

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

It's been great to welcome everyone back this week. We've got an action-packed term planned. Please keep a close eye on the diary dates section of the newsletter as it fills up. We've got lots planned: educational visits, sports days, productions, Garstang's Got Talent and much more... This summer term, we are again having a 'healthy body, healthy mind' focus as we enjoy spending time learning in and out of the classrooms. 😊

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.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Thank you for returning the club request letters this week. We've had extremely high demand for many of our clubs this term. If your child has a place at a club and no longer able to attend, please [contact the office](#) ASAP. If your child hasn't got an offer of a club and is really keen, please [contact us](#) and we'll add them to a waiting list. We will consult parents/carers on extra curriculum clubs and the sign-up system this term.

NEW STARTERS – RECEPTION 2023

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.

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.

YEAR 4 LAMDA EXAMS

Year 4 are doing really well in their LAMDA sessions on Fridays. They have their exams booked on Friday 12th May in school time. Any questions, please speak to Mr Blakely.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 – 29th JUNE

Each year Reception and Year 6 classes have a height and weight check by the Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service. [Click here](#) for further information including information about opting out should you wish to do so.

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Friday 21st April 2023

Monday: Rev Michael – Friendship

Wednesday: Open the Book - Easter

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

TEAM POINTS: Our **YELLOW TEAM** have won the team point challenge for the spring term and are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 28th April.

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

DIARY DATES

Mon 24th Apr: Class photographs

Mon 1st May: Bank holiday

Fri 5th May: Coronation gathering with GCP and Garstang Town Council (local visit)
Whole school picnic lunch

Monday 8th May : Bank holiday (Coronation)

Tues 9th May – Fri 12th May: Year 6 SATs week

Thu 11th May: Y5 educational visit

Fri 12th May: Year 4 LAMDA exams

Thu 18th May: Y3 educational visit

Mon 15th May: Year 2 SATs week

W/c 29th May: Half term break

Tues 6th June: Return to school

School term dates (including INSET days) are on our school [website](#).

STARS OF THE WEEK

BETTY HAYHURST

ALFIE WOODBURN

ADDISON BEARD

GEORGE FINCH

SOPHIE GARDNER

ISAAC JOHNSON

KAI MCGRATH

PHOEBE MELVILLE

LUCY DUCKWORTH

JASPER WELBOURN

LUCAS HACKETT

FINLAY HURST

FLOSSIE BERESFORD

HARRY KAY

JIMMY ORR

BREAKFAST CLUB - ANNELISE HADDOW

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - CORDELIA HILL

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

CORONATION GATHERING (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6)

On Friday 5th May, we're planning a coronation gathering with Garstang Community Primary School and Garstang Town Council at Garstang Free Methodist Church. We'll be meeting together to hear from Jonny Leach (Mayor of Garstang), singing together and receiving commemorative coins from Garstang Town Council. We will be walking to and from the church in the morning and returning to school for a picnic lunch (this visit is covered under local visit consent).

CORONATION LUNCH (WHOLE SCHOOL - NURSERY TO YEAR 6)

At lunchtime we're planning a whole school picnic lunch outside (weather permitting!). If your child doesn't usually have a school lunch and you would like them to have special coronation packed lunch (Union flag box etc.), please contact the [school office](#).

GARSTANG LIBRARY: Year 1 had a great time at Garstang Library on Thursday morning. Stories, scavenger hunts and lots of fun. Check out events and activities at Garstang Library: <https://lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/find-a-library/garstang-library/>



PSHE: Mrs Bosson shared our SCARF assembly this week.



MEMORY VERSE: Rev Michael has led worship this week about 'sticking together' on the theme of friendship. He shared the memory verse for this half term:

Encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11




Myerscough College

Primary Age Art competition 2023

THE RULES

- ✓ One side of A4
- ✓ Based on one of our college courses
- ✓ Name, Age and Name of School to be clearly written on the back



**£10 First Prize in each age
category + runners up prizes**

Hand in your work to school, for them to
send to us by 19th May 2023.

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT OUR OPEN DAY
AND COUNTRY FAIR ON 11TH JUNE 2023**



Myerscough
College

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE



St John's
Hospice

GARSTANG

COLOUR

DASH

SUNDAY 21/05/23

**5km fun run for your local hospice,
filled with loads of coloured paint!**

Join the dash online NOW:

SJHOSPICE.ORG.UK/COLOURDASH

or call: 01524 382538

Thank you to
our event
sponsors

The
Barn
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S&J SECURITY
SERVICES
Your protection, our priority

St. John's Hospice North Lancashire and South Lakes is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England with charity number 1157030



Garstang Colour Dash 2023

Get ready to get colourful!

Every starter receives a race t-shirt that will be a work of art by the end of the dash!



Every finisher will also receive a Colour Dash medall!



Every dasher will also receive a bottle of water to stay hydrated



Thank you to our colour station sponsors.
You'll meet them on the day - they will be splashing paint at you!

Display Wizard
DISPLAY & EXHIBITION SOLUTIONS

 **Kepple Lane**
PHARMACY
Garstang Medical Practice


GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL
GOLF COURSE AND WEDDING VENUE

How your sponsorship money supports St John's Hospice

Your entry fee covers the cost of your Garstang Colour Dash entry. Every penny you raise through sponsorship makes a huge positive difference to our patients and their families, at the hospice and out across our communities.

Here are some examples of what your sponsorship could fund:

£35 This could fund a Memory Box for a family filled with cherished items and memories of their loved one, which will help them process their grief.

£80 Could fund a Hospice at Home visit from two members of our team, supporting a patient and their family during the last two months of life.

£160 Could fund a night sitting visit to enable a family carer to have a good night's sleep to help them through the next day.

Ready to start fundraising to support the work of St John's? Here's how:

Set up a JustGiving Fundraiser – Visit:
justgiving.com/campaign/GarstangColourDash2023
Our download and print a paper sponsor form from our website:
sjhospice.org.uk/fundraising-downloads

Thank you!

Sign up for fun now:
sjhospice.org.uk/colouredash

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Garstang Theatre Group Youth drama workshops starting Wednesday 26th April!

It's a six week program, for young people aged 8-16, finishing with a whole day session and showcase for family and friends on 3rd June!

Every Wednesday starting 26th April, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in St Mary and St Michael's School Hall

£35 per young person!

To book your place email us now at garstangtheatregroup@hotmail.com

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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