



'A small school with a big heart'

NEWSLETTER

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Star of the Week Class 1

James: for a super effort in phonics!

Logan: for an amazing effort with unit and non-unit fractions.

Star of the Week Class 2

Erin: for becoming increasingly confident to contribute to class discussions.

Ellie: for her high level of interest and participation in her homework.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Rupert: for much improved focus towards his work and learning. Keep it up!

Oscar J: for listening to constructive feedback to improve his artwork.

Notices

Covid-19 update: we are still having to follow the Lancashire schools' advice and Risk Assessment regarding self-isolation. We are experiencing COVID cases in school and must continue to do everything we can to minimise the risk of transmission. The last thing we all want is for you or your child to be poorly and we all would agree that having to take time off work whilst your child has to isolate from school would not be ideal and we endeavour to keep every child in school in full-time education.

For Lancashire schools, we are asked that you obtain PCR test if your child has any of the three main symptoms of Covid-19. If the result is negative your child can return to school. If the result is positive your child must be kept off school until they have completed a minimum of 5 full days isolation and received 2 negative test results taken 24 hours apart. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. The guidance still remains: for a new or continuous cough, you must book a PCR test.

With this in mind, until the Summer Term, parent meetings will be via Zoom, as far as possible to reduce risk of your class teachers catching COVID and being off school or higher transmission rates in general, which could lead to an outbreak situation and children being unwell and isolating at home.

We fully understand that this is not ideal but we are bound by government and county policy. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Ukraine collection: thank you so much to everyone who donated so generously. The items were taken today to the collection point ready for their onward journey to those who need it. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Non-uniform day: thank you to everyone for their Easter egg donations for the chocolate bingo night!

Swimming this week: this week's session is a water safety session and children will need clothing to go over the top of their swimming costume for the session. Leggings or joggers, with a long-sleeved top would be ideal. Please no denim, heavy jumpers or knitwear. Goggles will not be required but swimming hats can be worn as usual.

Garstang Float Friday 3 June 2022 and Catterall Float Saturday 11 June 2022: please could any forms regarding participation be returned by Monday 21 March because we have to confirm numbers by Tuesday in order to receive funding for the float. Our theme for 2022 will be RAINFOREST! Using this theme we will create a colourful, vibrant and joyful walking float! Parents will be asked to source some items for costumes, but we will also be making props and some aspects of costume in school. There will be a community afternoon to help make props for the walking float – a great opportunity for you to come in and work with your children. Please do join in! More information to follow in due course.

The Week Ahead

Thursday 24 March	Life Education visit – meet Harold the Giraffe! Special scratch bookmarks will be available to purchase for £1.
Friday 25 March	Easter bingo at Cloughton Village Hall, 6pm to 8pm. Come and have some fun with family and friends! Pay on the door: £3 entry fee for 3 games, hot dogs and refreshments. Please bring cake donations to share on the evening.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 1 April	School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter Holidays
Thursday 2 June	Cobble Hey Farm: Jubilee Bonfire at 9.45pm and fireworks at 10.00pm
Sunday 5 June	Picnic at Cloughton Village Hall at 12 noon.

And Finally...

Here is CAFOD's prayer for the people of Ukraine.

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.
May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and we'll see you on Monday!