

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

It has been great to welcome the children back in this warm and sunny weather. This summer term, we are again having a 'healthy body, healthy mind' focus as we enjoy spending time learning in and out of the classroom. 😊

CURRICULUM NEWS

Each teacher is sending out curriculum news today. Please have a read about what is happening this term in your child's class.

NEW STARTERS – SEPTEMBER 2022

School places have gone out this week and we've sent our packs to our new starters. We look forward to welcoming our new starters for transition sessions later in the summer term. 😊

DIARY DATES

We've added quite a few dates to the diary dates section of the newsletter but **there are lots more to come**. We'll try to get full details for events out as soon as possible to give you notice.

HEALTH, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

In our summer term PSHE curriculum, we cover areas in relation to health, relationships and sex education. This term children in 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/carers. Our policy is available [here](#). If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Blakely.

EASTER EGGS

Thank you to our PTFA who paid for all the Easter eggs for the children this year.

SCHOOL LUNCH TIMES – YEARS 5 & 6

Since September, Year 6 have done a wonderful job caring for and looking after our youngest children at dinner times in the school hall. Now we're in the final term, Year 6 will move back to have lunch together and the responsibilities will pass to Year 5 – a great opportunity to serve, get to know younger children and look after others.

ORACY & LAMDA - YEARS 5 & 6

Year 6 have been having LAMDA lessons through the spring term with Little Voices. It's been great to see the difference in their confidence and their oracy skills. Year 6 have now finished their sessions and have had their exams today. Year 5 will begin next Friday.

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Friday 22nd April 2022

Wednesday Worship: Luke 24

SUMMER TERM FOCUS:

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

TEAM POINTS: Our **RED TEAM** have won the team point challenge for the spring term and are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 29th April.

1st: **Red** 2nd: **Yellow**, joint 3rd: **Blue** & **Green**.

DIARY DATES

Fri 6th May: Y2 tree planting (wellies needed)

Mon 9th May – Thu 12th May: Y6 SATS week

Fri 20th May & Fri 27th: Y6 Bikeability

Fri 27th May: Jubilee whole-school lunch

Fri 17th Jun: Y2 class assembly 9am

Fri 24th Jun: Y4 class assembly 9am

Mon 27th Jun – Wed 29th Jun: Y6 York trip

Fri 8th Jul: Sports day

Fri 15th Jul: Reception class assembly 9am

Fri 15th Jul: Year 5 LAMDA exams

Tue 19th Jul: Y6 production (evening)

Fri 22nd Jul: Y6 leavers' assembly 2pm

STAR OF THE WEEK

JOEY WADDINGTON

REGGIE HAYHURST

BETHANY PROCTER

DEMI SIMPSON

ELIJAH WILKINSON

GRACE DAWSON

EVIE OWENS

JACOB BENNETT

ANGEL HOYLE

OLIVER HILTON

LEWIS HODGSON

FINLEY TOLMIE

HOLLIE PARKINSON

JASMINE LANGHORNE

LILY RILEY

BREAKFAST CLUB: OPHELIA FRANCE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: IMOGEN IBELL



REMINDER: STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

RECEPTION CLASS: EYFS PROFILE

The statutory EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) framework requires an EYFS profile assessment to be carried out by the late June. The EYFS profile is intended to provide a reliable, valid and accurate assessment of each child's development at the end of the EYFS. It is made up of an assessment of the child's outcomes in relation to the 17 early learning goal (ELG) descriptors. The main purpose of the profile assessment at the end of the EYFS is to support a successful transition to Key Stage 1 (KS1) by informing the professional dialogue between EYFS and Year 1 teachers.

Your child will not be aware that any of this assessment is taking place – we are just sharing to let you know it is happening.

You will receive information about your child's assessment in their end of year report.

YEAR 1: PHONICS SCREENING CHECK (10/06/22)

The phonics screening check is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

Your child will complete this check during the week commencing Monday 6 June 2022. Your child is well use to working one-to-one with teachers in school in phonics and so will probably not notice much difference with completing this statutory screening check.

You will receive the results of the check in your child's end of year report.

YEAR 2: SATS (W/C 23/05/22)

We are asked to assess the standards your child is working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform those judgements, the children sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The children will also be sitting an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests are not strictly timed for this age group and they will be completed in a way to avoid any worry.

You will receive your child's results as part of their end of year report.

YEAR 4: MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (W/C 13/06/22)

Year 4 are due to have a multiplication check in June. This assessment is in the form of an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Further information for parents is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf

You will receive your child's results in their end of year report.

YEAR 6: SATS (W/C 9/05/22)

Year 6 will be taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. These tests will take place on the following days:

- Monday 9 May 2022 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 10 May 2022 - English reading
- Wednesday 11 May 2022 - Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 12 May 2022- Mathematics paper 3

We treat the Year 6 SATs as a rite of passage for our Year 6s, along with all the other experiences and fun that is on offer, particularly in the summer term of Year 6. It is important to note that our focus on learning continues right up until the end of term. We pass on SATs results and teacher assessment for all subjects to secondary schools but it's important the children keep being fully engaged learners right through the summer term, and as they transition to secondary school.

SATS results are given to the children when we receive them. Results will also be sent home as part of your child's end of year report.



HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE – YEAR 6

Year 6 are due to be given a questionnaire on
13/06/22. Please see information below:



Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service
Unit 5a, Edward VII Quay
Navigation Way
Riversway
Preston
PR2 2YF
0300 247 0040

School Year 2021/22

Dear Parent/ Carer

The Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service is developing better ways to understand and support the direct care and health and wellbeing of children and young people within schools. To help us achieve this, we will be continuing to undertake the School Health Needs Assessment Programme. This allows us to assess the health and social care needs of children in Reception, Year 6 and Year 9.

A health needs assessment questionnaire has been designed in collaboration with the Public Health Team at Lancashire County Council for children who wish to participate in the school health needs assessment programme. The questionnaire is completed online (via the Lancashire County Council secure portal) in class, by your child, regarding their health and well-being. This can be viewed on HCRG's website via the following link:

<https://lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/school-nursing/>

The school health needs assessment programme provides vital information to help us improve the direct care and support for individual children and for the whole age group.

The Healthy Young People and Families Team review the completed questionnaires to identify children or families who would benefit from some support. An anonymised School report is shared with the Schools so they can understand their School's health needs. The anonymised information from the questionnaires also allows the health team to see any common issues that might help us improve the services we provide as your child transitions into High School. Questionnaires are treated in the same way as all children's health information and are stored confidentially in the child's health records.

We will attempt to contact you by letter if, as a result of the questionnaire, your child wishes to speak with a nurse or if our support may be beneficial. If we don't hear back from you at that time, we will offer initial support to your child but please be assured that we will contact you if there is anything that requires further discussion.

If you do not wish your child to complete the questionnaire or you would like to speak to your school nursing team please contact us on the number above:

- Option 1 - Preston and Central area
- Option 2 - North and Lancaster area
- Option 3 - Burnley and East area

Yours sincerely

Catherine Allen
Head of Operations



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