



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2022

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Star of the Week Class 1

Maddison: for some incredible story writing!

George: for an incredible effort and determination.

Star of the Week Class 2

Jasmine Bilsborrow-Jones: for always being a kind and caring friend.

Josh: for working hard to simplify fractions.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Jack: for his helpfulness towards others and his politeness to adults.

Maria: for always representing our school in the best possible way!

Notices

Christmas Fair: an enormous thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair such an enjoyable occasion. Lots of festive fun was had by all and essential funds raised for school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Panto trip on Monday: all children need to be in full uniform, please. For those children who normally have a school meal, the kitchen is providing a sandwich lunch, with crisps and pudding, which can be delivered to school early so that there's plenty of time to eat and get to Lancaster. Children will be back at school at 4.15pm.

Christmas Nativity: performances are in church at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 13 December. It is **vital that children attend both performances**, please. The band will also be performing on the night, showcasing their new musical skills. Please could all children be in church by 5.40pm for the evening performance. There will be no band practice after school that night. Many thanks.

Christmas lunch at Barton Grange: there are still a few outstanding slips. Please return as soon as possible.

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

Promoting reading for pleasure with your child: please find below very helpful links to support you in encouraging your child to read for pleasure.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Sharing-Stories-with-9-12s-Parent-Information-Leaflet.pdf>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/5-Ways-to-Encourage-Children-to-Read-2020-1-min.pdf>

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Sharing-stories-together_final.pdf

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/sharing-stories-9-12s-parent-information-leaflet-2/>

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday 5 December	Panto! Full uniform, please. Return to school 4.15pm
Tuesday 6 December	Mr Warren: music lessons and choir practice Class One PE Band practice 3.30 to 4.30pm
Wednesday 7 December	Class Two PE (fencing) Class One: multi skills enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm Class Two: forest school club 3.30 to 4.30pm

Thursday 8 December

Class One PE

Class Two: Musical Theatre club 3.30 to 4.30pm

Class One: teacher-led enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm

Friday 9 December

Judo 8am – last session

Date for Your Diary

Monday 12 December

Christmas party at Barton Grange hotel.

Tuesday 13 December

Whole school nativity at Claughton church 2pm and 6pm
No band practice after school.

Wednesday 14 December

Christmas dinner in school. Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 16 December

School closes for Christmas at **1.30pm**

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 weekend and we'll see you on Monday...