

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you all a healthy and happy 2022, love from all at Garstang St Thomas School. ❤️ It's been wonderful to welcome children back to school this week.

#### STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome to Mrs Gould who has joined us in our Reception Class this week as a learning coach. Welcome also to Miss Slater (Y2) and Miss O'Neil (Y1) joining us next week as student teachers and also a number of students including Miss Bendall, Miss Hilton and Miss Preston - welcome all.

#### CURRICULUM NEWS

Teachers are sending out their termly curriculum newsletters today.

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Letters have been sent out about clubs. The deadline is **Monday** for the forms to come back to school. Our clubs are very popular and in high demand. Please only sign up if you are able to commit taking part for the whole term.

#### BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you for all the booking forms returned for this term. Please remember to book and pay for the sessions on ParentPay. Information is available on our [website](#). If you have any questions, please e-mail [Mrs Williams](#).

#### YEAR 5 & 6 INSTRUMENTS

Year 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to bring home their instruments from next week – a separate information letter will be sent out.

#### TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We've just had lots of new technology delivered and set up - brand new iPads for our infant children and also another laptop trolley full of touch-screen laptops for Years 2-4. The children have enjoyed using the devices in their lessons this week.

#### ORACY UPDATE #ConfidentCommunicators

We've got lots of exciting plans in 2022 in relation to oracy for all classes in school. Today we had our first [LAMDA](#) session for Year 6 (Year 5 are due to begin in the summer term). There were lots of smiles and fun led by Rebecca from Little Voices. Mrs Owens, Head of Drama & Theatre Studies at LRGs is also kindly running sessions in school this term starting with Year 3 next week. 😊

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### DIARY DATES

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y5 & 6 Money Matters PSHE workshop
  - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Open the Book team return to school.
  - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y5 First aid training
  - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> and Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Water safety session – separate session for all classes by the Canal and River Trust
  - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y3 Portals to the Past workshop
  - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y6 animal classification workshop
  - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y6 Clitheroe Castle visit
  - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Half term week
  - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Final day of term before Easter break
- Full term dates are available on our website:

[www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com)

#### CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

The deadline for primary applications in Lancashire is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Find out more on our admissions page:

[www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com)





A GROUP OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN TAKING PART IN A LAMDA SESSION #ConfidentCommunicators

### 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

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