



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022

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A small school with a big heart



Congratulations to William, Maria,
Lucy and Jack, who all have
birthdays over the holidays.
Happy Birthday!

Christmas Nativity: we thank all parents for their support for both performances of our Christmas Nativity, *Hosanna Rock*. The children worked very hard and were amazing. We are so proud of them!

Christmas Fair: this lovely event raised an incredible £758! Thank you to everyone who supported it in any way.

Donations: thank you for your donations at the Nativity play. You raised the wonderful sum of £169 for Cafod World Gifts. Our School Council has now decided which world gifts to purchase. You can find out more about how the gifts work [here](#).

ALL CHILDREN will need a packed lunch from home: on Tuesday 3 January and Wednesday 4 January please send your children with a packed lunch because our mother kitchen is not open.

Numbers Club Draw: our December winners are: Joanne Darbyshire (102) – first prize of £50 ... and Paul and Alice Robinson (26) – second prize of £20. Thank you to all our Numbers Club members. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

Music lessons: in our first week back, music lessons will take place on the Friday instead of Tuesday. Please ensure your children bring their instruments on Friday 5 January. There will be no band practice on Tuesday 3 January.

Reception and Year 6 health checks: letters have gone home about the Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks, which are carried out in school by representatives of the NHS. These checks are optional and if you do not wish your child to have them please follow the instructions on the letter to opt out. Year 6 have also had a letter about a well-being questionnaire that will take place on the same day. Again, if you do not wish your child to complete this questionnaire, please opt out using the details on the letter.

Curling: this will take place on Thursdays for Year 5 and 6 children at The Flower Bowl. Children will be transported there by minibus with Mr Gilmour.

After-school club: despite repeated attempts to advertise this vacancy, we have not been able to employ anyone to fill it. We will continue to organise enrichment clubs after school wherever possible.

Extra bank holiday: school will be closed on **Monday 8 May 2023** to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Garstang Library: is offering various events:

Cosy Christmas Celebration

Monday 19 December 2.30pm-4.45pm

Garstang Library invites you to join us for some warm winter fun, with songs and carols from "Sing Out Strong", make your own decorations and cards, join us for a special Christmas story time and take part in our Christmas quiz. We look forward to seeing your best Christmas Jumpers (there may even be a prize!) and sharing a mince pie with you.

For all ages, free to all - just drop in

Saturday Stories, Lego and Real Board Games

Every Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

Share stories with your family, get creative with Lego and explore traditional board games with us here at Garstang. Drop in, all welcome

STEM Club

First Thursday of the month, 4.00pm-6.00pm

Next session will be 5th January

Would you like to help build an escape room? Do you enjoy Minecraft, coding and problem-solving? Then STEM club is for you! Join the team and solve a new challenge every month. Develop your Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics skills and make friends.

Suitable for ages 7+ Free, but places are limited, please telephone, e-mail or pop into the library to book.

64 Million Artists – Character Parade

January 2023

Over January we invite you to bring in your most inventive character designs and illustrations. Perhaps you always wanted to cross Harry Potter with a T-Rex or wondered what Bluey would be like if she were rainbow coloured. We want to see your most fantastical character Art. Bring in your own pieces to add to our Character parade in the Children's library. And drop in any Saturday morning in January to make your artwork with us here in the library.

Warm and Welcome Café

Every Monday 10.00am-4.00pm

This winter, consider Garstang Library your home from home! We hope you will take advantage of our warm space, free hot drinks and Wi-Fi any time you wish. However, every Monday we offer the Warm and Welcome Café, with extra tables and chairs, games, jigsaws and room to spread out, chat and meet up. We hope to see you there.

Winter SCART

Did you take part in our Summer Reading Challenge? Would you like another chance to earn that Pop Badge and a certificate? We have the challenge for you! Coming in January so keep your eyes peeled for further details.

Please check out our "What's on" page via the link below for details of the many events and activities we offer for all ages, from 0-100yrs, at Garstang Library

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/find-a-library/garstang-library/>

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.

Packed lunch days: 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.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 3 January

School reopens: **all children need a packed lunch**

No music lessons today

No band practice after school

Wednesday 4 January

All children need a packed lunch

Thursday 5 January

Curling at the Flower Bowl for Years 5 and 6

Friday 6 January

Mass at Claughton church (Feast of the Epiphany) 9.10am

Mr Warren in school all day

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 happy and peaceful Christmas and we'll see you on

Tuesday 3 January 2023!