



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

Dexter: for an incredible effort in guided reading and English.

Bodhi: for a superstar effort with his phonics and maths.

Stars of the Week Class 2

Grace: for demonstrating confidence and control when dribbling with a ball.

Lucy: for creating an excellent book on Lent through the use of book creator.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Millie: for her wonderful approach to her work across the curriculum. You are a super role model!

James M: for persevering to read in a calm and confident manner in front of others.



**Happy Birthday
to Oscar J
who is turning 9!**

NOTICES

Class Two trip on Monday: to the Wild Boar Park! This trip is for Class Two. Please make sure your child has a packed lunch in a disposable bag and is dressed for the weather because most of the day will be spent outside. Sturdy, waterproof footwear will be needed.

World Book Day: children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day on Thursday 2 March.

Last Choir Singing Competition: slips have gone home for this event. Even if your child does not wish to take part, please confirm by returning the slip or emailing the office. We have to confirm numbers for the choir.

Careers Week: if any of our parents would like to talk to the children about their occupation as part of our careers week, please contact your child's class teacher.

Sickness: just a reminder that if your child has vomited, they cannot come into school for 48 hours after the last instance. Many thanks.

Easter Bingo: on Friday 24 March our Easter Bingo event will take place in Claughton 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 27 February	Class Two trip to the Wild Boar Park
Tuesday 28 February	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren Class One PE Class Two PE Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 1 March	Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30 Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!)
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day! 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 3 March	Visit from Taffy Thomas, storyteller laureate

Dates For Your Diary

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 weekend. See you on Monday!