



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2022

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Star of the Week Class 1

Harry: for a continued determination with story writing.

Bodhi: an amazing attitude towards the school nativity.

Star of the Week Class 2

Henry: for always striving to improve his maths.

Charlie: for working hard to improve his times tables.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Arthur: for always helping and looking out for others.

Cara: for creating a well-written story based on *A Matter of Loaf and Death*.

Notices

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.

School closure at 1.30pm: we break up for Christmas at 1.30pm on Friday 16 December.

School meals: on Thursday 15 December, our mother kitchen will be subject to a full-day power cut and therefore only a packed lunch will be available for those children who would like it.

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.

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.

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday 12 December	Christmas party at Barton Grange hotel, including Christmas lunch. Children to wear party clothes.
Tuesday 13 December	Whole school nativity and band concert at Claughton church 2pm and 6pm. No band practice after school.
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas dinner in school. Christmas Jumper Day. Class Two PE Class One: multi skills enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm Class Two: forest school club 3.30 to 4.30pm
Thursday 15 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 16 December	NO JUDO School closes for Christmas at <u>1.30pm</u>
Tuesday 3 January	School reopens: all children need a packed lunch No music lessons today No band practice after school

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...