time. We'll be reminding the children that we do not tolerate bullying at our school.



FLAGPOLE AND UNION FLAG

THANK YOU to Rose Brewin (former pupil at our school and St Thomas' Church Rose Queen between 2019 -2022) for fundraising to pay for a flagpole at the front of school. Thanks to Mr Brakewell for the groundworks and erecting the flagpole.

COVID

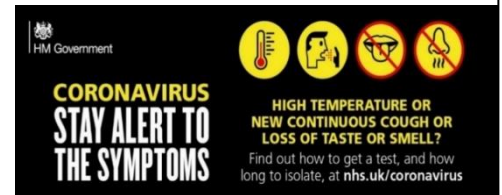
If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. Please send test results as soon as possible to: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

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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Firework Safety



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and Rescue Service



Only purchase fireworks from a reputable retailer and ensure they carry the CE mark which is a safety standard that all fireworks should meet.

Store fireworks in a closed box away from heat sources and children until you are ready to use them.



Fireworks can be scary for pets, the elderly, veterans, young children and babies. Make sure they are kept indoors and you don't set fireworks off after 11pm.



Follow the instructions on each firework, reading them in torchlight or daylight and never by a naked flame.

Only light one firework at once and ensure they're on a stable surface pointed away from people.

Do not keep them in your pocket and **never** throw them.



Drop used fireworks
into a bucket of water

Never return to a lit firework.

Ensure fireworks are extinguished properly by placing in a bucket of cold water.

If you're concerned a bonfire may be getting out of hand call 999 and if clothing catches fire remember:
STOP, DROP AND ROLL.



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Bonfire Safety



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service



Always have a responsible adult present when having a bonfire, and stay with it until it is extinguished.

Keep people at least 3 metres away from the bonfire.

Never leave children unattended with a bonfire.



Set the fire well away from property (including outbuildings and sheds), over hanging trees, cables and combustible materials.

Check the bonfire for any animals too before lighting.

Bonfire smoke can be a nuisance so be considerate of any neighbours.



Don't use petrol, paraffin or white spirit to light a bonfire they can be very volatile once ignited.

Use a taper to light and keep at arms length.

Don't burn household waste on bonfires.



Douse your bonfire to ensure no smouldering embers are left

When the bonfire is over, douse the embers with water and check the surrounding area for signs of small fires which may have been started from flying embers. Ensure it is fully extinguished before leaving.

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