



A small school with a big heart

# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

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### Stars of the Week Class 1

Eva: for always aspiring to reach for the stars in all her work!

George: for an amazing effort across the curriculum. You have shown your aspiration to be the best you can be!

### Stars of the Week Class 2

Layla: for creating a super watercolour art painting.

James M: for always being such a super helper in Class 2.



### Big Hearts are awarded to:

Sam: for his enthusiasm for school life and all the learning and experiences it brings!

Class 2 choir: for our amazing choir! We are all incredibly proud of you. You were brilliant!

## NOTICES

**Last Choir Singing Competition:** our children sang magnificently and had a wonderful night. We couldn't be more proud of them. We'd like to thank the parents who supplied the children with a chippy tea and lovely snacks on the night. We'd also like to thank all parents for their support for this event.

**Garstang and Catterall floats:** a letter has gone home tonight about this year's floats. We very much hope to take part in these wonderful community events, but we cannot do so without a good level of parental support due to the amount of work involved. Many hands make light work, so please help if you can!

**Easter lunch:** on Wednesday this week the cooked dinner will be a roast turkey dinner (with veggie alternative).

**Miss Hawkins is running the Great North Run:** Miss Hawkins is training hard for the famous Great North Run in September and is raising money for a fabulous cause that's close to her heart. If you can, please sponsor her. Every little helps. You can read more about the event and Miss Hawkins' reasons for running, and add sponsorship [here](#).

**Trophies:** please could all trophies be returned to school early next week.

**Sports kits:** please could any sports kits still at home be brought into school before we close for Easter.

**Lost property:** we have had an increasing number of lost items in school over the last few weeks. Please make sure you label clearly anything that your child brings into school.

**Invoices:** due to outstanding **January invoices** we have been unable to meet our end-of-year financial deadlines. This causes severe difficulties with Lancashire County Council and with our suppliers. March invoices will be sent out next week. We now ask that all outstanding invoices are cleared before the March invoices come out. 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.

**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 28 March

Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren

Band practice 3.30–4.30

Class One PE

Class Two PE

Wednesday 29 March	Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30 Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!)
Thursday 30 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 31 March	School closes at <b>1.30pm</b>

### **Dates For Your Diary**

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
Friday 26 May	All children need a packed lunch

### **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!**