



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

#### ☆ YEAR OF SERVICE ☆

2023/2024 is a year of service for our school. We're encouraging all our children to take action to help others, outside of school. This action could be: helping an elderly relative, helping others in the community by organising a regular litter pick, raising money for charity for a cause that they really care about or something completely different.

We are recognising this service and sharing ideas in school. Each term there is a form to fill in (by an adult). When that's brought into school, we'll mark on a map where the service has taken place and children will receive a gold badge for their blazer (each term). There's no rush to complete this – it can be done anytime during the term.

We've talked about being humble in our service. This has led to Year 6 taking on the role of the Secret Service... coming to you each week in Friday Celebration starting next week where service is acknowledged and gold stars are given out. ☆

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular clubs start next week. All of the clubs run from straight after school and finish at 4.20pm. If your child is part of gardening club, please send wellies and a coat.

#### PTFA AGM

Our PTFA is holding the first meeting of the year on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30pm in school. Please do come! All parents/carers are welcome.

#### MEET THE TEACHER – RECEPTION CLASS

On Monday 18th September at 6pm, parents/carers are invited to school to meet Mrs Neath. There will be information about what will be happening in Reception this term and also information on early reading from Mrs Billington.

#### RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

Reception class are bringing home a letter about vision screening which is due to take place in school. The form only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to have the screening.

Friday 15th September 2023

Rev. Michael: Thanking God for people who help  
Wed: OTB – Daniel and the lions

#### DIARY DATES

- Mon 18th Sep:** Reception meet the teacher (see main newsletter)
  - Mon 25th Sep:** Individual school photos
  - Tue 26th Sep:** PTFA AGM 7:30pm
  - Wed 27th Sep:** Y3 educational visit
  - Mon 2nd Oct:** Y1 educational visit
  - Wed 4th Oct:** Nasal flu vaccine (see below)
  - Tue 10th Oct:** Y6 London residential
  - Thu 19th Oct:** Y2 educational visit
  - Thu 19th Oct:** Y5 educational visits
  - Mon 23rd Oct:** Start of half term break
  - Tue 31st Oct:** Return to school
  - Fri 3rd Nov:** Reception educational visit
  - Wed 8th Nov & Thu 9th Nov:** Parents' evening
  - Wed 20th Dec:** last day of term
- Y4 educational visit – waiting for date confirmation.

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

- EMI JONES
- MAX PEACE
- SAOIRSE TOWEY
- OLIVER ATKINSON
- BETHANY HINE
- ELEANOR BOARDMAN
- GEORGE FINCH
- OSCAR GOULD
- ISAAC JOHNSON
- HARRISON STEPHENS
- JERRI BARTON WILKINS
- ALICE BATEMAN
- TOM GIORGI
- ALEX WALTON
- JESSICA SMITH
- HAYDEE WILKINSON
- REUBEN BRAY

After school club awards:

- SCARLETT WRIGHT
- SOPHIE CHERRETT

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration



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## OTHER USEFUL 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](https://schoolcalendar.lancashire.gov.uk/view/schoolCalendarV.asp?p_rec=02046)
- Uniform, Hair and Jewellery Information:  
[https://www.garstangstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02046\\_UniformHairJewellery-2023-2024.pdf](https://www.garstangstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02046_UniformHairJewellery-2023-2024.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 September)  
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/>
- School curriculum information:  
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION 2023 ( NASAL SPRAY)

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

**Please complete the online consent form.**

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

**Online Consent Form:**

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

[www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

**The code for your school is: BP119528**

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

**It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:**

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Yours faithfully,

School Age Vaccination Team

## READING HEROES AT GARSTANG LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to stop the evil super villain "The Spoiler" over the summer by signing up to Reading Heroes. We have loved hearing about all of the books you have read and are impressed with all your creative and scientific creations. Don't worry if you haven't yet become a Reading Hero or Reading Superhero, you've got until the end of September to come into the library to tell us about what you have done. We've got some more exciting events coming up that will count towards your Reading Superhero tasks and a celebration that all Reading Heroes are invited to.

**Roald Dahl Story Day- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 4-5pm**

Join us for science, crafts, Minecraft and creative writing! No booking required.

**Reading Heroes Final Quest- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10am-12pm**

Whether you're a fully-fledged Reading Hero or one in the making, we need you! We need your problem-solving and science skills to help us to defeat The Spoiler once and for all. Solve puzzles to work out where The Spoiler is hiding so that we can save not only Garstang but all of Lancashire. If you have your Reading Hero mask, please bring it along as we need all the help we can get! No booking required.

**Creative Coding- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-11.30am**

Design and build an adventure for a Code and Go Robot Mouse. Join us for an introduction to coding for children aged 5+. Book your place online or at the library.

**Fun Palace- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm**

We are excited to be hosting our fourth Fun Palace. We will be working with local groups, our community and the Friends of Garstang Library to deliver a free event for everyone, including Minecraft, pebble painting, sea shanties, music and coding!

Find out more details at

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/) or contact us at [garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk)



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY



# Garstang Community Fun Day

Saturday 16th September 2023

11am to 2pm

at Garstang Community Academy



Garstang Community Academy - Bowgreave - Garstang - Preston - PR3 1YE

EVENT INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR OF GARSTANG

**Litter Pick and Bulb Planting Event**  
**Saturday 16th of September**  
**10-12 noon**

Family Friendly  
Event



Litter Pick meet at entrance to High Street  
Car Park 10 am  
Bring Gloves if possible



Bulb Planting meet on Park Hill Road  
behind Funeral Directors and opposite  
Post Office  
Bring Spade, Trowel or Bulb Planter if  
possible

Supported by  
Garstang Town Council  
Garstang in Bloom  
Booths [ coffee for £1 ].  
Garstang Fish and Chips [ free small chips with any meal ],  
The Roasting Joint and Frenchies [ discounted items ]  
Greg Hodgkinson Funerals [ Refreshments available at Bulb  
Planting session ]

