



GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Thank you to all those who returned extra-curricular request forms. The forms will be returned **highlighted** today with activities which children have been given a place on. If your child has not got a place on an activity and would like to be on a waiting list, please e-mail: admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

MAD SCIENCE CLUB

The Mad Science club has filled up very quickly. The Mad Science team have said they will run another club next term if there is sufficient interest so please do sign up to their waiting list if you are interested.

MONEY MATTERS – FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Children in Years 5 & 6 are due to have money matters sessions on Thursday next week.

KEPPLE LANE – PARKING

Thank you for your support over the past two weeks adjusting to the slight change in school times. Hopefully with the roadworks gone, traffic flow will be better on Kepple Lane. Please do be mindful of safety when parking and avoid the zig zags/ between the bridge and school.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS/CARERS

This month's [newsletter](#) has been published. In this edition: Minecraft, Broadband set up, Whatsapp and more...



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Online Safety Newsletter January 2023

Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

Sky:
<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

Minecraft

Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rate it as 9+ and the Google Play store rate it as 10+.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

Which mode?

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

If your child is due to start school in September, the deadline for applying for a school place is **15th January**. Apply [online](#) or visit our school [website](#) for further information.

Friday 13th January 2023

Monday: Rev Michael – Courage

Tuesday: Mrs Bosson - SCARF

Wednesday: OTB - Jesus in the Temple

DIARY DATES

W/c Mon 16th Jan: Extra-curricular clubs begin

Tue 31st Jan: Young Voices (Y5)

Mon 6th Feb: Y6 educational visit

Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb: Half term break

Tue 28th Feb: Y5 educational visit

Wed 1st Mar: Reception educational visit

Wed 29th Mar: Y3: educational visit

Fri 31st Mar: Last day of term before Easter

Mon 17th April: First day of the summer term

School day times change - [information](#)

Term dates are available from our [website](#)

Lots more visits and events to be added shortly.

STARS OF THE WEEK

JAMIE BOARDMAN

BETTY HAYHURST

JACK MATHER

GENEVIEVE OLIVER

MIA SWARBRICK-RUSHIN

CLARA WALMSLEY

CHLOE DYER

SOPHIE LAMOURY

MADDIE MCQUILTON-HULL

MIA SWEENEY

JASPER WELBOURN

THOMAS BAKER

FAITH BARTON-WILKINS

ALFIE KIPPAX

JACKSON TAYLOR

MIA BELL

NOAH DYER

ZEREN IDEM

ISLA ROWLANDSON



BREAKFAST CLUB - LEXI BOARDMAN

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - LUCY DUCKWORTH

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

Feeling unwell?

Choosing the **right service** will ensure you get the best advice and treatment as quickly as possible.

NHS



FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK

at Barton Grange Garden Centre
on

18th & 19th January 2023
from 10 am - 3.30 pm

Health Check diagnoses early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia

Anyone meeting the following criteria are eligible:

- Aged 40 - 74
- Not already seeing your GP with diabetes or a heart or kidney condition
- Not had an NHS Health Check in the last 5 years
- Live or work in Lancashire

Each assessment takes only 15 - 20 minutes and is carried out by the trained Kepple Lane Pharmacy team.

For More Information

Please contact Kepple Lane Pharmacy
on 01995607399 or Email on:
info@garstangpharmacy.co.uk



Kepple Lane
PHARMACY

Barton Grange
GARDEN CENTRE





Garstang Hockey Club



Come and join the fun

Every week from 5th Jan
Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm
Garstang Community
Academy Astro Pitch

Contact us on Facebook
for more details, or visit
our website. Ages 5+
welcome!



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USEFUL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- School times are available here:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-day-times/>
- Full term dates are available here:
https://schoolcalendar.lancashire.gov.uk/view/schoolCalendarV.asp?p_rec=02046
- Uniform, Hair and Jewellery Information:
https://www.garstangstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/02046_UniformHairJewellery2022-2023.pdf
- Breakfast and After-School Club booking information is available here:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-office-forms/>
- School swimming information (Year 2 are going swimming on Wednesday afternoons from January)
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/>
- School curriculum information:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/>



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