

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is due to take place on the 2nd and 3rd of March. We are planning to hold the appointments in school. Please book online for an in-person appointment:

garstangstthomas.schoolcloud.co.uk

Bookings close on Tuesday evening. If you would prefer a telephone appointment or have any problems with the booking system, please e-mail: admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children (and adults) are invited to dress up as a character from a book on **Friday 4th March** for World Book Day. We will be having a literacy focus during the week and celebrating reading and books in our new library.

If a costume is a problem financially, please e-mail: lbaker@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk or speak to Mr Baker and we will get a costume to you in advance. Please note our day is the day after the official WBD because of parents' evening.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2022

We are looking forward to taking part in the Children's Festival this year. We'd love to see as many families from school as possible taking part. Please see below a message from Claire Redmayne, who is kindly taking a lead in getting us organised: We are looking for ideas for the school's entry in the festival, which will be held this year on Friday 3rd June, over the Jubilee weekend. I would like to arrange a meeting in the next few weeks to get these ideas together. If you would be interested in helping, Please contact Claire Redmayne on 07951553698. Help is appreciated no matter how small, whether it be on the day or in the lead up to the event, so don't be afraid to get in touch. Thank you, Claire

PRE-SCHOOL PLACES

Are you interested in a pre-school place for your child on or after September 2022? We are planning pre-school provision at our school from September. If you are interested, please complete the form: [Pre-school form](#).

Alternatively, please contact Rachel Whittaker on 01995 603454 or e-mail: admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk

We are consulting on lowering the school age to create high quality teacher-led early years provision in the annex building on our school site. To view the proposal, please click [here](#).

Friday 25th February 2022

Open the Book: Genesis 37, Joseph's Coat

DIARY DATES

Tue 1st Mar: Y5 Blackburn Museum and Queen Street Mill educational visit

Wed 2nd & Thu 3rd Mar: Parents' evening
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no clubs running on Wednesday or Thursday next due to parents' evening. After School Club will be running as normal

Wed 2nd Mar: Y6 St Thomas' Church visit

Fri 4th Mar: World Book Day – children are welcome to come dressed as a book character (please note this is a day after the official WBD)

Mon 14th Mar: Y4 visit to Manchester Airport

Tue 15th Mar: Y1 visit to Bring Yer Wellies

Fri 1st April: Final day of term before Easter break

Full term dates are available on our website: www.garstangstthomas.com

STAR OF THE WEEK

ALICE RIGG

LOUIE GOULD

ALL OF YEAR 1

JERRI BARTON WILKINS

PHOEBE MELVILLE

PIPPA ROWLANDSON

RAFFY BURTON

RONNIE ELLERTON

JESSICA SMITH

HARLEY HODGSON

FREYA BURTON

WILLIAM MOXHAM

LILY WALKER

JASMINE LANGHORNE

KUKENA SINDOWE

BREAKFAST CLUB- ASHLYN WEBB

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- KATIE HUDSON

BE THE CHANGE: ESTHER LOWCOCK

WELL DONE TO YEAR 1 FOR AN EXCELLENT CLASS ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING 😊



LIBRARY UPDATE – WE'RE IN!





LIBRARY

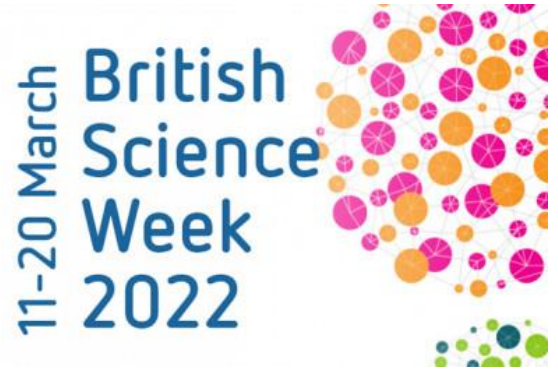
We're in! A huge thank you to Mr Wilson for all sorts including building Greenhalgh Castle! Thank you to S. Williams flooring (in the library and around school), A & P painting and Neil Beesley (electrician).

Mrs Woodhead, who supports us every week in caring for our library and encouraging children to love reading, cut the ribbon at the start of worship on Wednesday.

WE ♥ READING.

ARE YOU AN ENGINEER?

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 11-20 March 2022. We will be joining in again this year and focussing on engineering. If you work as an engineer, we would like to invite you to join us at the start of the week, to be interviewed by the children either online or in person. We need to find out what it takes to be an engineer, the skills and qualities needed for successful engineering, special equipment that you use and interesting challenges that you have tackled. It would be wonderful to be able to talk to engineers from different disciplines as we are going to be entering a national competition "If I were an Engineer..." where we will need to think like engineers to help solve problems. Please contact school if you would be able to help us.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

It's Fairtrade Fortnight! Thanks to Michael for coming in to share with us about Fairtrade on Monday.

Update: Children's Fairtrade Trail

Fairtrade ran the Children's Fairtrade Trail on Saturday last week but, not surprisingly, the weather kept numbers down. However, we are running the trail again next Saturday (hopefully with better weather), but children need to collect their entry sheet from the library this time, accompanied by a responsible adult. There will also be some Fairtrade activities at the library between 10 am - 12 noon. Anyone who completes the Children's Trail will also receive a bar of Fairtrade chocolate.



HEALTHY EATING

Dr Emma Bray and Dr Felicity Guest spent the morning with our school council discussing school lunches and healthy diet. The school council came up with lots of ideas and are planning to lead an assembly, in the next few weeks, encouraging even healthier diet at lunch times in school. Thanks to the school council, Emma and Felicity for all their work on this area.



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Join us for Ripley ITT open day.

Ripley ITT offers teacher training across primary (3-7 years and 5-11 years) and a range of secondary subjects.

Thursday 10 March 2022



09:30 - 11:00 via Zoom



12:30 - 14:30 or 16:00 - 18:00
at Ripley St Thomas CE Academy



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