



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

Arthur: for being so kind and hardworking.

Harry: for working incredibly hard with his reading.

Stars of the Week Class 2

Ellie: for working hard to multiply three-digit numbers.

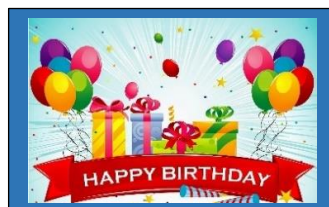
Oscar J: for creating a super biscuit Stonehenge.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Austin: for encouraging his peers to get along and all be included. Austin used the words 'like a school family'. What a role model!

Maria: for working hard to persevere with her maths work.



Happy Birthday to Poppy who turned 10 this week!

NOTICES

Trophy winners! Class Two winners for the autumn term are James Moffat for the sports trophy and Jasmine Bilsborrow-Jones for the values trophy. Well done! Class One winners will be awarded their trophies next week.

Year 4 visit to Burnley Youth Theatre: as part of the Schools Linking Project, Year 4 will accompany their counterparts at Deepdale Community Primary School to Burnley Youth Theatre during the school day on **Monday 23 January 2023**. They will be transported by minibus with Mr and Mrs Gilmour. All children attending will need a packed lunch that day, please.

Invoices: we would be grateful if **all** outstanding invoices, including October and November invoices, could be settled by Friday 27 January. Please could all payments be made by bank transfer. Bank details are on the invoices. Many thanks.

Friends of Claughton meeting Thursday 26 January: there will be a meeting in school at 6pm for the Friends of Claughton to organise the Easter Bingo and to discuss the structure of the group. Please come along if at all possible. Many hands make light work!

Tree-planting ceremony: on Tuesday 14 March at 11am you are all invited to a tree-planting ceremony on school grounds. We have invited the eldest member of the community, who attended St Mary's school as a child, to plant a tree with the youngest boy in school and Mr Sandham to plant a tree with the eldest girl. The tree planting is part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative and Mr and Mrs Fitzherbert-Brockholes have donated the three oak trees for us to plant on the school grounds. The third tree will be planted by our current Year 6 pupils.

We are inviting the *LEP* and *Garstang Courier* and we hope as many people as possible can attend this wonderful and memorable event. The school band will be performing to mark the occasion.

The Queen's Green Canopy is an initiative that began in May 2021 in the United Kingdom in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. To increase and protect the native tree cover, people were urged to create this 'special gift' for the Queen, to mark her 70 years on the throne. We will be planting a tree as part of this initiative to mark the Queen's passing.

Numbers Club: our January winners are: Brittany Nadin (75) – first prize of £50 ... and Mr L Singleton (95) – second prize of £20. Thank you to all our Numbers Club members. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

PE days: please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

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

Term time holiday: just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold.

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 day: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There is one remaining date this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On 26 May 2023 we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 23 January

Class Two PE

Year 4 visit: Burnley Youth Theatre **PACKED LUNCH NEEDED**

Tuesday 24 January

Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren

Class One PE

Band practice 3.30–4.30

Wednesday 25 January

Class One Forest School 3.30–4.30

Class Two Multi Skills 3.30–4.30

Thursday 26 January

Class Two PE (Yrs 5 & 6 curling 1-3pm)

Class One PE

Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm

Class One Lego Coding 3.30–4.30pm

Friends of Cloughton meeting in school 6pm

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30 January

Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks, and Year 6 well-being questionnaire (if you wish to, please opt out using the details on the letter)

Friday 10 February

School finishes for half term 3.30pm

Monday 20 February	INSET DAY: children at home
Tuesday 21 February	School reopens
Tuesday 14 March	Community tree-planting ceremony at 11am at school
Friday 17 March	Non-uniform for Easter Bingo
Friday 24 March	Easter Bingo: details to follow
Friday 31 March	School closes for Easter 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. See you on Monday!