GARSTANG ST THOMAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Debbie from NISCU has been in sharing with Reception about the birth of Jesus; Year 5 have been carol singing in town and school is looking like we're heading into the most wonderful time of year!

Details of our nativities are on page 2 of the newsletter including times and guest information. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

On Thursday 15th, we're have a Christmas jumper day (/nonuniform), Christmas lunch, Christmas dash (we've got lots of Santa hats!) and we've inviting Father Christmas too. Our school council has decided to raise money for Shelter this Christmas so if you are able to make a donation, we will be collecting on the day.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The last sessions for extra-curricular clubs are next week.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS

A huge thank you to our volunteers who support us to go on educational visits. We really appreciate your time.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 have another water safety session in swimming. Alongside their normal swimming clothes, they need a top and bottoms again next week.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Year 2 are due to go swimming on Wednesday afternoons from January for the spring term. The children will need a swimming costume, towel and a swimming hat if their hair could cover their eyes (required by YMCA).

Parents/carers who wish their child to wear goggles, should read and complete <u>this information sheet</u> from the YMCA.

4FRONT THEATRE – WHOLE SCHOOL (TUE 6[™] DEC)

On Tuesday 6th December, our whole school is heading to Garstang Free Methodist Church along with Garstang Community School to see Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure. There is no cost for this visit and it is covered in our local visit consent.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS (RECEPTION CLASS 2023)

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15th January 2022. For further information and to book a school visit, please visit:

https://www.garstangstthomas.com/admissions/

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Friday 2nd December 2022 Monday Worship: Courage to Care

DIARY DATES

Tue 6th Dec: 4Front Theatre (GFM church) Wed 7th Dec: Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception to Year 6 (see below) Mon 12th Dec: Reception Nativity in school 2:15pm and 6:15pm

Tue 13th Dec: Nursery Nativity 2:15pm Tue 13th Dec: Y2 Nativity in church 6:15pm Wed 14th Dec: Trumpet assembly 9:15am (for all Y5 and also Y6 who are still learning) Wed 14th Dec: Y1 Nativity in church 6:15pm Wed 14th Dec: After School Christmas party (for those booked on the day) Thu 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day/ nonuniform and Christmas lunch Fri 16th Dec: Whole school end of term worship in church 9:15am (visitors welcome) Friday 16th Dec: last day of term

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS: **REGGIE PROCTER** MARTHA TAYLOR JOEY WADDINGTON LEYLA CAMERON **BETHANY YATES** LARA MITCHELL **JOEL DYER MILLICENT WILLIAMS ALEX WALTON** LILY FAIRCLOUGH ALEX HOLME **HENRY JURIN** HAYDEE WILKINSON WILLIAM MOXHAM **AARON TISSINGH** HARLEY HODGSON HARVEY MCQUILTON-HULL **BREAKFAST CLUB - SCARLETT WRIGHT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - ZEREN IDEM** These children will receive their awards in next week's Friday Celebration





Monday 12th December: Reception Nativity – in the school hall

2:15pm and 6:15pm - Maximum 3 guests per child (at each performance). The children will have their costumes sent home after school on the day. We ask that children arrive in their costume at 6pm for the evening performance.

Tuesday 13th December: Nursery Nativity – in the school hall

2:15pm – Maximum 3 guests per child. For children not in a session on Tuesday afternoon, costumes will be sent home in advance. Please drop your child off at nursery at 2pm in their costume and make your way to the school hall.

Tuesday 13th December: Year 2 Nativity – in St Thomas' Church

6:15pm – guests very welcome. Costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day. Please arrive with your child dressed in their costume at 6pm.

Wednesday 14th December: Year 1 Nativity – in St Thomas' Church

6:15pm – guests very welcome. Costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day. Please arrive with your child dressed in their costume at 6pm.

There is no entrance cost/ticket but we will have a retiring collecting at each of our Christmas events in support of charity and school/ church.

Our Year 6 school councillors have chosen to help children and families who are homeless so we will be raising funds for Shelter.



YEAR 5 CAROL SINGERS TOOK PART IN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON IN GARSTANG ON MONDAY



YEAR 2 HAVE HAD A GREAT DAY IN THE OUTDOORS AT WADDECAR SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE THIS WEEK



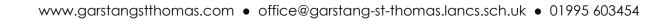
YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN VISITING BOOTHS, SOUP TASTING AND MAKING ANGLO-SAXON BREAD THIS WEEK













GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON:

This week our learning has moved from autumn to winter with a particular focus on winter trees. We read the book Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go and looked at some pretend trees, we then went outside and found the same real trees to compare in our nursery garden. We went on a winter tree walk and did some drawing of trees on the way and then we drew some winter trees in charcoal. We read the story 'Pick a pine tree' and then decorated our nursery trees to become Christmas trees. **(a)**

We have been busy practising our nativity play - not sure who's enjoying it more the adults or the children. In phonics we have been identifying the initial sounds of objects and practising saying these initial sounds clearly.

In maths we have been continuing with our counting and subitising and played a subitising Christmas tree bauble game.

We have a reverse advent calendar where we add a star to a five frame to each day to work out how long it is until Christmas Day. The children enjoyed exploring the balls of ice with frozen pine tree sprigs, cranberries and holly leaves in that Mrs Sutcliffe made and wanted to try to break the ice to set the objects free. Our younger children also explored the story of Goldilocks and the three bears through a sensory porridge activity.

Have a super weekend

The Nursery Team

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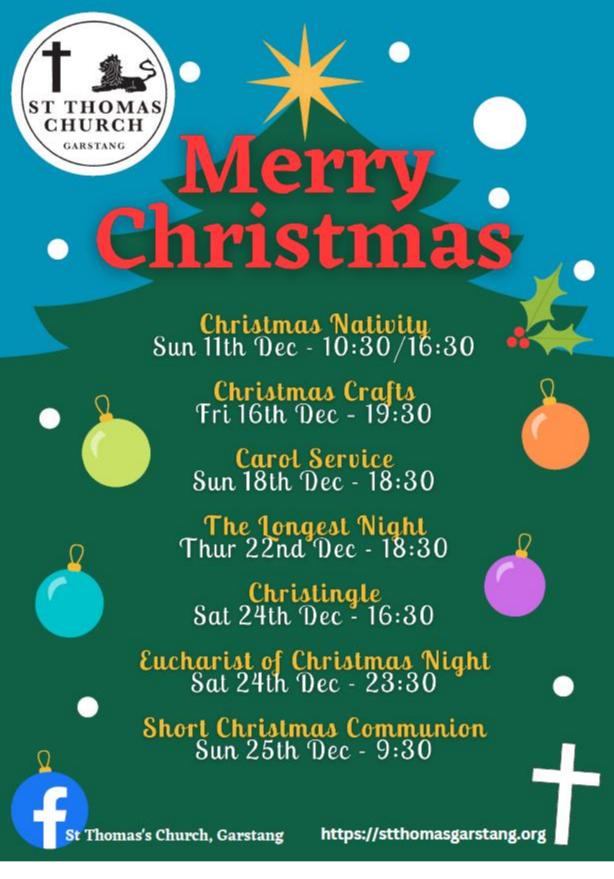
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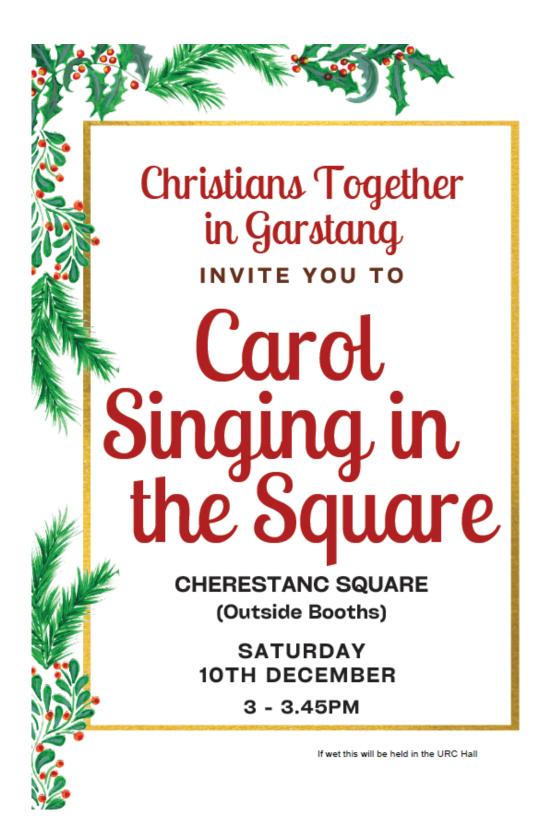
OVEN CLEAN WINE FOR HAMPER **BIRD FEEDER AND SEED** COUNTRY MATTERS LTD MUG AND TRAY **£50 FRAME VOUCHER** £25 VOUCHER VOUCHER FOR BATH DRY AND BRUSH **DICAST JOHN DEER TRACTOR** MENS BATH SET £30 VOUCHER FOR WORKSHOP HEALTHY HABIT MASTERCLASS VOUCHER £30 VOUCHER **VOUCHER FOR REFORMERS PILATES CLASS £20 VOUCHER** HAMPER MACH MINI HAIR STRAIGHTNERS £10 VOUCHER MARMALADE OF LONDON LUXURY CAND HAMPER **3 PAIRS HANDMADE EARRINGS**

Louisa John Love Homes Nails and Beauty by Jane **Our Kitchen Table** Preesall Indoor Archery and Air Rifle Centre, 1HR ARCHERY FOR UPTO 6 PEOPLE **Rose Petal Fitness** Skiddle Skiddle Sweets The Bay Horse Inn The Flower Bowl The Flower Shop The Hidden Salon The Kitchen Tap The Priory Inn Scorton The Smelly Bakery The Uniform & Leisurewear Company Itd Timpsons Victoria Brown Therapy Vintage Attic of Garstang

CLARINS HAMPER **BOTTLE FOR HAMPER FM PERFUME** VOUCHER **VOUCHER FOR 5 CLASSES** FAMILY TICKET THURS-SAT HIGHEST POINT 2X FAMILY TICKET HIGHEST POINT FAMILY DAY £5 VOUCHER **2 COURSE SUNDAY LUNCH FOR 2 4x BEGGINNERS CURLING SKILLS** PLANT £20 HAIR VOUCHER FOR MICHELLE £20 VOUCHER AFTERNOON TEA VOUCHER GIFT BAG **£20 VOUCHER** PURSE, MAICURE SET, SCARF **1HR REFLEXOLOGY VOUCHER** SARAH MOSELY LUXURY CAND



COMMUNITY





Sunday 4th December 2022 at 5:30pm

Join us to switch on the Christmas tree lights in Catterall and to sing carols around the tree.

This will be followed by hot drinks, mince pies and children's activities in Catterall Village Hall.

Please walk and bring a torch.





We're offering everyone a very warm welcome this winter...

The churches in Garstang want to offer you a very warm welcome this winter as we're opening up our premises for company, chat, refreshments and sometimes food over the cold winter months.

> It's free of charge and everyone in the community's welcome.

Monday

St Thomas' Church Food Club Brews and chat 9:30 - 11:30am

Thursday

United Reformed Church Coffee morning and reasonably priced items 10am - 12 noon (First Thursday of each month)

Tuesday

Garstang Free Methodist Church Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches 12 - 4pm

Friday

Garstang Free Methodist Church Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches 12 - 4pm

Wednesday

Garstang Free Methodist Church Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches 12 - 4pm

United Reformed Church Tea & Chat 2 - 4pm (Third Wednesday of each month)

Saturday

(during December) St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church Drinks and mince pies 10.30am - 12.30pm

No need to be on your own and cold this winter come along, relax and enjoy not only the warm surroundings but also the company.

TIME TO CHECK YOUR FIRE ALARM/ CO2 MONITOR?

It's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week. Information is available here: <u>https://www.coalarmssavelives.com/</u>

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USEFUL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- School times are available here: <u>https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-day-times/</u>
- Full term dates are available here: <u>https://schoolcalendar.lancashire.gov.uk/view/schoolCalendarV.asp?p_rec=02046</u>
- Uniform, Hair and Jewellery Information: <u>https://www.garstangstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/02046</u> UniformHairJewellery2022-<u>2023.pdf</u>
- Breakfast and After-School Club booking information is available here: <u>https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-office-forms/</u>
- School swimming information (Year 2 are going swimming on Wednesday afternoons from January) https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/
- School curriculum information: <u>https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/</u>







<u>Report a child's absence</u>

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