



A small school with a big heart

# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

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### Stars of the Week Class 1

Arthur: for being amazing on the farm trip,  
for listening well and being very helpful. Well  
done!

James S: for a determined and positive  
approach to all his work. Superstar!

### Stars of the Week Class 2

Jim: for designing an excellent zoo for his  
homework!

Logan: for creating a superb enclosure for his  
homework!



### Big Hearts are awarded to:

Ruby: for her bravery at the farm, when  
feeding the goats. Wow!

Oscar C: for his thoughtful contributions  
to class discussions and his outstanding  
effort in all his work. Keep it up!

## NOTICES

**Easter Bingo:** is almost upon us! Thank you for your donations today. The Easter Bingo will take place on Friday 24 March in Claughton Village Hall from 6pm to 8pm. Cakes, juice, tea and coffee will be available on the night. Donations of cakes on the night would be much appreciated. Come along, have some fun, and win some chocolate!

**Last Choir Singing Competition for Class Two children:** the competition takes place this coming Wednesday (22 March) and will be a wonderful experience for the children. All children who have requested transport will be taken to the venue directly from school, after their chippy tea. Any children who need transport back to school will be brought back on the minibus afterwards. The estimated return time is 10.10pm but messages will be sent out to let you know if it is going to be much different.

**Numbers Club:** our March winners are Amanda Slater (no 163 : first prize £50) and Joan and Harry Gornall (no 9 : second prize £20). Thank you to all our Numbers Club members. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

**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:** as we are now approaching our financial year end, it is essential that our finances are up to date and in order. We therefore ask that all outstanding **January invoices** are paid straight away, and that February invoices are paid by Friday 24 March. 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:** the closing date to request an application pack for the parent governor vacancy is 3.30pm on Friday 24 March 2023.

## **Events at Garstang Library**

**Litfest's Big Read** inspired by *Noah's Gold* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

### **Design a book cover**

Saturday 18 March 10.00am-12pm

Join us and design your own book cover.

### **Story Maps**

Thursday 23 March 5.00pm-6.00pm

Join us for our story maps creative activity.

Lancaster Litfest 2023 is encouraging everyone - no matter their age - to come together to read one of two books as part of this year's festival. All 8-15 year olds who sign up to the challenge will be entered into a prize draw on 28 April. Six winners will each receive three paperback books of their choice – worth up to £30.

### **Sunflower Challenge**

Monday 3 April 2.30pm – 3.30pm & Tuesday 11 April 10.00am-11.00am

Calling all children to take on the challenge to grow the tallest sunflower. Join one of our planting sessions and get gardening! Don't have a green thumb? No problem, we will have a fun Easter craft for you to do as well.

Free, no booking required, just drop in.

**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 21 March	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren  Band practice 3.30–4.30  Class One PE  Class Two PE
Wednesday 22 March	Last Choir Singing Competition: King George’s Hall, Blackburn  Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30  Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!)
Thursday 23 March	Lego Club event at UCLAN (Lego children only)  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 24 March	Easter Bingo! Cloughton Village Hall 6-8pm. All welcome!

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Friday 31 March	School closes for Easter at <b>1.30pm</b>
Monday 17 April	School re-opens for the summer term
Monday 1 May	School closed for bank holiday
Monday 8 May	School closed for bank holiday

## **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!**