



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 1 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS THANKFULNESS

### Diary Dates

Mon 9th Sept	Whole school photographs - younger siblings from 8.30am
Tues 10th Sept	Reception class photos for the LEP
Thurs 12th Sept	Year 3 trip to Humblescough Farm, Nateby
Thurs 19th Sept	Messy Church, 3.45pm School hall
	Broughton High School open evening 6-9pm
	Garstang High school open evening 6 - 8.30pm
Sun 22nd Sept	Harvest festival - Year 1 & Year 2 leading the service
Mon 23rd Sept	Broughton High open day
Tues 24th Sept	Whole School Flu Vaccinations - see below for consent form
	Nursery photographs
	Library bus
Tues 1st Oct	Tower Wood residential trip - Year 6
Thurs 3rd Oct	Year 4 Broughton High cookery session- details to follow
Tues 15th Oct	Library bus
Fri 18th Oct	School breaks up for Half term - 3.30pm

**STARTERS AND LEAVERS** - We are happy to welcome our new children (and parents) in Reception class who have settled in beautifully, also our new starters in Year 2 and Year 3. The buddies in Year 5 have been a fantastic help to the little ones and are proving to be a real asset for the new starters. It has been a pleasure to see some of our ex Year 6 children in school this week and to hear about their first week in high school. Some parents have posted photographs on the school FaceBook page - they all look incredibly grown up in their high school uniforms and seem to be taking the move in their stride. We are incredibly proud of them all.

**SENCO ANNOUNCEMENT** - Mrs Rogerson has now returned from maternity leave and has taken over the role of SENCo in school. During the Autumn Term, Mrs Rogerson and Mrs Pilling will work closely together as they complete the handover. Any new concerns or queries regarding SEN should now be directed to Mrs Rogerson.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS** - School photographs will be taken on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. The photographer will take individual, family and class photos. If you would like your child's photograph to include a younger sibling including those in our nursery, these can be done before school from 8.30am. Due to the length of time it takes to photograph the whole school, Nursery will have their own session on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Photos will be ready before Christmas.

**NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS** - Your child's flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Please complete the 2024 flu immunisation form by clicking the link below.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/bae9387a>

**The link is now open and will close on Wednesday 11th September 2024**

Your child's flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024

If your child has their immunisation at the GP, you wish to withdraw your consent form, any details change after the form is completed or any other queries, please contact the Lancashire Immunisation Team on the number below.

0333 358 3397, Option 2 - Option 1.

**NUTS AND GRAPES** - This is a reminder that children should not bring any nuts and grapes in to school and if your child is bringing cherry tomatoes, then these must be cut in half lengthways as they are a choking hazard.

**BIRTHDAYS** - A reminder that children may wear non-uniform on their birthday (or the nearest day to it). This enables everyone in school to make a fuss of them on their big day! We also know children love to bring in treats for their class on their birthday and we will be able to allow this again this year however, we must insist that treats are small and individually wrapped (no birthday cake). Children can then take this home and it is the parent's decision if and when they have this.



**BILLY BOBS** - Billy bobs parlour, Myerscough are offering a free ice cream to any child who receives an award for their outstanding effort or achievement during their first month back in class. Please click the link for full details - <https://3nk4t.r.ag.d.sendibm3.com/mk/mr/sh/OycXxko2a8zXNWXIUOV66Jpy/rHHhvIx9LreV>  
What a lovely incentive!!

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - A reminder that after school activities cannot be relied upon for childcare. These clubs are often run by staff or volunteers and are sometimes cancelled at short-notice. If you know that you will require childcare after school, you should contact Mrs Greenhalgh in Stay and Play Club (Tel 01772 864953) to secure a place. The after school club list will be issued next week and places can be booked on ParentPay.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - A traditional Harvest Festival in St Lawrence Church on Sunday 22nd September, 10:00 to 10:50. This year children in Years 1 and 2 will take part in the service with a short presentation and prayers. The whole school is welcome to attend the service and to bring gifts of tins or packets of food. The Rose Queen, Hannah and her retinue will be in attendance and will help to receive gifts of food items from the children as they present them at the front of church. The food is then taken to the local food bank.

**HARVEST GIFTS** - Children who are unable to attend the Harvest Service are welcome to bring their harvest gifts to school on **Friday 20th September**. Classes will be able to visit church during the afternoon to present their gifts.

**COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL** - Just a little reminder about our communication policy.

Teachers may not be available for a quick word before school; our policy of children making their way to the classrooms independently at the start of the day means that staff are already busy with pupils in class. If you need to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to (or email) Louise in the school office, a member of staff on duty or write a brief note for your child to hand to the class teacher. Alternatively speak to the teacher when they bring their class to the playground at the end of the day. We understand that talking at length at the classroom door or in the playground is sometimes difficult so if you need to talk to your child's class teacher in more detail or in private, please make an appointment with them through the school office. All contact from class teachers to parents will be made in person at the end of the school day, through the weekly newsletter or via School Spider. Please make sure you have downloaded the School Spider app. Staff in EYFS and Year 1 will continue to use Dojo to share children's learning journeys with parents. Dojo should not be used for any other means.

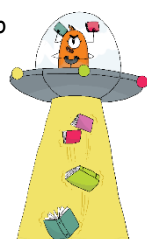
**SCHOOL SPIDER APP** -In order to receive communications from us, you must download the app and **stay logged in**. You must also accept push notifications in order to be notified when you receive a new communication. Your username is your first name and surname with no spaces e.g louisehigham. When logging on for the first time please click Forgotten password or follow the link on the separate email sent to you. **Please note where we have two parents/carers details each person will be allocated their own login details. Please do not struggle with this, just pop in to see Louise in the office!**



**ONE HUNDRED CLUB** - **Please help us!** As a church school, the governors have to fund 10% of the cost of any maintenance or building projects. We also have to pay VAT. These are additional costs that community schools do not need to find. Without it we cannot complete any building or development works. The Governor's 100 Club helps to raise these funds. Subscription costs just £15 per year per member. A draw is made each month creating four winners - £5, £10, £15 and £25. An additional draw of £35 is made each quarter. If you would like to become a member and have the chance of winning a cash prize whilst helping the school, tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. You've got to be in it to win it!



**GARSTANG LIBRARY** - This summer, we challenged children across Lancashire to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of disappearing books, mysterious portals and flying saucers. This year, even more children have become Reading Heroes at Garstang Library than last summer. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to defeat Blurb! If you haven't yet claimed your stickers and prizes, there's still time! Come into the library by the end of the September and let us know what you have read to become a Reading Hero and get your prize. Find out more



details at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-andarchives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-andarchives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/) or contact us at [garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk)

**FAMILY HUBS NETWORK** - Our new Parent Carer Voice Forum is starting next week Friday the 13th September 10am - 12 noon with the initial session taking place at Ribbleson Family Hub. Please see the leaflet attached for details.

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS** - Emma and Sophie Maughan took part In the Grasmere Sports athletics event recently. Both girls won a gold medal in the 100m sprint. Emma also took part in the 200m sprint, claiming third place against children up to 16 years of age. A remarkable achievement for both girls - well done!!



**NOAH'S 50 MILE CHARITY BIKE RIDE** - During the summer holidays Noah in Year 6 completed a cycling challenge in aid of Cancer Research and raised a whopping £545!!! Congratulations Noah what a wonderful thing to do. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him and supported him with this wonderful achievement.



Please try to support our collection of tins and packets of food for the food bank - sharing is caring!

