



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

Mia: for an incredible effort with multiplication and division. Superstar!

Jack: for his reading and comprehension.

Wow!

Stars of the Week Class 2

Jasmine B-J: for an excellent goalkeeping display at handball.

Rupert: for a much improved attitude towards his work.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Ruby: for her willingness to help others and her determination to always try her best.

Erin: for working hard all week to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions.

NOTICES

Goodbye to Mrs Martin: today we said goodbye to Mrs Martin, who is moving into a new role working on a one-to-one basis with a child in another primary school. Once again, we thank her for her hard work and dedication to the school and wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

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.

Non-uniform day: on Friday 17 March we will be holding a non-uniform day for our Easter bingo. Children may come in their own clothes and please bring some Easter chocolate for our exciting bingo event. Thank you for your support.

Easter Bingo: on Friday 24 March our Easter Bingo event will take place in Claughton Village Hall from 6pm 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!

Lunchtime welfare role: we will shortly be placing an advert for a lunchtime welfare assistant for Monday to Friday during term time, from 11.45am to 1.15pm. If you would like to learn more about the role or know of anyone who might be interested, please get in touch.

Invoices: February invoices have now gone out and we would be most grateful if they could be paid within the next 7 days. Many thanks to those who have already paid. Please could the remaining outstanding January invoices be discharged as soon as possible. We do appreciate that there are multiple financial pressures on households at present, but if it is at all possible we would ask that invoices are paid as soon as possible after receipt. We are obliged to pay our external providers promptly, which means that if even a handful of invoices are several weeks overdue there can be some very serious cashflow issues. We thank you for your co-operation.

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

Tuesday 14 March

Tree planting ceremony 11am. All welcome!

Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren

Band practice 3.30–4.30

Class One PE

Class Two PE

Wednesday 15 March

Class One Cobble Hey trip

Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30

Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!)

Thursday 16 March

Class One PE

Class Two PE

Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm

Class One teacher-led club 3.30–4.30pm

Friday 17 March

Non-uniform day for Easter Bingo

Dates For Your Diary

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 weekend. See you on Monday!