



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

George: for incredible focus with his writing and maths.

All reception class: for the most amazing ideas and effort throughout their adventure topic!

Stars of the Week Class 2

Oscar C: for using excellent expression when performing his poetry.

Rupert: for creating a super den in forest school.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Dexter: for persevering through new units of work and not giving up until he succeeds!

Oscar J: for persevering and making big improvements with his writing.

NOTICES

Water safety assembly: thank you for your kind donations to the RLNI. They were much appreciated.

Invoices: please could all December and January invoices be settled before we return after half term if at all possible.

Tower Wood trip: could any Year 5 and 6 parents who have not already paid the first instalment for Tower Wood (due 1 February) please do so before we return after half term. Many thanks.

Numbers Club: our February winners are Lisa Jones (no. 65: first prize £50) and Anita Hunt (no. 164: second prize £20). Prizes will be distributed after half term. Thank you to all our Numbers Club members. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

Last Choir Singing Competition: slips have gone home for this event. Please could they be returned as soon as possible because we have to confirm numbers for the choir.

Easter Bingo: on Friday 24 March our Easter Bingo event will take place in Cloughton Village Hall from 6 to 8pm. Cakes, juice, tea and coffee will be available on the night. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Come along, have some fun, and win some chocolate!

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.

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 20 February	INSET day. Children at home.
Tuesday 21 February	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren Class One PE Class Two PE Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday Mass at 10.30 at Claughton church Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30 Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30
Thursday 23 February	Class One PE Class Two PE Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm Class One teacher-led club 3.30–4.30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 2 March	World Book Day! Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tuesday 14 March	Community tree-planting ceremony at 11am at school
Friday 17 March	Non-uniform for Easter Bingo
Friday 24 March	Easter Bingo: donations of cakes on the night, please.
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 half term. See you on Tuesday 21 February!