



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022

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A small school with a big heart



Star of the Week Class 1

George: for an amazing Great Garstang poster!

William: for super reading efforts at home and school.

Star of the Week Class 2

Maria: for being a kind and caring member of Class 2.

Oscar: for a fantastic fable poem.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Ethan: for being caring and helpful to his friends.

Notices

Farewell, Mrs Jennings: as we come to the end of a very busy and exciting half term, we wish a very fond farewell to Mrs Jennings who, as you all know, has a true talent for art and design. Mrs Jennings is returning to work with children of college age to teach and support students in art and design. Mrs Jennings has been a highly valued member of the team for two years and we wish her all the very best as she follows her new career path. We thank Mrs Jennings for supporting the transformation of St Mary's over the past two years and we are delighted to have lasting memories of her in our school walls. She painted our lovely school values tree as you enter Class Two, and the transformation tunnel leading to the Class One outdoor classroom is beautiful and, for those of you who have seen these, you will appreciate Mrs Jennings' artistic talents. Mrs Jennings will always be a welcome visitor and I know many of you will see her in our local area. Good luck on your new journey Mrs Jennings, and thank you!

We welcome Miss Nadia Salmon: following Mrs Gornall's operation, she is recovering well and we cannot wait to see her back in school. Until this day, we welcome Miss Nadia Salmon, who will be working with Class Two children alongside Miss Hawkins and Mrs Martin. You will see her in school from next half term.

After-school club: as you know, we have been actively seeking a new member of staff to join our team in order for us to provide after school club care for your children. We have not received any applicants. Therefore, at present, we are not able to provide this service for you. The position has been reposted on the Lancashire schools vacancies website and we will continue to keep trying to recruit. We thank you for your patience in this matter and I am sure you will appreciate that we are doing all we can. If you know of anybody suitable, please do pass this on. The advert will continue to be live over the half term break – hopefully we will be able to share good news with you within the first few weeks after the half term.

Enrichment clubs: any children who have musical instrument lessons with Mr Warren (or any who have private music lessons outside school) will be invited to our school band rehearsal every Tuesday after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please do encourage your children to take part in this. We are aware that your children may attend other activities on Tuesday evenings and we will trial this for the half term.

We are delighted that Mrs Jones will be continuing to deliver her wonderful Forest School club (see the end of this newsletter for Forest School half term activities) and this will be for Class Two every Wednesday evening for next half term. On the same evening, we will offer multi skills for Class One provided by a specialist company. The children will learn a new skill each week from archery to tennis and this will be provided free of charge by school.

For Class Two, there will be fencing lessons each Wednesday after half term. This will take place in school time, will be provided by an external coach and will be free of charge.

We are very excited to introduce a new club: Musical Theatre! This is also provided by an external company and this will run every Thursday after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm for Class 2 only. This is a parent paid club at a cost of £5 per week. Please see the attached flyer for details of how to sign up. The company requires a minimum of 15 children to take part and it cannot be provided if number are less than 15.

Teaching staff will provide a club for Class One, to be confirmed, on Thursday evenings. This is especially helpful if you have a Class Two child who will be taking part in musical theatre lessons.

Judo will take place on a Friday morning at 8am. There will be a special assembly on Thursday 3 November at which flyers will be given out. The sessions will start the following Friday.

Morning drop-off at 8.30am: this will continue after half term with Mrs Martin.

Parents' meetings: these will take place in the second week back after half term. Class teachers will send out times by Seesaw.

September Invoices: please could the outstanding payments be made over half term. Many thanks.

Passwords for pick-up: could anyone who has not returned their password please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Data collection forms: these have been sent home so that we can keep our records up to date. Please return after half term.

Data consent forms: please could these be returned as soon as possible after half term. Many thanks.

Numbers Club October 2022: winners this month are: first prize (£50.00) to John and Doreen Walmsley (110) and second prize (£20.00) to Margaret Kirkham (6). Prizes will be issued after half term. We are so grateful to all our generous Numbers Club supporters who are helping to fund the high cost of transporting a hot meal to school each day for the children. If anyone else would like to join, please do contact the office.

Poppy Appeal 2022: items will be available in school after half term for a donation. This includes traditional paper poppies, but also wristbands and snapbands.

Friends of Claughton: if any parents would like to join our friendly group of parent supporters, please do let us know. A meeting will be arranged soon in order to organise Christmas events.

Parent Governor vacancy: we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please let us know. We will then organise an election for the position.

Last chance to register for a flu vaccine: please complete the consent form as soon as possible if you wish your child to be vaccinated. If you do not, please complete the form to indicate this. The vaccinations will take place in November. You can access the consent form here:

Please use the following link to access the online consent form: www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is BP119619

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (Not School) of the following on
Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984
Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

- 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 consent is received and you take your child to your GP surgery to receive the vaccination.

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again.

Packed lunch days: our new exciting school dinners are now up and running. As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There are three dates this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On those days we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. The dates are: **3 January 2023, 4 January 2023 and 26 May 2023**. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1 November

School reopens

Whole school Mass at Claughton church for All Saints' Day
9.05am

Class One PE

Wednesday 2 November

Class One virtual visit from Thomas Farriner, the baker who started the Great Fire of London.

Class Two PE

Thursday 3 November

Class One PE

Friday 25 November

Christmas Fair at Claughton Village Hall 6pm to 8pm

We continue to pray 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 half term. See you on Tuesday 1 November!





HALLOWEEN

Wild Play

Monday 31st October

The Meadow

10am-2pm

£5 per child



Awesome Autumn Half Term Special

Come and join us in the woods
on Tuesday 25th October for
some Autumnal fun.

£8

Explore the woodlands
Spooky crafts and activities

A Witches Mud Kitchen

Includes an Autumnal hot drink

10am-
12noon

