



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Stars of the Week

Matilda: for some excellent counting and wonderful reading!

Eva: for her excellent work ethic!

Ellie: for her enthusiasm in writing and determination in maths. Keep going!



Big Hearts

Arthur P: for being so enthusiastic to learn and having super listening ears!

Sam: for being a quiet achiever who has been a pleasure to teach. Sam works hard in everything he does.

Mia: for her will and determination to do her best in maths. You have done an amazing job with your hundreds this week.

NOTICES

SAFETY NOTICES

School gate: when entering or leaving school premises, please ensure you close the gate. This is for the safety and security of your children.

Supervision of children: when dropping children off or collecting them, please ensure you travel round together as a family group.

ATTENDANCE NOTICES

Holidays in term time: we have seen a dramatic rise in families taking holidays during school time. Just to make you aware, if your child is off for 5 days for a holiday in a term, or 7 days across two consecutive terms, each parent/parental guardian will receive a penalty notice from

Lancashire County Council. We know it can be difficult due to costs, we feel it too as staff, but it is incredibly important that your child is in school for the whole academic year. From September, Lancashire County Council have allocated attendance officers for all schools to ensure schools are doing all they can to ensure children are in school for the whole academic year.

Late arrivals: please note that children need to be in school, in their classroom, ready to begin the school day at 8.55am. Even though we are right at the start of the school year, a number of children are arriving after this time, resulting in a late mark in the register. From this term, all schools are accountable to a new attendance officer who will be visiting school every term.

RECEPTION PARENT NOTICES

Reception children: if there are any remaining reception health questionnaires that parents wish to be submitted to the school nurse, please return to school by Monday as they are being collected on Tuesday morning.

Meeting for Reception parents: this will take place in school in the Caterpillar Room (Reception classroom) on Friday 22 September at 3pm to provide more information about reading, phonics and Bug Club, which we use in school and can be used at home too to support your child's learning. Please let us know whether you can attend. We thank you for your support so far with the children's reading; it really makes a big difference.

YEAR 6 PARENT NOTICES

Garstang Community Academy: open evening will take place on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 6pm.

Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Closing date 31 October 2023.)

GENERAL NOTICES

Nasal flu vaccines: will be given in school to all children whose parents wish them to have it. Please see the information below for details of how to consent or opt out.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

Please complete the online consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

Online Consent Form:

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

The code for your school is: BP119619

.Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Save the date: yes, it's a while off, but it's a busy time of year! **Christmas Fair:** Friday 1 December in Cloughton Village Hall. Time to be confirmed but likely to start around 6pm.

PE Days: please note that PE kits will be kept in school in order to allow for flexibility in the timetable so that we can consider other events going on in school, the weather, and so on. Please send PE kits in a bag on a Monday morning. Children will bring them home for washing on a Friday. Please ensure each item is labelled clearly.

Earrings in school: a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

Ordering uniform: the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

The Week Ahead

Monday 18 September	LEP photo: Reception class
Tuesday 19 September	Music lessons, choir and band in school
Wednesday 20 September	Forest School 3.30 to 4.30 (for those places have been confirmed)
Thursday 21 September	Garstang Community Academy Open Evening 6pm
Friday 22 September	Reading and phonics workshop for Reception parents 3pm

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 20 October

School closes at 3.30pm

Friday 1 December

School Christmas Fair

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!